

**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.**

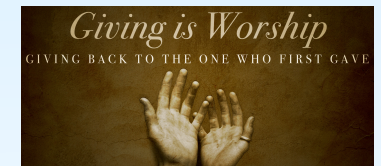
**Prayer List**

Sister Esther has the flu and a bad cough and sister Bea is suffering from a bad hip, keep them both in prayer. Vicky said that Shelly's test came back good, thank God. Pray for Wanda's sister Peaches, she is having upcoming procedures for her eyes. Also pray for Wanda's friend Josie Esperanza who has lost her husband. Francisco will be having surgery in October. Francisco Jr. will be having a toe amputated due to diabetes complications. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney



(having back problems) and she is seeing a neurosurgeon Sept. 15th, also she asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer and for her family as well. Thank God that Donte Young, born July 22nd is home and is able to eat. Pray for Shetera's health. Also pray for sister Lorena's cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for the Brown family who have suffered a recent loss. Pray for brother Henderson and family, he also asks prayers for the Ray Hamilton family

for their loss. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers, give thanks that Thom was able to worship with us. Pray for brother Freeman, he will need more eye surgery, he also asked that we give thanks that his uncle Leron Dozier is doing better. Pray that Donna's bone density test situation is resolved so that she can get what she needs in a timely manner. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Pray for the continued recovery of Joe Brass. Michael is still having shoulder problems, pray for him, he also asked that we pray for his uncle Tony. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Pray for Stan's friend Lee who is having brain surgery.



**Portable Baptistry**

Needing donations to purchase a portable baptistry so we can move forward with building remodel plans. Anticipated cost is \$1200.

- Song Leader - Stan**
- Prayer - Henry**
- Preaching - Stan**
- Table Lead - Jeremiah**
- Helper - Dan**
- Helper - Prince**
- Announce - Lenard**
- Prayer - Brandon**

**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 Mat 10:32-33
- Baptism .....1Peter 2:211
- Live Faithful .....Revelation 2:10

**Schedule of Services**

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



## Order of 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

## A Spiritual Check-Up

Given a choice, I'd probably not voluntarily visit my doctor for a physical exam. And given a choice, most of us would be a little apprehensive also. After all, if we check our spirit too closely we might have to change a habit or two. We may need an "attitude-ectomy." We can undergo a spiritual check-up with God's guidance using Proverbs 4: 20-27 as a checklist.

1. **EARS** - (Verse 20)  
Are we hearing God's Word clearly and with understanding?  
Are we doing what those words tell us?
2. **EYES** - (Verses 21, 25)  
Are we keeping our eyes on the teachings that will guide us toward righteousness?
3. **HEART** - (Verse 23)  
Are we protecting our heart from evil?
4. **TONGUE** - (Verse 24)  
Is our mouth clean and pure?
5. **FEET** - (Verse 26)  
Are we walking straight toward God's truth without wavering?



Are there areas where you need to take action? Regular SPIRITUAL CHECK-UPS will help to restore your spiritual vitality.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
Show me the way that Jesus has trod;  
Then I will tell of Your saving grace,  
Until the day when I see Your face. - Hess

*A spiritual check-up is  
the key to spiritual  
health.*

## Judging Motives

A little boy was helping his mother serve the guests at the dinner table. He brought in a piece of pie and set it in front of his father who passed it on to one of the visitors. After several such trips the little boy said, "It's no use dad, the pieces are all the same size."



It's certainly not unusual to have our motives questioned by others. Sometimes we're hurt when someone accuses us of things that have never entered our minds. However, sometimes we're guilty of imagining evil on the part of others.

Someone may think, "I'll bet he said that for my sake," or "He said that to make me mad," or "He did that just to get even." Often we imagine that someone is rubbing salt into our wounds, when that is the furthest thing from their mind.

The person who has love in their heart thinks no evil according to Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:5. The Christian must not imagine evil or think the worst of others. He looks for the good and takes every action and word in the best possible light.

People generally treat us the way we expect to be treated, because we treat them the same way. God tells us how we should treat one another. Jesus said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two

this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matt. 7:12). After giving His parable of the good Samaritan, His exhortation was, "Go and do likewise." (See Luke 10:29-37). Let us make our world a better place by putting these great truths of Jesus into practice.

## New Brother In Christ

Gildardo Ramirez, the son on Alex and Diana was baptized into the body of Christ Sunday September 5th. Praise God!

## Prayer Meeting

Friday September 18th 6:30 PM at the church building.

## Traveling

Pray that Louis returns home safely. Pray that Travis is safely returned to us. Stan's sister is traveling, pray for her safety.

## Holiday Baskets

We are now needing Stove Top Dressing, enough for 20 baskets.

## Coats And Blankets

Vicky is starting to collect coats and blankets for the poor, please donate what you have.

## Welcome Home, Birthday Party For Travis

September 28th, 6:30 PM  
10570 Dover Rd., Apple Valley

## 31 Reasons To Thank God

1. Because God is good. 1 Chronicles 16:34
2. Because it is a correct response to God's righteousness. Psalm 7:17
3. Because the Lord helps us. Psalm 28:7
4. Because thanksgiving glorifies God. Psalm 50:23
5. Because His name is good. Psalm 54:6
6. Because thanksgiving magnifies God. Psalm 69:30
7. Because God is near to us. Psalm 75:1
8. Because God will ultimately deliver His people from their enemies. Psalm 79:13
9. Because it is a good thing to do. Psalm 92:1

10. Because God is faithful to all generations. Psalm 100:5
11. Because God's steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1
12. Because of God's wondrous works. Psalm 107:8
13. Because God is our salvation. Psalm 118:21
14. Because He is our God. Psalm 118:28
15. Because God has exalted His own name and His word. Psalm 138:2
16. Because thanksgiving is a characteristic of righteous people. Psalm 140:13
17. Because we are His workmanship and the recipients of His mercy. Psalm 145:9-10
18. Because His anger has been turned away from us. Isaiah 12:1
19. Because of Jesus' example of giving thanks. Luke 22:19
20. Because others have heard an account of faithful believers. Romans 1:8
21. Because we are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:17
22. Because we see God's grace working in other believers. 1 Corinthians 1:4
23. Because we are given victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57
24. Because of answered prayer. 2 Corinthians 1:11
25. Because God works through believers to spread knowledge of Himself. 2 Corinthians 2:14
26. Because we are commanded to give thanks always and for everything. Ephesians 5:20
27. Because it is God's will that we give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
28. Because we see God's love demonstrated by other believers. 2 Thessalonians 1:3
29. Because God entrusts us with the task of serving Him. 1 Timothy 1:12
30. Because we remember believing friends. Philemon 1:4
31. Because we have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Hebrews 12:28