



Apple Valley Church of Christ

Seeking and saving the lost...

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.

Pray that sister Jones and family be comforted during their time of mourning. Pray for the Bowers family.



Donna Kelly's husband recently passed, pray for her. 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 him. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney (having back problems) and she also she asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz and family, she has cancer. Pray for Shetera's health. Also pray for sister Lorena's cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for brother Henderson and family. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Brother Freeman is recovering from eye surgery, pray for him. 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 sister Leola's

friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Also pray for Keion Richardson, Leola's 7 year old nephew who has cancer.

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**.....Matt. 10:32-33
- Baptism**1Peter 2:211
- Live Faithfully**Revelation 2:10

Order of Todays 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
Prayer - Henry
Preaching - Stan
Table Lead - Jeremiah
Helper - Dan
Helper - Prince
Announce - Lenard
Prayer - Brandon





Portable Baptistry

Still need donations for purchasing a portable baptistry so that we can move forward with our building remodel plans. Anticipated cost is about \$1200.

Holiday Baskets

We are now needing turkey gravy for the holiday baskets. See Darla for more information.

Shower

Shower for Katryce and David's baby Delilah between worship services today.

Devotional Service

Saturday October 3rd 9:00 - 11:00 AM.
Theme: 2 Tim. 2:1-5. Stanley Harmon II will be doing the speaking. Come and join the spiritual feast.

New Brother In Christ

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

Traveling

Thank God that Louis and Travis have returned safely. Pray for the safe return of Francisco and Wanda.

How Interested Are You in Christ?

Notice one of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The Magi (wise men) from the East visited. They may have come from Media, Persia, Arabia, Chaldea or some Far East country. Daniel was made president of this order in Babylon (Daniel 2:48), and they are first mentioned in Jeremiah 39:13. They could have known of the coming of the Messiah from Jews living in their country. Even the Chinese sage Confucius (551-479) foretold a coming teacher in the west. Furthermore, Zoroaster, founder of the Persian religion, was contemporary with

Abraham, and he predicted the coming of a great, supernaturally begotten prophet. The Septuagint was translated in Alexandria, Egypt in the in the year 280 B.C. into the Greek language; this was the universal language of the day. Therefore, it also could have contributed knowledge about a coming Messiah. In addition, the star that led the wise men was not a regular one.

How interested are you in Christ. Notice the interest displayed by these wise men. They were interested enough to search for the Christ. We must search for the Christ, too. "Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph'" (John 1:45).

Anyone can discern the Christ. "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, Whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority" John 7:17). Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 'For "everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened"' (Matthew 7:7)

The Magi did not have to be begged, but they voluntary sought Christ. Likewise, we need to yearn for the Christ (Matthew 5:6; Acts 2:41). The wise men did not let someone do their searching for them. Herod, however, wanted them to do his searching.

There are some things, though that we must do for ourselves. We can neither borrow faith nor take another's a good conscience, and each of us must live a faithful Christian life (Galatians 6:2, 5).

(The wise men were interested enough to follow the light God gave them. We, too, must use the divine light made available to us. "And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (1 Peter 1:18-19). "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age

has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them"(2 Corinthians 4:3-4). "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." 2 Peter 1:3)

The Magi listened to the voice of God rather than to the words of man. They disregarded the words of Herod who said, "Come back and tell us." We also should listen to God rather than man. (Acts 5:29) In addition, the wise men were interested enough to pay the price to find the Christ. They left their homes and traveled a great distance to seek the Christ. Searching out and following Jesus Christ requires advanced planning. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it" (Luke 14:28). Then, they kept on until they found Jesus. Likewise, we must continue until we find the Christ. We should not be like the Galatians who did not complete their race. "You ran well, who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7). "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 9:62)

The Magi were interested enough to worship Jesus and give gifts to Him. They acknowledged that Jesus was God (Matthew 4:4). Today, we must worship God, too (John 4:24). Worship involves giving of ourselves and what we have to the Lord.



In conclusion, how interested are you in Christ? Wise men (and women) still seek Him. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10)
Raymond Elliott

I'm Free

By Tom Tonsky

If I told you what it takes to reach the highest high

you'd laugh and say nothings that simple

but you've been told many times before,

messiah's pointed to the door

but no one has the guts to leave the temple

I'm free, I'm free and freedom tastes of reality



THE FUTURE
STARTS
TODAY,
NOT TOMORROW.

1. "Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task." ~ William James
2. "You may delay, but time will not." ~ Benjamin Franklin
3. "To think too long about doing a thing often becomes its undoing." ~ Eva Young
4. "Procrastination is opportunity's assassin." ~ Victor Kiam
5. "If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it." ~ Olin Miller
6. "The best way to get something done is to begin." ~ Author Unknown
7. "A year from now you may wish you had started today." ~ Karen Lamb
8. "Procrastination is the thief of time." ~ Edward Young