

Can you explain righteousness?

Introduction. The Lord loves righteousness (Ps. 11: 7). God himself is righteous and His people are to hunger and thirst after righteousness (Jere. 12: 1, Matt. 5: 6). In fact, we are to put righteousness first in our lives (Matt. 6: 33). Moreover, righteousness provides the environment for grace (Rom. 5: 21). Righteousness (dikaiosune) "is the character or quality of being right or just...whatever has been appointed by God to be...obeyed by man...the sum total of the requirements of God..." (W.E. Vine).

How can man be righteous? Beloved, a succinct answer is by obediently accepting the provisions and terms of righteousness which have been made possible through Jesus Christ (Luke 1: 6, Ps. 119: 172, Gal. 2: 21). Without God (grace) and man (obedient faith), true righteousness would not be attainable (Eph. 2: 8-10). God has done his part - man must do his. Grace teaches us to live righteously (Tit. 2: 11, 12). Hence, we read of "word of righteousness" and "word of his grace" (Heb. 5: 13, Acts 14: 3). It is by faith that man accesses God's grace (Rom 5: 2). Such faith is always presented as active and obedient (Jas. 2: 19-26, Heb. 11).

There is a self-declared righteousness. Man becomes self-righteous when he pronounces himself righteous (Matt. 5: 20, see context), believes he has earned righteousness (Luke 18: 9), or invents his own system of righteousness, false doctrine (Rom. 10: 1-3).

There are many advantages of righteousness (being right). The righteous enjoy sound wisdom (Prov. 2: 7), favor (14: 9), and the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous (Ps. 34: 15, 1 Pet. 3: 12). The desire of the righteous is granted and they enjoy deliverance (Prov. 10: 24, 11: 8). God's secret (salvation), moreover, is with the righteous (Prov. 3: 32).

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

Songleaders - Jeremiah Darden

Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer

Song # 851 - I'll Fly Away

Song # 382 -Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

> Lord's Supper Contribution

Kids 4 Kids **Bible Hour**

Prayer Requests

Song # 988 -I'll Be List'ning

Scripture Reading -Matthew 5:3-12

Sermon by: Darryl Darden

"Are You Hungry?"

Song of Invitation # 147 -<u>I Stand Amazed</u>

Song # 23 -Our God, He Is Alive

Closing Prayer



You're Part of the Family ...



Welcome our new Brother in Christ, Carlos Garcia. He was baptized on Friday, September 22, 2023.



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

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

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

Monday, Oct. 2, 2023

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

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study "Life of Christ in Stereo" 7:00 p.m. - En Linea Clase Biblica

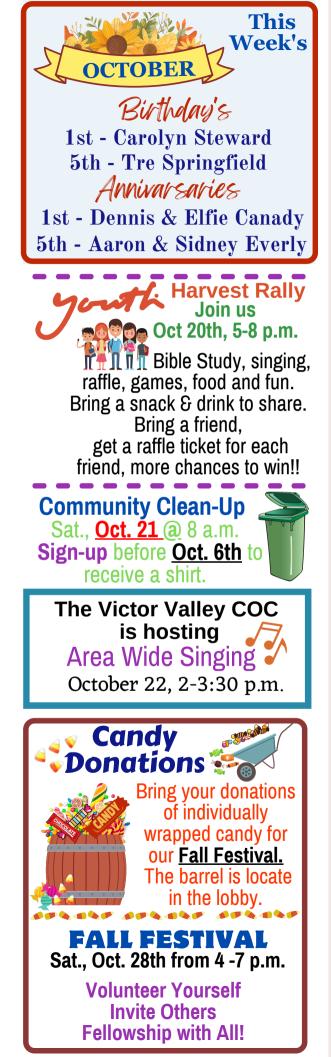
Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023

4:30 p.m. - Zoom Ladies Class A video series by Chip Ingram called **"The Invisible War".**

<u>Computer</u> - 817 3620 8363 <u>Any Phone</u> -Meeting ID: 817 3620 8363 # Partic. ID: #

Pray For Our Military

Brandon Applegate; Matison Brown; Andre Canady; Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer; Robert Farrell; Anthony Guess; Raymond Holguin; Jaehyeong Park; and Robert Rygoza.





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; Ida Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson; Bonnie Klockenteger; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Francisco Sr. & Jr.; Gennie Lorenz; Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason Jr.; Melanie Gammage; and Tyson Crawford.

For those further away Christina Wityczak; Dorothy Condos; Hosia Ford; Marie Guess; Raymond Holguin; and Vicki Brown.

General

Addle Sanchez; Barbara & Cydney Holliday; Betty Thomas; Carol Gass; Christine Wityczak; Dorothy Condos; Jan & Dan Hook; Jim Avalos; Katherine & Shawn Franks; Mary Owens; Rita Greene; Suzanne; Vicki Brown; the children; the homeless; and our congregation.

Health

Cyndi Reddington; Dwayne Johnson; Natasha Paxia's brother; Sam's brother Bob; Trisha Cantu; Tonya Patton; and all who are ill.

Thanksgiving Dwayne Johnson & Eva Wityczak.

For Their Losses Prayers for Tony Karkaso and family for the loss of his wife.

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Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry Craig Beck - Security TBA - Benevolence **FBA - Greeters & Ushers**

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint. **TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief** Mark Gruwell - Teens

Audio Visual/Zoom Ministries & Coordinators Jake Tess & Tim Gramling Children's Bible Hour

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley Johnny Latham

Building Décor Tonja Patton

<u>Calling Ministry</u> Carolyn Richardson & Eva Wityczak

Call <u>Out Ministry</u> M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski; T. Rose; & S. Suba

> Song Leading, Singing Jeremiah Darden

Claudia Beck & Ga' Briella Patton

> Grief Support Strech Suba

<u>Historian</u> Kasie Schow

Kitchen Pauletta Hobson

Ladies' Ministry Kim Cimuchowski <u>Military</u> Pauletta Hobson & Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts Marilyn Owens

<u>Worship Coordinator</u> Jeff Najera

<u>Savior's Kids</u> Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom Nina Sutton

Youth Group Mark & Renee Gruwell

Staff

Bernadett Gramling - Part-time Secretary Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Andrea Barahona - Janitorial **Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating**

Last Week's Statistics			
<u>Financial</u>			<u>Attendance</u>
Contribution 9/24/23	\$	3,403.75	A.M. Bible Class N/A
Contribution 9/17/23	\$	2,764.26	A.M. Worship
Special Contributions	\$	611.00	In Person 166
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$ 236,469.24		Via Zoom 20
Teen Fund	\$	5,106.96	Wed. P.M.
Mission Fund	\$	4,428.82	Bible Class N/A
Scholarship Fund	\$	1,311.09	N/id Mach
Kids 4 Kids	\$	111.00	Mid Week Bible Studies N/A