

Mt Vernon Church of Christ

120 N Mt Vernon Ave ~ Prescott, AZ 86301 ~ (928)445-5190

mountvernonchurch.org ~ scripturessay.com

mtvernonchurch@cableone.net



Mt Vernon Messenger

May 22, 2016

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.

Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service	8:30 am
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	12:00 pm
(at church building)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm
Fri. Ladies Class	10:00 am
(at church building)	

Minister Ronald Bryant

Shepherds

Otto Buehler	Morris Guest
Gordon Gower	Glenn Kenner
Larry Miller	

Deacons

Don Dillahunty	Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest	Eddie Redman
Bob Justice	Larry Sanderson
Troy Trammell	

Church Statistics

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to 1pm

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Class	78
Worship Assembly	122
Pioneer Home	22
FINANCES	
Weekly Budget	\$4018
Weekly Contribution	\$4725

Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
May 29 th	Rick Pinney	Roger Derda

Greeters for May

Richard & Debbie Davis

Morning Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Rick Pinney
Opening Prayer	Gordon Gower
Scripture Reading	Charles Hughes
Prayer Leader	Troy Trammell
Lord's Table	David Kirschner
Les Turner	
Richard Davis	
Bill Stewart	
Closing Prayer	Larry Sanderson

May 29th Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Morris Guest
Opening Prayer	Bob Justice
Scripture Reading	David Kirschner
Prayer Leader	Rick Pinney
Lord's Table	Dieter Pleier
Rudy Kantu	
Neil Simmons	
Winn Hendricks	
Closing Prayer	Larry Miller

Christianity Is Christ

The distinctive fact, the center of the Christian faith, is Jesus Christ. Remove Him, remove His name, His person, and His purpose, and Christianity is nothing! Apart from Him it has no basis, or reason to exist.

In every detail the Christian faith is determined and ruled by the person and the work of Jesus Christ. Its character rests fully upon Him. It has everything to do with convictions about Him. He has authored its faith, set forth its purpose, and authored its hope. Every aspect of the Christian faith rests upon Him; His person, authority, and purpose. Its ideals arise from Him, having been exemplified in His holy life.

Christ has had many enemies. They have relentlessly engaged in efforts to find a flaw, or even the hint of one, in His character or teachings. Yet, they have never found that flaw. Christ stands as the moral miracle of the ages, a perfectly sinless man. He did no sin! He injured no one! He never spoke an improper, ill-advised, or hurtful word! In His entire life there is not to be found even a trace of a self-serving motive. His complete honesty, integrity, and purity, causes those given to injustice and impurity to shrink back. His unfailing love and compassion, steadfastly resists greed with all its ugliness. His humility and service, dismisses even the thought of self-seeking or of prideful ambition as despicable.

Christ was too genuine and too sincere to set forth a false claim. He was too humble and selfless to promote Himself, or to court applause. He was too holy and pure to engage in an impure act, or be led by an impure motive. In reality, it is not possible to explain Him, excel Him, or master Him. This is true for Jesus of Nazareth was manifestly Immanuel - God in the flesh.

Jesus was not merely innocent, He was perfectly holy. The presence of such a man - a sinless man among sinful men is as great a miracle in the moral realm as the virgin birth or the resurrection of one from the dead is in the physical realm. Was Christ real, did He really live out the sinless perfection of the Son of God -- or was He the invention of the writers of the gospels? His life and character are a matter of record; yet, is that record historical or fictional; is He merely a cunningly created personality?

Is it possible that the four biographers; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John invented Jesus? It is established that their accounts of the life of Christ came into existence in the first century A.D. The book of John is accepted as having been written as early as A.D. 68, or no later than A. D. 86. Matthew, Mark, and Luke were written several years earlier. According to Lardner, the biblical historian, the book of Matthew was the earliest, written in Hebrew in A.D. 41 and translated into Greek A.D 61; Mark was written before A.D. 54; Luke was written before A.D. 65: (Lardner, Works, vol. 6, p.104).

.....continued inside bulletin.....

