



Mt Vernon Church of Christ

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Mt Vernon Messenger

September 13, 2015

Shepherds:

Otto Buehler ~ Glenn Kenner ~ Larry Miller

Deacons:

Don Dillahunty
Fellowship & Membership/Attendance

Spencer Guest
Education, Youth Work & Technology

Eddie Redman
Building & Grounds

Larry Sanderson
Personal Work

Lester Turner
Missions & Worship

Schedule of Services

Sunday		
Pioneer's Home Service	8:30 am	
Bible Classes	9:30 am	
Worship Assembly	10:30 am	
Worship Assembly	6:00 pm	
Wednesday		
Ladies Bible Study (at the church building)	12:00 pm	
Bible Study	7:00 pm	

Church Statistics

Bible Class	80
Worship Attendance	125
Pioneer's Home	23
Weekly Budget	\$4498
Mt Vernon Contributions	\$4762

Welcome Guest

We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please fill out a visitor's card so we have a record of your visit. Come and worship with us again and often.

Assemblies

Sunday Evening 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7pm

Children's Training

Age 3 thru 11 years old
Room 4
After Communion

Nursery/Cry Room

Available at the back of the auditorium.

Greeters for September

Before Bible Study & Worship
Don & Maxine Dillahunty

Information

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ScripturesSay.com

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Mon – Thurs 8am to 1pm

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445-5190

Pioneer Home

Date	Song Leader	Lesson
Sept 20	Roger Derda	Otto Buehler

Not My Will, But Thine Be Done

Unbelief reached the depth of its infamy in the rejection and murder of Jesus. God permitted it; He permitted men to have their way in that event. It was according to His determined counsel and foreknowledge that Jesus was crucified and slain (Acts 2:23). Then as prophesied God raised His Son up from the grave, and Jesus conquered sin and death (Acts 2:29-36). Faith reached the height of its glory in Christ's victory over sin and death.

On the cross, Jesus cried out "It is finished!" In those words, He was not saying, "It is over." He was declaring, "It is accomplished." He saw His death as a fixed point, the purpose of His earthly sojourn, even as He looked to the resurrection.

Shortly before Christ was arrested, He went out to the Mount of Olives, and entered Gethsemane. Leaving eight of His disciples at the entrance, He took Peter, James, and John, men who had witnessed His transfiguration, (Matthew 17:2), and permitted them to see Him in a decidedly different state, a state of the deepest distress. He told them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." (Matthew 26:38). Then "He withdrew about a stone's length" from them, "and kneeled down and prayed." (Luke 22:41). Matthew said, that "He fell on His face and prayed" (Matthew 26:39). Mark records, "our Lord fell upon the ground" (Mark 14:34). He was literally overwhelmed with despair. Being in despair, He gave Himself up to the Father in prayer. He asked the disciples to watch with Him while He prayed. Great was His agony, and His prayer was earnest, beyond any human measure. Three times He asked, "that the cup might pass from Him." The cup signified the sorrow and suffering, the hatred and rejection that He faced; the bitter fate He must experience. He made the request three times, and each time declared perfect submission to the Father, saying, "Not my will, but thine be done." In those words, He set forth His complete love for man, and His trust and loyalty to the Father and His will. In those words, He confessed His commitment to the Father, and to humanity.

In the Gospel we are called to look to Him, and to make our commitment to Him. We are directed to look to His character and conduct, and to learn the course that we are to follow. From Him, we can learn all about faith, and fidelity. Commitment to Him is yielding to the dynamics of both faith and love. This means that we are never alone, and will never be abandoned by Him. When we fall down, we can get up; we can confess our sins and be forgiven. We are assured of His wisdom, goodness, complete understanding, and ceaseless watch and care. We can rest in His promises, and in the fact that He is able and willing give us aid (Hebrews 7:25). In all our trials we can rest assured that He is mindful of us, and that nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:31ff).

Practically speaking, faith looks up, it looks to Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2). His example in the garden; His full surrender to the Father's will, remains the way to live for God in this present world. To yield to God is the character of faith, and it is the pathway to glory. "Thy will, not mine" is not mere resignation, it is the passion of the child of God. It is the proclamation of genuine life-dominating faith.

~Ronald Bryant

Morning Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	George Parks
Opening Prayer	Otto Buehler
Scripture Reading	Mike Wester
Prayer Leader	Morris Guest
Lord's Table	Andrew Matthews
	Austin Wester
	Rick Pinney
	Greg Hendrickson
Closing Prayer	Gary Zito

September 20th Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Morris Guest
Opening Prayer	Troy Trammell
Scripture Reading	Dieter Pleier
Prayer Leader	Rick Pinney
Lord's Table	Keith Drochak
	Gary Zito
	Winn Hendricks
	Richard Davis
Closing Prayer	Glenn Kenner

Those serving assemble in the church office promptly at 10:20

Sermon Notes

Main Ideas	
Title:	
Bible Text:	
1.	
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Make plans to attend Sunday evening assembly tonight 6pm

Prayer List

Cliff Seawel fell again while in VA hospital, visits are welcome.

Tracy Schoen; problems with her medication, please pray that the doctors can get them regulated so she can start to feel better.

Marcia Serrano; having problems with blood sugar, on new medication please pray that this will be beneficial.

Jacob Schoen; adjusting to his medications, asking for prayers that they can be regulated.

John Lu (Linda Kirschner's uncle) is in a rehabilitation hospital. Not very responsive and has short term memory loss.

Continual Prayers Health Reason/Treatment

~ **Helen Stalmaker (friend of Marcia Serrano)** lung cancer.

