



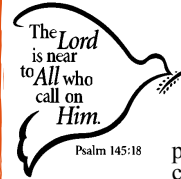
December 27, 2015

# Apple Valley Church of Christ



Seeking and saving the lost...

**We are honored and blessed to have you worshiping 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

Keep Sylvia and family in prayer. Rick Curran is extremely ill, keep him in prayer. Pray for Francisco's continued recovery from surgery. Wanda has pneumonia pray for her. Pray for sister McKinney and family, her back surgery is scheduled for Jan. 13th, Otha Jr.'s reconstructive knee surgery is Jan. 20th, and her brother Ricky Young is scheduled for shoulder surgery Jan. 7th, her niece Dawn Gant is suffering with respiratory problems. Lorena's friend Cecelia has a rare eye disease that has no cure, pray that it goes into remission. Lorena's friend Gloria Villegas lost her husband, pray for their family. Pray for TC and family. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers, Thom's brother and mother are ill and need prayers. Pray for Prince's health. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Pray for a solution to Keisha's health issues. 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. Paris has suffered a possible stroke and/or heart attack, also her son was injured in a car accident, they need our prayers. Pray for Tulu Tulu Niusuls's health. Ebony's friend Josh needs prayer. Stan's friend Rachel's husband was burned severely, pray for him. Prayers are requested for Reynaldo McLaughlin and family. Prayer requested for Sal Baker who suffered a heart attack. Prayer request for Kimberly Taylor who also suffered a heart attack. Pray for Neal Caruso (Otha Jr.'s friend) and family, he has cancer and is not doing well. Henry's sister, Debbie Page was in the hospital, she's home now, but pray for her continued recovery. Mike's niece Natalie has leukemia, pray for her

### 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 - Jeremiah  
Preaching - Stan  
Table Lead - Henry  
Helper - Travis  
Helper - Prince  
Announce - Lenard  
Prayer - Francisco**

### God's Plan to Save 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

Don't forget to silence your cell phone!



# Articles

To Read and Share

## New Year Begins Any Time

One November we ordered a new automobile, which did not arrive until the new year. As we cleaned out the old car, I muttered, "How did we accumulate so much junk?" We sorted through old maps, dried-up ballpoint pens, outdated addresses and loose coins.

We made unwavering resolutions about keeping this new car clean, orderly and functioning properly. Thinking about resolutions, I sensed a connection between a new car and a new year. The first order of business is to clear out the clutter, discard the useless, remove the dust and dirt. Begin fresh!



A new year can begin anytime in our lives. We can sort through old attitudes, clean our minds of envy, toss out the habits of gossip and carrying grudges. We can resolve to keep our promises and curb our anger.

I stood back and surveyed the fresh, shiny car. Yes, a new year could begin anytime or any place. A lot of things from the past need discarding. Things we collect that are of no more value or usefulness need to be trashed. Paul wrote, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Col. 3: 8-9).

It is amazing how a brand new car changes your life. None of the old squeaks, rattles and knocks. Cruising down the road in a brand new auto is a delight. So is the journey ahead, if we can truly forget things in the past and press on to greater things.

## When Christians Sin

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and

we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

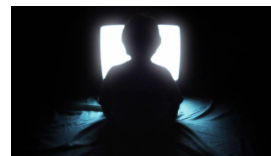
But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are not longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed. Ron Boatwright

## Too Much TV?

Some time ago I read that children of school age view television approximately 6.8 hours a day, every day! That doesn't include TV they watch at school. Home time is divided between TV viewing and video games. You may be saying, "My



children don't spend that much time watching the tube." But check some

time. The amount of time watching TV is not as much a problem as what we watch and hear on TV. Legislators, philosophers, Hollywood moguls, and educators have been debating the adverse (or good) effect television has on, not just youngsters, but all of us. "Evil begets evil; good begets good." Television is with us all the time. Any time you turn it on you see programs produced by the movie, news and entertainment industry. What we see is a lot of violence, murder, sexual perversion, crime, sin, war and maybe (seldom) a good story of human interest and good entertainment. Why? The television industry knows what sells, what people want to see, and they provide plenty of it. To them, what sells is more important than content. Watch the tube and you see advertisements that often are questionable in content. Some TV ads should be rated. Have you ever watched your children during a cartoon? At a very early age, they will lose some attention to the cartoon itself, but as soon as an advertisement comes on, their attention instantly perks up. This is not to say all pictures that move and talk are sinful, but judicious parents must be careful that too much TV doesn't occupy the attention of our children and ourselves. Study this good resolve: "I will set before my eyes no vile thing" (Ps 101:3) NIV



## Saints Of Christ Class

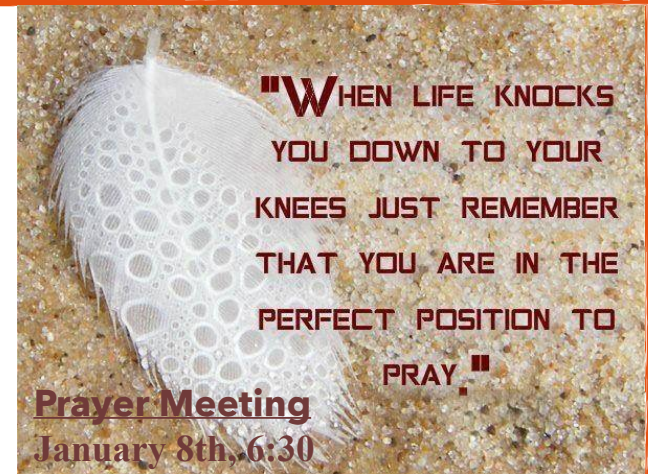
New class for teens to begin January 3. The class will be on both Sunday and Wednesday.

## Teacher Workshop

Alika Harmon will be leading a teacher workshop on Jan. 16. Learn to put together a lesson plan.

## Spiritual Devotion

January 23rd, 9:00- 10:00 AM



"WHEN LIFE KNOCKS  
YOU DOWN TO YOUR  
KNEES JUST REMEMBER  
THAT YOU ARE IN THE  
PERFECT POSITION TO  
PRAY."

Prayer Meeting  
January 8th, 6:30

## Building Remodeling

We have acquired the funds needed for a portable baptistry, thanks to all. We are moving forward with the building remodeling plans. Donations for this project are still needed.



## Job Search Workshop

This workshop is for those looking for a job, those who are graduating and need to find a job, and for those who think there is no way they can get a job.

### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

Jan. 9th, 2016

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

18140 Pearmain Rd.

Adelanto, CA 92301

(The Adelanto Church of Christ Building)

Subjects to be covered:

1. How to find the right job for you.
2. The resume and why you need one.
3. How to dress for the interview.
4. The interview.

Free admission, everyone is welcome.

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