

**Order of Services**

- 1. Singing
- 2. Opening Prayer
- 3. Singing
- 4. Preaching
- 5. Singing
- 6. Communion
- 7. Offering
- 8. Announcements
- 9. Closing Song
- 10. Closing Prayer

Song Leader - Brandon  
 Opening Prayer - Lenard  
 Preaching AM - Jeremiah  
 Preaching PM - Henry  
 Table Lead - Lenard  
 Helper - Dan  
 Helper - Henry  
 Announcements - Dan  
 Closing Prayer - TC

**Men 's Meeting**

**May 26th** 6:30 At the church building.

**Prayer Meeting**

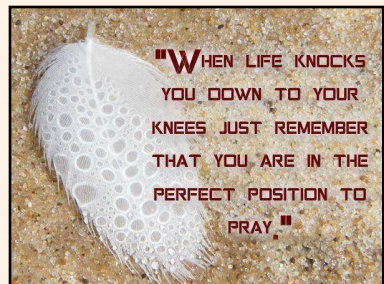
**May 29th** 6:30 PM - At the church building.

**Traveling**

Sister June will be away from us from May 18th-29th. Leola's son Darrian and family are going to Puerto Rico. Pray for safe passage.



Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. (Ephesians 4:2)



The Apple Valley Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence today. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

**Prayer List**

Pray for June Gibson and family for their loss. Pray for Tulu Niusulu the mother of Jessica's sister's boyfriend. Pray for Sylvia and family, life has been difficult for her lately. Pray for sister McKinney and family, for their loss, also pray for niece Felicia who is in the hospital with pneumonia. Pray for brother Henderson and his brother and sister. Thom and Mary Elizabeth. Brother Freeman is having eye problems and heart tests, his ex-wife has cancer. Pray for Leola & Larry Biles, both recently had surgery. Sister Rebekah asked for prayers. Pray for Henry and Kathy's son Paul, he has Ménière's disease and may not be able to work anymore.



**God's Plan of Salvation for Mankind**

- Hear the Word .....Romans 10:17
- Believe the Word .....Mark 16:15-16
- Repent of your sins .....Luke 13:3-5
- Confess His name .....Matthew 10:32-33
- Baptism .....1Peter 2:211

**Schedule of Services**

- Sunday Bible Class .....10:00 AM
  - Sunday Worship .....11:00 AM
  - Sunday Afternoon .....2:00 PM
  - Wednesday Evening .....7:00 PM
- Classes for all ages

### Faith Brings Optimism

The interesting thing about a pessimist and an optimist is that they are both right. Just ask them. They will be more than happy to share their evidence.

We all tend to find what we are looking for in life. It's the old adage "Is the glass half full or half empty?" The answer is "Yes, " Happiness, peace and success in life are determined, not by circumstances, but by your attitude.



If you look for problems, you'll find them. If you look for solutions, you may or may not find them, but you will find the strength to endure through your problems. And endurance quite often brings the solution.

The difference between a pessimist and an optimist is that an optimist focuses on the future and a pessimist focuses on the immediate circumstances. If that's true, then we as Christians have every reason to be optimistic. Our God has promised us an incredibly bright future. And we trust Him. That's what the Bible calls faith.

Every pessimist considers himself to be a "realist." The implication being-"If you are optimistic, you are ignoring the facts!" But one can be optimistic even in dire circumstances IF he believes that someone who 1) loves him and 2) is powerful enough to control every situation IS, in fact, IN CONTROL. However, if you believe that things are truly out of control, and/or that God doesn't truly love you, there is no basis for optimism. So when we find ourselves becoming pessimistic, we need to focus on those two things.

I'm an optimist. And, I like to believe that I'm also a realist. That means that when it looks like things are out of control in my life, or in the world, I need to remind myself that what I'm really feeling is that things are out of MY control. And I pray for faith to remind me to be at peace knowing that my loving Father is in control.

I don't always understand His ways. That's because He's bigger than I am. I'm thankful for that. He can see all the way to the end of my life and He certainly knows that I need some struggles to give me reason to trust Him.

- By Ken Stegall

### Sermon Notes:

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