

Restoration

Introduction. As things age, they slowly lose their appearance and function. Colors fade, engines wear, plastic becomes brittle, paint scratches, and upholstery cracks. Everything we own requires periodic inspection and maintenance. Over time, we restore anything wearing out, to keep things working properly. Restoring a car or home is a profitable and enjoyable hobby for many. There is something highly satisfying about making something old look new again.



Restoring a Soul. Hearts and souls can also need restoration. “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness” (Gal. 6:1). Jesus urged the church at Ephesus to “remember from where **you have fallen**,” then “repent and **do the first works**” (Rev. 2:4-5). A warm heart can grow cold, weary, or calloused. No one is exempt from slowly moving from zeal to discouragement, sincerity to hypocrisy, or commitment to unfaithfulness. Paul warned Corinth, “a little leaven leavens the whole lump, therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump” (1Cor. 5:6-7). When enough leavening occurs, the time comes that a church can “no longer endure sound doctrine.” It is time to “reprove, rebuke and exhort” as Jesus did to the seven churches in Asia (Rev. 2-3; 1Tim. 4:1-5), hoping for a restoration and renewal.



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Order of Worship

Songleader -
Jeremiah D.

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 414 - [Anywhere with Jesus](#)

Song # 711 -
[Blest Be the Tie That Binds](#)

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids
Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 622 -
[Ring Out the Message](#)

Scripture Reading-
Ezekiel 37:1-14

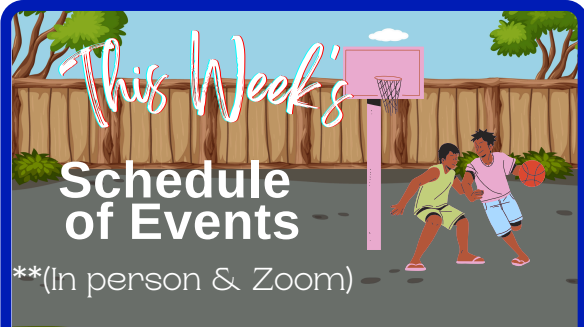
Sermon by:
Darryl Darden

"Restore My Spirit Lord,
It Needs Restore"

Song of Invitation:
Song # 904 -
[Have You Been to Jesus?](#)

Song # 567 - [Restore My Soul](#)

Closing Prayer



This Week's Schedule of Events

** (In person & Zoom)

Building Lock Up: Duane Morris

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



Study of Hebrews!

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

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

**Nathaniel's
Adoption
Party!!!**



"I'll Love you till the
cows come home."
Following the morning service.

Lunch & sweets will be provided.
**The Eickmeyer's invites you to
celebrate the adoption of their
sweet boy Nathaniel.**

**Apple Valley Acute Center
with Johnny Latham.
Today at 3:30 p.m.**



Mon., Apr. 14, 2025



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

Wed., Apr. 16, 2025

**7 p.m. Bible Study
on Zoom**

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



**COMING
SOON**

**Tuesday Ladies'
Bible Study**

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Any church can “fall away.” Paul warned the elders at Ephesus, “from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:30). When enough churches fall away, a division can occur and a new faction is born. After enough time passes these new “traditions” become the norm. “The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods.” (1Tim. 4:1-3). When Martin Luther and John Calvin read these words in the middle of the sixteenth century, they “**protested**” against the church that practiced them. It was obvious to them the church needed to be **restored** to its original condition of purity and holiness. Yet over time these new “protestant” churches also settled into their own traditions.



