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WELCOME!

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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.

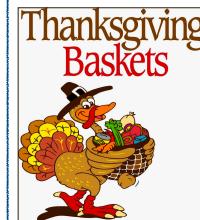
Prayer

Health: Zandra, Gloria, Ebony, Wanda, Leola & Larry, Keisha, Sister Irma, Sylvia & Patrick, Thom & Mary Elizabeth, TC, Lenard, Rebekah, Prince, Brother and Sister Carlisle, Carol and her mother Loretta, Lorena's family, Shannon's father, TC's sister Irene, Prince's sister, Vickie's daughter-in-law.

Also: The Kirkland Family as they grieve Tonette's passing. The Cooper family as they mourn.

Today's Services

- Singing
- Prayer
- Singing
- Scripture Reading
- Preaching
- Invitation Song
- Communion Song
- Communion Offering
- Announcements
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer



Thanksgiving Baskets

Start collecting things like instant potatoes and gravy. Canned yams. Canned corn and green beans. Canned cranberry sauce. Boxed stuffing mix. Buy frozen turkeys when they go on sale.

Oct.19th At the church building 1:00 PM

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	1 Peter 3:1
Live Faithfully	Revelation 2:10

Schedule of Services

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

Sunday Afternoon Bible Classes



Today 4 PM



Soul Winning
Oct. 14th 6:00 PM
REACHING THE
LOST
WITH THE GOSPEL

Memorial Service for Tonette Kirkland



September 11 is a very special and memorable day indeed! On that day, 2,977 lives were lost, and countless other lives were forever changed by the events of "9-11" that took place on American soil 18 years ago. September 11, 2001 marked a day that will surely always be remembered. Many are made to reflect where they were on that day. Some can recall what they were doing when the air waves came alive with the horrific news that airplanes were crashing into our most awesome structures.



Then and the days following, I vividly remember many desiring to turn back to God. The little congregation of which my wife and I were a part was filled the Sunday following these events. However, shortly after those days, many minds began to forget God once again, just as many had done prior to that day. Tragedy has a way of causing folks to look upward. However, as tragedy gives way to time, many begin to look everywhere but up! As I look back to the awful events of "9-11," I see the same truths that some have forgotten. As we look back, we should always remember the following.

God is the only control! Especially during times of calamity, we sometimes forget this awesome truth. No matter what happens, it is God Who is still in control of everything! Job, in answering Zophar, clearly stated the truth that in God's hand "is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind" (Job 12:10). Jehoshaphat boldly declared the same, "...O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? And in thine

hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?" (2 Chronicles 20:6). Given the events of "9-11" the wise man's inspired testimony is refreshing: "There are many devices in a man's heart: nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand" (Proverbs 19:21). As I look back to that terrible day 18 years ago, I am reminded of the fact that God's "...kingdom ruleth over all" (Psalm 103:19b),

"and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou" (Daniel 4:35). Dear Readers, no matter the tragedy, God is in **control**!

God is the only compass! During the catastrophe of "9-11," many folks began to look toward God. One can only imagine the multitude of prayers that were sent to the throne room of Heaven that day. Atheism was no resource, agnosticism gave no direction, and materialism certainly did nothing to help guide America through those devastating days. Even though some soon forgot, God became our compass of what to do and where to go. Jeremiah's words of old are as fresh as the day they were first penned: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). We obviously need a moral mandate, a directional discipline and a greater guide than ourselves! "Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18). Mankind may look everywhere to find guidance, but God is the only true **compass**!

God is the only comfort! Where could all those poor victims' families find comfort? Where could every American find true and lasting solace? Real, lasting comfort comes from Almighty

God! Paul referred to God as the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3b). Every tribulation we face can only be calmed by God (2 Corinthians 1:4). "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed..." (Psalm 46:1-2a). Isaiah was guided to write of God's comfort to the troubled people of Judah. "Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: he also is my salvation" (Isaiah 12:2). Outside of God, there is no lasting comfort for life's difficulties! Even in death and destruction, God is the Comforter. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

September 11, 2001 was and is certainly a memorable day—one that Americans and much of the world will never forget. As we look back, may we learn to lean on the Almighty more and more each day! May we never forget that God is the only **control**, God is the only true **compass**, and God is the only true **comfort**! Please, America, turn back to Him!

If, But

by Cecil May, Jr.

If Christ is not raised, I and every other preacher may as well quit preaching. We have nothing of value to say. All we have believed is a lie. Jesus is dead and powerless. We have no hope of life. Our loved ones who died in Christ are perished.

However, He is risen, and He lives. Those who came to the tomb to anoint His body were asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but, is risen."

Two popular images of Jesus are a baby in a manger and a body on the cross.

Both, taken by themselves, are images of weakness.

He is no longer a babe; suffering made Him our perfect Savior (Hebrews 2:8-9). He lives and makes intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25). When we think of Jesus' death, even in taking the Lord's Supper, we should not leave Him in the grave. He is risen; He lives. He conquered Satan, Hell and death.

Through Him who loved us, we are more than conquerors.

Preparing for Christ

by Derek Broome

In Matthew 25:1-13, we read about ten virgins waiting on a bridegroom. Five of the virgins were wise and came prepared with plenty of oil for their lamps, but five of the virgins were foolish and did not come prepared. When the bridegroom came, the five foolish virgins had gone to purchase more oil. The bridegroom and those that were ready entered the wedding, and the door was shut. When the five foolish virgins came, they were not let in, and the bridegroom said unto them, "I do not know you."

Christ is going to return one day, and that leaves us with a choice to make. We can either choose to be prepared for the Second Coming of our Lord, or we can choose to sit idly by and waste the time that we have right now. "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13).

Preparing for Christ involves submitting to the Lord, His Word and His Will. Have we had our sins washed away in baptism? Are we living and worshipping the way that God has told us to live and to worship? Are we actively working for the Lord? We need to ask ourselves these questions and more every day as we prepare for Christ's return. One day Christ will return, and I hope we all will be ready for that great day of the Lord.