




Apple Valley Church of Christ

Seeking and Saving The Lost...

We are honored and blessed to have you worshipping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Health: Zandra, Ebony, Leola & Larry, Thom & Mary Elizabeth, Irma, Sylvia & Patrick, Carol's mother Loretta, Arcy's Mother (Theresa), TC, June, Lenard.

Surgery/Recovery: Albert Young (Lorena's brother), Prince, (King) Jessica's nephew. Wanda (shoulder surgery), Wanda's sister Peaches (eyes). Don Thoma's mother (heart attack).

Also: Kevin Williams & family. Shannon's well being. Shannon's sister. Paul Brass' well being. Rachel in Needles. David in Needles (God's help in his ministry). Marilyn Jeremiah's friend for good test results. Health of Sarah from St. Mary's.

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:15-16
Repent	Luke 13:3-5
Confess	Matthew 10:32-33
Baptism	1Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully	Revelation2:10

Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

Today's Services

- Singing
- Prayer
- Singing
- Preaching
- Invitation Song
- Communion Song
- Communion, Offering
- Announcements
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer



Baby Shower for Matt & Bianca

Today After Worship
Lunch Provided
They are registered at:
<https://www.babylist.com/baby-bianca-harmon>

GOSPEL MEETING

In-House Gospel Meeting
July 29th - 31st 7:00 PM



The Total Solar Eclipse Designed by God

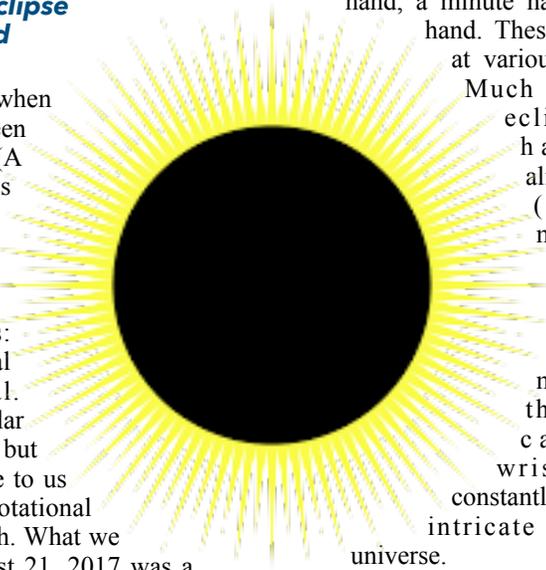
by David R. Kenney

A solar eclipse is when the moon is between the earth and sun. (A lunar eclipse is when the earth is between the moon and sun.) There are distinct types of solar eclipses: partial, annular, total and annular-total. There are 2-5 solar eclipses each year, but not all are viewable to us because of the rotational position of the Earth. What we

witnessed on August 21, 2017 was a total solar eclipse. The last time one could observe a total solar eclipse in the United States was 1979, and the next solar eclipse to be viewable in the United States will be April 8, 2024. While I did not observe the eclipse, since my eyes are very sensitive to light, I did enjoy many pictures posted by friends on social media celebrating their view of this natural phenomenon. It sure was an exciting demonstration of God's design of the universe!

The sun, earth and moon all travel an orbit. The moon travels around the Earth at 2,288 mph, and it completes an orbit in about 28 days (a sidereal month). The earth travels around the sun at about 67,000 mph in its orbit, and it completes its orbit in about 365.256 days (a sidereal year). The sun travels 483,000 mph in its orbit in the Milky Way Galaxy, and it is estimated to complete its orbit in about 225 million years (a cosmic year).

I was thinking about these rates of speed, time, orbits and the moments when these all align as I was looking at my wristwatch. My watch has an hour



hand, a minute hand and a second hand. These hands all move at various rates of speed.

Much like the solar eclipse, all three hands are in alignment at times (at noon and midnight.)

Although the trajectories of some heavenly bodies are far more complex than one could capture on a wristwatch, I am constantly amazed at the intricate design of the universe.

It reminds me of William Paley's classic argument for the existence of God based on design or the teleological argument. Although timepieces have been used in analogies by others, William Paley is generally attributed to be the one who popularized the watch/watchmaker analogy. Paley spoke of walking in the woods and his foot came across several stones that did not catch his notice. Then, he came across a watch! He admired the watch's intricacies that produce motion, keep track of time and have interacting complex parts inside—wheels with teeth or gears. It is made of varied materials for differing purposes: glass—to see through; brass—to avoid rust; steel—to form elastic springs; etc. Paley then made this observation. "The inference, we think, is inevitable, that the watch must have had a maker, that there must have existed, at some time and at some place or other, an artificer or artificers who formed it for the purpose which we find it actually to answer; who comprehended its construction and designed its use." (11.)

The apostle Paul wrote "For since the creation of the world His invisible

attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:20-21 NKJV). The solar eclipse that many people stared into the sky to see was yet another demonstration of His invisible attributes! Sadly, some will continue to refuse to see Him, even as they stare up at evidence before their eyes. There is an expression that rings true: "There are none so blind as those who will not see." Many were fascinated while watching the total solar eclipse of 2017. By God's design, we knew the eclipse was coming, the pathway for viewing it and how long it would last. Where there is design, there must be a designer. When the design is so intelligent and intricate, the designer must be even more so! Great is our God!

Where in the Bible Will I Find a Second Chance to Be Saved?

by Gary Colley

Just as there must have been those who cried out to Noah after the door of the Ark was shut and the water began to rise, no doubt, also, there will be those who will desire just one more day, hour or minute when the Judgment Day arrives!

Things of importance should be taken care of immediately when we know the right course. Procrastination or putting off our obedience to the Gospel will have eternal consequences (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)! All men have a choice to make between the Lord's church and the world, right and wrong, good and evil, the "narrow way" and the "broad way" (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, all men have a choice, but none will have a second

chance! "Now is the day of salvation" is the message, while, also, the apostle Paul exhorted all to not "receive the grace of God in vain" (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). The writer of Hebrews said, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him **shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation**" (Hebrews 9:27-28).

Peter wrote to give the events of the sudden, unexpected appearance of Christ in these words. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:9-10).

Jesus said, "And these [the wicked] shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46). All of these verses emphasize the importance of preparation "in this life." **There is no indication in the Bible that there will be a second chance, a place called purgatory or that after death we can escape from Hell into Heaven.**

Paul wrote, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and **Godly in this present world**" (Titus 2:11-12). Obey today (Hebrews 5:8-9)!

