



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 any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Prayer List

The Lord is near to All who call on Him. Psalms 145:18

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. Pray for Diana as she recovers from surgery. Pray for Wanda's sister Peaches, she is having procedures done for her eyes. Pray for Francisco's recovery from 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 needs prayers 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 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

Don't forget to silence your cell phone!

Song Leader - Travis
 Prayer - Dan
 Preaching - Jeremiah
 Table Lead - Lenard
 Helper - Prince
 Helper - Brandon
 Announce - Henry
 Prayer - TC



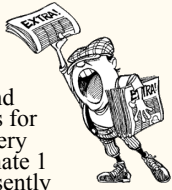
God's Plan to Save Mankind

- Hear the Word**Romans 10:17
Believe the WordMark 16:15-16
Repent of your sinsLuke 13:3-5
Confess His nameMatt. 10:32-33
Baptism1Peter 2:21
Live FaithfullyRevelation 2:10



Holiday Baskets

We are almost out of time! We are needing turkey gravy packets and instant mashed potatoes for the holiday baskets. Every family please try to donate 1 turkey, they should presently be on sale for the holidays. The freezer in the back is ready to receive them. Please join in this good work.



Reverence

IS IMPORTANT



disrespectful to God, an act just as evil as that of Ananias and Sapphira.

The reverence that is necessary for proper worship is not based on externals such as dimmed lights, etc. The proper reverent attitude that is to characterize every worshiper of God comes from within the individual. A person will only be reverent when he realizes the love of God is upon the obedient but that the wrath of God is upon the disobedient. While this attitude must come from the heart of each person there are a few things that would aid worship and help develop the reverence needed. Here are a few suggestions to help us improve in our worship:

First, prepare your mind mentally for worship. Know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Read a passage from the Bible, look over some of the songs that are to be sung or pray a silent prayer for strength and focus.

Second, keep the use of the rest rooms by yourself and your children to a minimum prior to, but especially during, the worship period.

Third, be aware of toddlers to teens. They are never too young or too old to worship. Remember, attitudes learned while one is a youth are carried into adulthood. Fourth, be as well-rested as possible. You will then be physically and mentally alert. Fifth, concentrate on what is going on. Put all other things out of your mind.

Many other things could be suggested but if we use these guidelines and determine in our heart to offer worship that is well-pleasing to God, it will reap great benefits for us in this life and the life to come. Let us all learn to truly serve our merciful Father in spirit and in truth.

How to Please Everyone

author unknown

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life. Two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey." They dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Down the road a piece from there our trio met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't even try! Just try to please God. "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ," (Gal. 1:10).

The sooner we learn we cannot live by the conscience of any other man, the better off we will be. Each of us must walk by the rule of faith that comes by hearing the word of God according to (Rom. 10:17).

We understand James 4:4 to teach that friendship with the world causes us to be the enemy of God.

When it comes to preaching the word, preachers must realize they too must also live by the word. To proclaim something that would just tickle ears and not be in harmony with "the God-breathed word" causes one, even if he were an angel from heaven, to be accursed.

We must not confer with men as to the preaching of the word. It has been certified already. Our job is to persuade men to obey it.

As our travelers soon learned, trying to please everyone only led to confusion. Confusion leads to doing something foolish, like carrying your donkey! Or worse yet, confusion leads to denominationalism!

Take Comfort

by Beth Johnson

Beth Johnson "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17). One brother may say, "Light affliction! You mean that suffering at the hands of my coworkers because I am a Christian is light affliction? They reject me, slander and

mock me day after day. How can I keep from worrying about these things?"

A young Christian teen may say, "Ever since I became a member of the church, my school friends have left me. They will not invite me to go with them anywhere because they know I will not participate in the things they do. That is hard to endure when we were so close before. I worry about losing my friends."

The heart of a young mother whose husband has not embraced the truth may be torn because her husband is trying to undermine the teaching she is giving the children. She may be the object of mockery or rejection by her relatives and in-laws or by her own children. How can she endure and focus on the eternal things when her earthly trials are so heartbreaking day after day? How can she keep from worrying?

The apostle Paul was the one speaking in 2 Corinthians 4:17, and the trials which he endured, to most of us today, would seem to be anything but light. These trials consisted of want (maybe even near starvation), danger, contempt, stoning, toil, weariness and the scorn of the world. He was constantly exposed to the threat of death by land and by sea (2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 11:23-27). Yet, these trials, even though they continued many years, were spoken of as light when compared with that eternal glory that awaited him. He dealt with them as they came and did not worry or waiver in his faith. Trials had followed him ever since he began to preach the Gospel, and he expected that they would follow him to the end of his life (Acts 20:23). However, all this was a momentary trifle compared with the eternal glory before him.

We also need to focus on the eternal glory that awaits us rather than the temporary burdens, so that we can win the battle against Satan. If we allow ourselves to worry and fret about the temporary, those things will overshadow the eternal. We cannot gain the victory that way.

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

