

Unless You Are Converted

Introduction. While Jesus walked this earth, He emphasized the character He expected of those who would enter His kingdom. Though many today are content with external service, it is only a pretense unless we give him our whole heart. “Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense” (Jer. 3:10). Jesus warned that He will tell many on the last day “I never knew you” (Mt. 7:21-23), because “unless you be converted you cannot enter the kingdom.” We can’t just change our conduct; we must change our heart and will.

Inward or External Righteousness. “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 5:20)

Although the Pharisees held strictly to their own traditions, Jesus only saw “whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness” (Mt. 23:27). To avoid this, we must look deep within ourselves and never settle only for an appearance of righteousness (Mt. 6:16, 18). Only a hunger and thirst for righteousness is enough. We must emphasize meekness, humility, and holiness. The obedience of those who live by faith begins in the heart (Mt. 7:21; Rom. 6:17).

Converted... as Little Children. When the apostles voiced their interest in becoming great in His kingdom, they were initially only concerned with prestige and position. Jesus did not condemn their desire to be great. But He was deeply concerned with what they sought in order to become great.

- “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt. 18:3-5)

When Jesus said “be converted”, He sought a “change or transformation” from the self seeking people they were to the humble child who stood before them. The conversion is never complete until we desire to serve others more than we want to be served by them. Without this change, we lead men to ourselves rather than to Christ (Acts 20:30). Sadly many “religious people” today still need to be converted. Some are so busy seeking to gain men to follow them, they forget they must be following Christ.



Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Steve B./ Duane M.
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 446 - Hear, O Israel (SB)

Song # 158 (2X) -
The Sweetest Name of All (SB)

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids (SB)
Bible Hour
3 year's old - 4th grade

Prayer Requests

Song # 959 -
Just a Little Talk with Jesus (DM)

Scripture Reading -
John 16:8-11

Sermon by:
Darryl Darden

"Re-introducing
The Holy Spirit"

Song of Invitation:
Song # 939 (vss 1, 2 & 4) -
O Why Not Tonight? (DM)

Song # 421 -
Sweet, Sweet Spirit (DM)

Closing Prayer

This Week's

Schedule of Events



**(In person & Zoom)

Building Lock Up:
Jon Lee

****9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

****10:00 a.m. -
Sunday Worship**

****10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de
Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

 **1:00 p.m. Grief Share**

Class presented by: Strech Suba.

Monday, May 20, 2024

7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Bible Study on Zoom

**7:00 p.m. - Bible Study
"After-Life"**

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea
Clase Biblica**

Thursday, May 23, 2024

**4:30 p.m. Zoom Ladies Class
Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman**



Join Us!



Area Wide Singing
May 26th from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Barstow COC
1031 W. Buena Vista St.
Barstow, CA 92311



**VICTOR VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
IS PROUD TO PRESENT
2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JESUS IS...
A Great Doctor
A Great Teacher
A Great Friend**

**Tues-Thurs.
June 11-13th
6 - 8:30 p.m.**

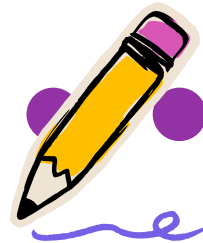
**JOIN
US!**



**Activities for all ages.
All ages are welcome.
Parents are required to stay on site.**



2024 VBS SIGN-UP & REGISTER



You can register on our church website:
vvchurchofchrist.org (go to the Forms tab)

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**13150 SYCAMORE ST. VICTORVILLE, CA 92392
760-949-3386**

May

This Week's Birthdays

- 20th - Mel Richardson
- 21st - Samantha Irons
- 21st - Ky Airy Macray
- 21st - Solomon Patton
- 23rd - Johnny Hobson



Anniversaries

- 21st - Colby & Brittany Easley
- 22nd - Steve & Natasha Paxia



Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Tyson Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

General

Adella Sanchez; Betty Thomas; Devin Breshear's and family; Dorothy Condos; Jan Hook; Rita Greene; Vicki Brown; and our congregation.

Health

Christina Wityczak; Hank Pritchard; Lupe Borden; Marilyn Owens; Mike Fernandez; and all who are ill.

Thanksgiving

Eva Wityczak

Traveling

The Sweitzer's

VVCOC 2024

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are many ways to participate.

- Teaching
- Kitchen Workers
- Singing
- Setup of the building before the event.
- Clean-Up
- Help as needed.
- Other _____
- Bring your children, your grandchildren, and friends.
- Register here or on our website.
- Sign up to volunteer,
- Complete a background check.



What can I do to get ready?

1. Pray for fun and, fruitfulness.
2. Invite a friend, neighbor, and your family.
3. Share your talents and volunteer.

RSVP promptly to attend and/or assist via text: Eric C... 760-553-3777.



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or join by-Phone: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID 428 886 053# Participant ID: #

Elders - elders@vvchurchofchrist.org

Darryl Darden Tony Rose Jake Tess

Ministers - eric.cimuchowski@vvchurchofchrist.org

Eric Cimuchowski - Involvement Minister

Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Craig Beck - Security

TBA - Benevolence

TBA - Greeters & Ushers

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.

TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

Mark Gruwell - Teens

Ministries & Coordinators

Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley

Johnny Latham

Building Décor

Tonja Patton

Calling Ministry

Carolyn Richardson &
Eva Wityczak

Call Out Ministry

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;
T. Rose; & S. Suba

Song Leading, Singing

Jeremiah Darden

Children's Bible Hour

Claudia Beck &
Ga' Brielle Darden

Grief Support

Strech Suba

Historian

Kasie Schow

Kitchen

Pauletta Hobson

Ladies' Ministry

Kim Cimuchowski

Military

Pauletta Hobson &
Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts

Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom

Nina Suffon

Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Staff

Andrea Barahona - Janitorial

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 5/12/24 \$ 2,176.986

Contribution 5/5/24 \$ 5,978.91

Special Contributions \$ 637.00

Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 175,766.33

Teen Fund \$ 5,146.96

Mission Fund \$ 2,785.82

Scholarship Fund \$ 3,281.09

Kids 4 Kids \$ 97.00

Attendance

A.M. Bible Class N/A

A.M. Worship

In Person 133

Via Zoom 32

Wed. P.M.

Bible Class N/A

Mid Week

Bible Studies N/A