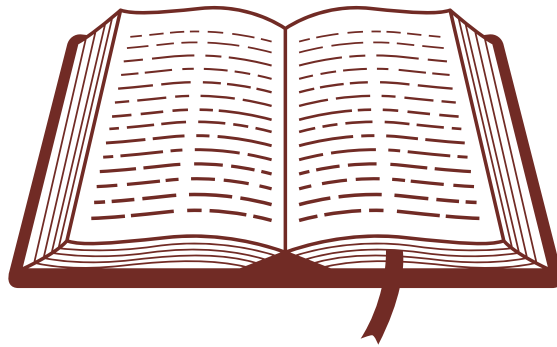
A Restoration Movement. Not long after the birth of our nation, a **restoration** movement swept the young country. People sought to remove the creed books of the **Protestant** Reformation along with the centuries of Catholic tradition and simply follow Scripture. Some doubted the wisdom of this attempt and held to tradition, but multitudes moved ahead with this plan. Everything was questioned and many things were **restored**. When they read Paul saying, “**all** the **churches of Christ** salute you,” they **restored** that name. When they heard Jesus say, “he who **believes** and is baptized shall be saved” (Rom. 16:16; Mk. 16:15-16), they removed infant baptism. After they read, “speaking one to another in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, **singing**” (Eph. 5:19), they removed the organ. After they read that Corinth came “together as the church to **take** the **Lord’s supper**,” and “came together on the first day of the week to **break bread**,” (Acts 20:7; 1Cor 11:17-25), they did exactly the same thing.



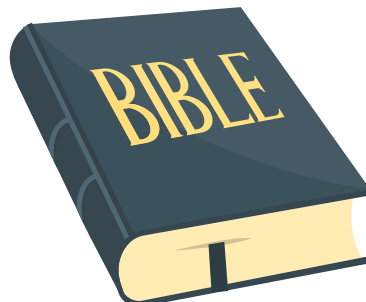
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Yet in making these changes many were offended and battles began. Their efforts were opposed and they were slandered. Men do not easily give up the traditions they have lived with their entire life. Yet how does God, who inhabits eternity, view these attempts? Is the attempt to bring things back to the original teachings in His word commendable or folly to Him?

Josiah. Judah's last good king came to the throne facing terrible corruption and idolatry in the people. Their evil practices had been done so long with so little opposition, that they had forgotten they ever had a Bible! It was not until the 18th year of Josiah's reign that they "found the book of the Law." As he heard the words, his tender heart was humbled, and he wept (2Kng. 22:8, 19). He then sought to **restore** the customs and practices in Israel that God had commanded. God highly praised him for these efforts. "Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him." (2Kings 23:25). The detailed account of his life revealed how meticulous he was in seeking to do things exactly as God had revealed them many centuries past.



Conclusion. Nothing changed when Jesus built His church. It was part of "the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 3:10-12) and "the manifold wisdom of God." The traditions men have added since then only tarnish God's wisdom (Mk 7:6-13). As Josiah before us, all who seek to **restore** the church to its original pristine beauty and function will be pleasing to God.



April



This Week's Birthdays

13th - Elieso Castrejon

14th - Sofia Hernandez

17th - Erica Love

17th - Jacob Tess

17th - Mookie Wilderson

Anniversaries

16th - Charles & Christina Hamilton

Thank you all so much for your overwhelming support of me after all these years.

It is a blessing to know that I have people supporting me around the country. Thank you for allowing me to contribute to this wonderful effort in Honduras and allow me to share the Gospel with so many of these young hearts. Despite the language barrier, anyone and everyone we encountered welcomed our group with open arms.

This trip changed my entire perception of 3rd world countries; additionally, it deepened my faith in Him because of just how much love He showed us through them.

Thank you again for your ever-generous donation and support.

— Hayden Brown



Prayer Requests



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; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Christina Wityczak; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Kathy Najera; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

Something's to pray for that we don't usually pray for:

Mental Health and compassion to support those who struggle with such issues. Peace between coworkers and classmates. Our personal and congregational plans. The justice system and those involved with it. A deep personal passion for the study and application of God's word. Financial Wisdom.

Laughter, joy, and happiness can be shared with others.

Courage and love to do and say what is right toward all the people in our lives.

Help us to build healthy relationships with more people at church and in our community.

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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

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 Brewster

Bulletin Mailouts

Darlene Yingling

Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom

Nina Sutton

Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Staff

Andrea Gómez - Janitorial

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 4/06/25	\$	N/A	Teen Fund	\$	N/A
Contribution 3/30/25	\$	N/A	Mission Fund	\$	N/A
Special Contributions	\$	N/A	Scholarship Fund	\$	N/A
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$	N/A	Kids 4 Kids	\$	N/A

Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person

N/A

Via Zoom N/A