Sermon notes:

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The splendor, the majesty, and the holiness of the Lord were revealed in His life on earth, and were set forth in the gospels. We are permitted to look upon His goodness and glory; His justice and goodness, His mercy and benevolence in the gospel. (II Corinthians 4:3-6). His glory is threefold:

I. HIS ESSENTIAL GLORY - this pertains to His identity - who and what He is.

- A. John 1:1-3 _____
- B. John 1:14 _____
- C. John 10:30 _____
- D. John 14:6-9 _____

II. HIS MORAL GLORY - His sinless perfection could not be hidden.

- A. Positively stated:
 - 1. It was manifest in His perfectly ordered and sinless life. (John 8:46)

 - 2. It was manifest In His personal dignity and selfless conduct (Acts 10:38)

 - 3. It was manifest in His works of wisdom and power and compassion (Matthew 7:28-29)

 - 4. It was manifest in His power over nature [weather, disease, death] (Mark 2:1-12)

 - 5. It was manifest in His respect and regard for all - In His sacrificial death. (Hebrews 2:9)

B. Negatively stated:

- 1. He had no outstanding traits - all were in perfect balance and were equally outstanding.

- 2. He always spoke the truth, always said the right thing at the right time; never needed to retract or amend what He said.

- 3. His silence was as eloquent as His speech - He never spoke when He should not have.

- 4. He never confessed sin, nor did He ever ask others to pray for Him.

III. HIS OFFICIAL GLORY

- A. Announced in a number of significant events (Matthew 1:18ff; 3:13-17; 17:1-4)

- B. Was finally fully conferred upon Him (Romans 1:4-5)

Conclusion: The gospels record that which Jesus said and did. The sacred penman as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Their objective was to reveal the Son of God, to the end that we might come to know Him in His glory, that we come to love Him, and that we might be one with Him (John 20:30-31).

THOSE SERVING ASSEMBLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE PROMPTLY AT 10:20

Prayer List

Helen Gasdaglis' friend who recently had a second stroke and become very bitter toward God. Give her the right words to speak to her friend.

Kelly Whisenant doctors have over medicated him, and this can cause some difficulties.

John Stevens (Jean Kantu's brother) has developed serious health concerns related to his diabetes.

Rusty Parker (Bonnie Parker's husband) transferred to Prescott Nursing and Rehab with Bonnie for recovery after his colon surgery.

Bonnie Parker at Prescott Nursing and Rehabilitation, 864 Dougherty, Prescott, Room 110. Expected to be there until June 21st.

Marian Johnson (Mandy Buchanan's grandmother) using natural treatments to help diminish the size of tumor.

Michelle Henry (Denise Miller's daughter) will be seeing a new doctor to help find her diagnosis.

Continual Prayers Health Reason/Treatment

- ~ **Kim & Tate Poynor** healthy pregnancy and baby
- ~ **Kathleen Hall** improved health
- ~ **Marcia Serrano** migraines and medication issue for her insulin
- ~ **Julie (friend of Sally Guest)** husband, has liver cancer.
- ~ **Darrellene Faber (Kim Cureton's sister)** health improvement
- ~ **Jan Stevens (Jean & Rudy Kantu's sister-in-law)** cancer treatment; she is improving
- ~ **Steven Lemm, 55 years old (nephew of Jean & Rudy Kantu)** failing in health, with no diagnosis.
- ~ **Dale Cureton** hepatitis treatment. Has finished his treatment and having some good days.
- ~ **Christian (Becky Hanna's nephew)** terminal leukemia.
- ~ **Nick Cureton (nephew to Dale Cureton)** acute leukemia rare type.
- ~ **Gene Harmon** Alzheimer's / **Dolores** caregiver
- ~ **Eddie Redman's niece Rose** terminal illness
- ~ **Bill & Ellen Larremore** both having more health concerns
- ~ **Deanna Larremore** health problems
- ~ **Joe Hixenbaugh (Jim Hixenbaugh's brother)** cancer

Our Shut-ins

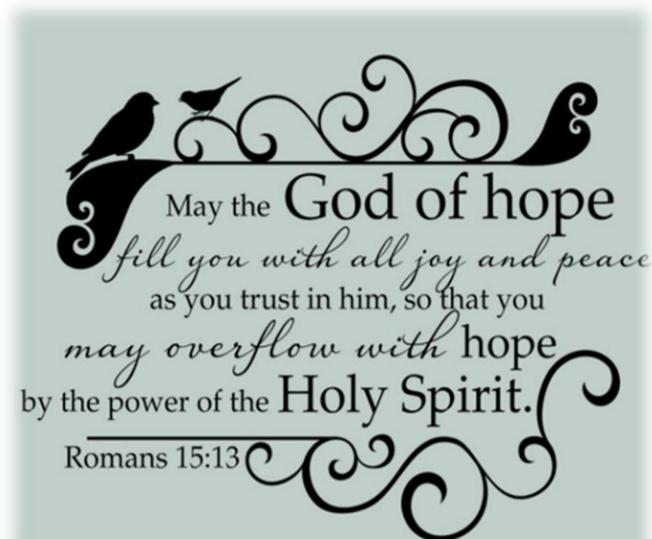
Ruth Hague Dwain Oliver
 Danny Jones Marjorie Trammell
 Bill Withers-VA

.....continued from front.....