~ **Darrellene Faber (Kim Cureton's sister)** having dialysis treatments three times a week.

~ **Bill Larremore** heart and tinnitus.

~ **Lucy Cottabarren** healing for her arm.

~ **Those in the Pioneer's Home** who suffer physical problems.

~ **Don & Carol Anne Burdine's son Tom** in Afghanistan

~ **Joe Hixenbaugh (Jim's brother)** treatment for cancer

~ **Gene Harmon** Alzheimer's / **Dolores** caregiver

~ **Dale Cureton** struggling still after his fall in September of 2014.

~ **Eddie Redman's niece Rose** terminal illness

Our Shut-ins

Mary Wilkerson	Ruth Hague
Cathy Verley	Danny Jones
Marjorie Trammell	Dwain Oliver

Things to Know

Anniversary Celebration Potluck

TODAY after worship in honor of Orville and Wanda Pruett's 70th wedding anniversary.

Men's Coffee

Sept 15th 9am at building. Ronald will host this event every third Tuesday. Make plans to join. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be provided.

Copper Basin Bible Camp Fall BBQ

September 19th THIS IS A NO COST EVENT. Make plans to attend. Will also be a parking lot sale, if you would like to donate any items to sell and proceeds go to the camp please drop off the item any time starting today until Friday Sept 18th.

Desert Church of Christ Ladies Day

Sept 19th 9:30am to 2:30pm "Remember Our Spiritual Garden" lunch will be provided.

Sing Practice

Sept 20th 5:30pm

Breakfast at IHOP

Sept 23rd 8am

Arizona Men's Retreat

September 25th & 26th at Copper Basin Bible Camp. Make plans to attend.



It's simple. Become a WBS web study helper at worldbibleschool.net/teach
Students are waiting.



What Do The Scriptures Say?

Taken from our website: ScripturesSay.com

Question: What happened to the Ark of the Covenant? What time period would this have been? My Berean Bible Study is doing a study on reading through the Bible in a year, and I am very interested in the answer to this question.

Answer: The answer to your question is simply – no one knows. Regardless of movies like "Raiders of the Lost Ark", there is nothing that gives any definite answer, let alone a hint, as to where to look for clues to this biblical mystery.

The ark was known by three names: 1) the ark of God (1 Samuel 3:3); 2) the Ark of the Covenant (Joshua 3:6; Hebrews 9:4); and 3) the ark of the law (Exodus 25:22).

That the ark was still in existence in Solomon's time is seen in 1 Kings 8:5-9. The mystery deepens a bit here, however, as the contents of the ark are given as being only the tablets of stone. Aaron's rod and the pot of manna have disappeared (cf. Hebrews 9:4). The last known reference to the ark is 2 Chronicles 35:3 where Josiah directs the Levites to restore the ark to Solomon's Temple.

From this point on the history of the ark becomes a mystery with no clues. Some believe that it was part of the plunder when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Judah. Others believe that the Jews secreted the ark away to await the coming of the Messiah. All conjecture is useless and the ark, as any sacred relic, is best left undiscovered and out of modern man's hands.

I am reminded of the brass serpent erected by Moses in the wilderness (Numbers 21:8-9). It too was a sacred object, but the people eventually turned it into an idol (2 Kings 18:1-4). I fear that if any ark, whether Noah's or God's, were to be found there would be a great awakening of icon worship rather than the worship of the God whom they point us too.

Reading Schedule

September	Old Test.	New Test.
13	Proverbs 1-2	1 Cor. 15:1-34
14	Proverbs 3-4	1 Cor. 15:35-58
15	Proverbs 5-6	1 Cor. 16
16	Proverbs 7-8	2 Cor. 1
17	Proverbs 9-11	2 Cor. 2
18	Proverbs 12-13	2 Cor. 3
19	Proverbs 14-15	2 Cor. 4

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
Ephesians 4:29



He Missed One Service

Paul Harvey once reported on his noon news of a 73 year old man who was pinned beneath his farm tractor for four days and nights in driving rain and a terrible storm. Concerned friends went to see about him just in time. It seems that he is going to live after his ordeal, but he will lose a leg below the knee.

Several newspapers picked up on this little story and centered upon the amazing fact that a 73 year old man could live after being pinned beneath a tractor for four days. Yes, all of that is amazing, but a more amazing fact is what caused his friends to go to see about him. One friend gave as the reason for this visit that, "He missed prayer meeting Wednesday night." That's all? He just missed one service and his friends went to check on him?

One preacher remarked, "I believe there are two possible suppositions we can make about this incident." Consider the following:

On the one hand we could suppose that this man was so faithful and regular in his church attendance that everyone knew that if he was not there, something had to be seriously wrong. A question: What if you had been the one pinned under the tractor? Would your absence have been noticed? Or, are you so irregular in attendance that everyone would assume you decided to sleep in, or go to the lake? How many services have you missed in the last three months? Could you honestly classify yourself as a faithful, regular worshipper?

On the other hand, we could assume that the people in this man's congregation have such a concern for the souls of men that when anyone, no matter how regular or irregular they are in attendance, missed a service they went to see about them.

I don't know which of the preacher's assumptions might be the more plausible, but I would like to see more men and more congregations like what he describes.

Questions we need to ask ourselves: Just exactly how faithful are you? Would you be missed if you missed just one service? Do you check on your missing brethren?

~Unknown Author

God made the deaf and dumb to hear and speak. He even used a donkey to deliver His message to a prophet. Surely He can use me to speak His eternal truth.

"People are very open-minded about new things as long as they are exactly like the old things." (Charles Kettering)

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.