



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.

Schedule

Sunday Bible Class10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship11:00 AM
 Sunday Afternoon2:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening7:00 PM

Plan of Salvation for Mankind

Hear the WordRomans 10:17
 Believe the WordMark 16:15-16
 Repent of your sins Luke 13:3-5
 Confess His name.....Matt. 10:32-33
 Baptism1Peter 2:211
 Live FaithfullyRevelation 2:10



Sylvia’s mother passed away, pray for her whole family as they grieve and for her spiritual strength. Brother Rick Curran is extremely ill, keep him in prayer. Diana had surgery on October 19th, keep her in prayer. Pray for Wanda’s sister Peaches, she is having procedures done for her eyes. Pray for Francisco’s upcoming surgery. Pray for sister McKinney’s health, she is being evaluated for laser surgery on her back. Pray for Stephanie Munoz and family, she has cancer. Pray for Shetera’s and her new baby’s health. Pray for sister Lorena’s cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for TC and family, he has been having back problems, he also wants prayers for more spiritual strength. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Prince is recovering from eye surgery, pray for his health. 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 who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Sister Leona is going through hard times, keep her in prayer. Pray for the health of Jessica’s friend Sam Calabro. Pray for Keisha’s health. Pray for Gena and family, her stepson has cancer. Pray for the spiritual and physical health of Leola’s brother-in-law also pray for Keion, her 7 year old nephew who has cancer. Pray for the Reed and Lee family who are mourning their loss.

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 - Lenard
 Preaching - Stan
 Table Lead - Jeremiah
 Helper - Prince
 Helper - Dan
 Announce - Stan
 Prayer - Travis





New Birth

Shetera Gave birth to Damarius Gordon Rodriguez on Saturday October 24th. He weighed 6 pounds 15.5 ounces.

Portable Baptistry

We 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 almost out of time! We are needing turkey gravy packets for the holiday baskets. Every family please try to donate 1 turkey, you can get them when they are on sale for the holidays. The freezer in the back is ready to receive them. Please join in this good work.

Traveling

The Brass family.

Spiritual Devotional

November 21st. 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Dandy Designs

KEEPING COOL

Most of us know that feathers are good insulators. As a kid, you might have had a feather-down coat or blanket, or your grandmother may have had a comforter quilt that would keep you incredibly warm on a cold winter night. That was especially important in homes heated with wood or coal where the fire would go out around midnight and the house would get very cold.



That same insulating ability of feathers that keeps birds warm in the winter can be a liability in the summer. When the temperature hits 110 degrees, how do birds keep cool? In some cases like crows or blackbirds, the color of the bird also causes heat issues. The black feathers absorb a high percentage of the sun's rays and getting overheated can be fatal.

Like a lot of things we see in nature, the cooling features designed into birds are

complex and involve several options. Birds do not sweat, but they have bare skin on their legs and faces which radiates heat. Birds increase their respiration rate in heat, producing the panting most of us have seen birds do. This action releases large amounts of heat and is similar to what we see in dogs. Most species of birds have a blood control device that increases the blood flow to their beaks in hot weather, causing rapid heat loss.

In addition to these physical design features, there are behavioral ways that birds keep cool. Wing flutters and the lifting of feathers increase air circulation, pulling heat from the bird's body. Some birds use evaporative cooling by bathing or urinating on their legs. Some birds soar where the air is cooler. Most birds feed in the cooler parts of the day and seek shade and rest during the hottest times of the day. The sound of moving water attracts many species of birds, and they will fly through a mist, a waterfall, or rub against wet foliage.

The Bible tells us "we can know there is a God through the things he has made" (Romans 1:18 - 20). Observing how the design of God's creatures allows survival in the hottest and coldest of times is one evidence of design.

THE LOWLY CATFISH

How many times is the word "catfish" included in country songs? For you "non-country listeners," the answer is "a large number of times." We tend to take this fish that is so familiar to us for granted in spite of the fact that we see restaurants that advertise it as their specialty. Anyone who has done much fishing has caught a catfish by accident, if nothing else. There are even catfish that are sold for use in household aquariums because they help keep the aquariums clean. In the past year, there have been some detailed studies made of the catfish and what they eat and how they find it. Catfish are found in all kinds of lakes, ponds and rivers. Frequently the water in which they live is so muddy that they cannot use sight at all in locating food, and catfish feed at night so no vision is required for their securing food.

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there is a detailed research report



titled "Marine Teleost Locates Live Prey Through pH Sensing." The new word used to describe this ability is "chemoreception." Electrophysiological recordings from the barbel or whisker of the catfish have shown that the barbels respond to small changes in pH. The barbels are so sensitive that signals are received when the pH varies by as little as .1 on the pH scale. This sensitivity is enough to detect worms and other benthic forms of life — that is, creatures that live in the lowest level of water. As those creatures breathe they cause small changes in the pH of the water around them.

In experiments conducted on sea catfish, areas of an aquarium where worms had been present but were removed attracted all of the catfish in the aquarium. When a tube was inserted with water in it that had a slightly different pH than the water in the aquarium the catfish bit at the tube.

Catfish are an important part of the ecology of any body of water. Their ability to live and find food even in fouled water and in very muddy conditions shows the design that has been built into their creation. God's wisdom and planning can be seen everywhere around us. Even in the lowly catfish we can see the hand of God molding and shaping life to exist in abundance on this planet.

Does God Exist? July/August 2015

Press on to the Goal

Christian's must live in the future tense—dwelling in a constant state of readiness. We must daily strive for heaven!

First, we need to press on to the goal, living Christ-like lives (Colossians 3:1-4). Each child of God must consider the price that was paid for our redemption (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19), the steps that were left to follow Christ (1 Peter 2:21; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ruth 1:16) and the mind that is available by following Jesus (Philippians 2:5; cf. Proverbs 23:7; Philippians 4:8).

Secondly, we need to press on to the goal, living by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). The Bible speaks of weak, little, much, great and strong faith. Saving faith is a living faith (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:20). Living faith is personal, purposeful and profitable (Philippians 1:21). "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Active faith is "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

In the third place, press on to the goal as a doer of the word and not just a hearer (James 1:17-25). God's Word is a precious gift (v.17; 1 Samuel 3:1, rare or precious; John 1:41; Luke 15:8-10; Matthew 13:45-46). God's Word must be received (v.21; Acts 17:11), and it will save and bless (vs.21, 25; Acts 20:32).

Fourthly, press on to the goal by being supremely committed to the church for which Christ died (1 Corinthians 15:24-25). She's unique—being the one, true church (Ephesians 4:4). Further, she is loved because Christ is her Head (Ephesians 5:23). She's right in organization (Philippians 1:1), purpose (Ephesians 1:10-12), worship (Acts 20:7) and doctrine (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Fifthly, press on to the goal by striving to save your family (Psalm 127:3-5). John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (2 John 4). Each family must study God's Word in the home (Ephesians 6:4). Fathers also have the responsibility of teaching in word and deed. Each family must be engaged in the Lord's work (Philippians 2:19-22). The Lord's church needs families saying, "Here am I Lord; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Each family must be partners in obtaining the "grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7). Christian families must band themselves together with love, serving the same Lord, striving for the same goal and obeying the same standard.

[Note: Individual Christians, Christian families and local congregations that have no goals indirectly plan for their own demise. Worse yet, even the children of God often strive for merely earthly goals while sacrificing spiritual and eternal goals along the way. ~ Louis Rushmore

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21)

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