These thoughts necessitate an investigation of the biographers. Who and what were they? They were Galileans - and the most ordinary of men. They were not highly educated, they possessed no literary skills, let alone genius. They were products of the narrowest and most confining culture of all times. They were not philosophers, rhetoricians, logicians, or linguists. While their works cannot be accounted for on literary grounds, they accomplished that which the most highly educated have never been able to do; each of them alone, and all of them together present one who transcends all cultures and climes; the perfect man -- the Sinless One. If Jesus is in fact their invention, they invented a person so transcendent that He casts aside the finest efforts of all the scholar and writers of all the ages. To accept the view that Jesus is the product of the imaginations of those four men requires greater faith than would be required to accept that such a life was actually lived. Can anyone even begin to imagine that such men could even begin to invent such a person; a mere mortal with such perfect character in such perfect balance?

Dr. N. Robertson wrote, "To paint the ideal is much, even for a genius, but to picture the sinless is very much more. And yet in the Gospels, written by men possessing no literary genius, we have a perfect human being depicted. They succeeded in giving to humanity the person of the Sinless One. The pen does not falter, nor swerve, and yet how inevitable it was that it should do so had not another hand held it! One false note would have destroyed all, but that false note never comes."

- Ronald Bryant



Books of the Bible Puzzle Directions:

- Unscramble the name of each book of the Bible and write it correctly in the blank.
- Then write the letter from each numbered position in the corresponding blank at the bottom of the page.
- You'll spell a phrase that's used to describe the word of God.

We've done the first one for you as an example.

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. UTRH | <u> Ruth </u> | (3) |
| 2. TWAMHET | <u> </u> | (5) |
| 3. BOPERRSV | <u> </u> | (5) |
| 4. SUBNEMR | <u> </u> | (7) |
| 5. WRESHBE | <u> </u> | (6) |
| 6. USAJHO | <u> </u> | (2) |
| 7. MORASN | <u> </u> | (1) |
| 8. GEJDSU | <u> </u> | (3) |
| 9. STREEH | <u> </u> | (3) |
| 10. HMOLIPEN | <u> </u> | (2) |
| 11. LINEDA | <u> </u> | (5) |
| 12. SEESING | <u> </u> | (5) |
| 13. SHEEPISAN | <u> </u> | (2) |
| 14. CLAIMHA | <u> </u> | (7) |
| 15. HARMEEJI | <u> </u> | (3) |
| 16. AGHAIG | <u> </u> | (6) |
| 17. SNAGILATA | <u> </u> | (5) |

The Bible is also known as the

 T of
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Things to Know

Nursery/Cry Room

Available at the back of the auditorium

Sunday Evening Assembly

6pm TONIGHT

Wednesday Night Bible Class

7pm Ronald Bryant teaching Hebrews.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

Youth Group Pizza and Praise

Wed. May 25th 6pm at church building

Youth Group Devotional

May 29th 7:30pm at Morris and Sally Guest home

Fish Fry

June 5th after morning worship, bring your favorite side dishes and plenty to share. Questions see Dana Wulf.

Memorial Work Weekend

May 28th to 30th at Copper Basin Camp

****SPEICAL COLLECTION****

Sunday June 5th we will have a special call for additional funds that will go to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort. This organization was extremely help to us during the Yarnell Hill Fire 3 years ago.

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort immediately responds to any major disaster in the continental United States by sending truckloads of emergency food, water, cleaning, and other supplies to disaster victims through a local Church of Christ working with us in the area of the disaster. If you have questions about this special collection please speak with one of our elders.

Thank you all for the cards of encouragement, especially for lifting my name up to God. I know he has a plan and I will continue to take this one day at a time.

*In Christ,
 Kathleen Hall*

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the prayers and support we received from the family here. We were truly touched and never, ever seen a U-Haul empty that quickly! Thank you for helping us and for making us feel welcome.

*In Christ,
 Brent, Nancy and Joe*

Update on Kathy Scott's address:
 9077 W. Cross Drive, Apt.#101, Bldg. 20
 Littleton, Co 80123