

**Travelling**

Keep Travis in your prayers.

**Holiday Baskets**

We are now collecting the items necessary for holiday baskets. Needing sweet potatoes at this time.

**Prayer Meeting**

Friday August 21st 6:30 PM at the church building.

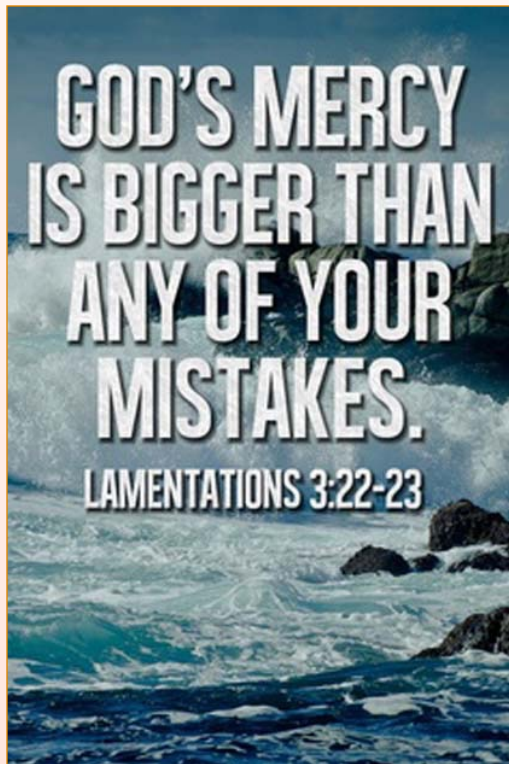
**Garage Give-Away**

Saturday August 22nd 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Please make plans to be there and bring any items that you would like to donate.



**Welcome**

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 Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney and family. Sister McKinney also asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer pray for her children and family as well. Pray for brother Henderson and family. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Pray for Brother Freeman's continued recovery, he also asked that we pray for his uncle Leron Dozier who suffered a stroke. Pray for Donna's brother Robert. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer Jeremiah and Stan asked for prayers as they have some decisions to make. Joe Brass was burned by hot coffee pray for him. Michael is having some shoulder pain, pray for him. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Emily Brass is very close to giving birth to her first child, pray that all goes well for her and baby.



**Scheduled Services**

Sun. Bible Class 10:00 AM      Sun. AM Worship 11:00 AM  
Sun. PM Worship 2:00 PM      Wed. PM Bible Class 7:00 PM

**Order of Today's Services**

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

Song Leader - Stan  
Opening Prayer - Dan  
Preaching - Stan  
Table Lead - Jeremiah  
Helper - Dan  
Helper - Prince  
Announcements - Lenard  
Closing Prayer - Brandon

**The Conversion of Paul**

By Ron Boatwright

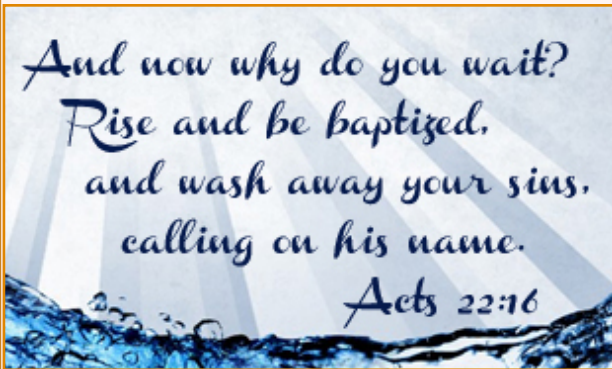
In the book of Acts we have the account of the conversion of the apostle Paul. In Acts chapter 9, Paul is traveling on the road up to Damascus to persecute Christians. The Lord appears to Paul on the road and strikes him blind. In verse 6 Paul asks, "Lord what do you want me to do? Then the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The Lord did not tell Paul what he must do, but that someone in the city would tell him "what you must do."  
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**Sermon Notes:**

**The Conversion of Paul (Cont'd)**

Let's see now what Paul was told what he must do. In Acts chapter 22, a man named Ananias, came to Paul, taught him, and told him in Acts 22:16, "And now why are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Paul was not saved three days earlier while on the road to Damascus, as some people would like for us to believe. Paul up to this point was still lost, because he still had all his sins that needed to be washed away. Paul still had a sin problem. Obedience to the Lord's command to be baptized was necessary to wash away Paul's sins.



Paul was not told "to pray the sinners prayer and ask Jesus to come into his heart in order to be saved" as many falsely teach today. This is completely foreign to the scriptures.

Forgiveness occurs in the mind of God and not on the basis of man's feeling in his heart. Only when we have done what God has said that we MUST do, will God forgive our sins. Man cannot devise his own plan as to how his sins are to be forgiven. Our sins have to be washed away in baptism, just as Paul's sins were. To be baptized for any reason other than for the remission of sins so one can be saved is to reject Christ. A person who has not been baptized for the purpose of having his sins washed away still has all of his sins and is still lost.

**Victor Valley Ladies Day**

August 15th 9:30-3:00

**Class Teachers Needed**

For both Sunday and Wednesday children's class in September. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board in the foyer.

**Elders**

Stanley Harmon  
Lenard Johnson  
Henry Brass

