

SIN AND REPENTANCE

There must always be an acknowledgment and a confession.

No excuse will absolve sinners from the need to come before God with a broken heart, filled with contrition and remorse. *"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."*

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— these, O God, You will not despise." (Ps 34:18; 51:17). Jesus showed this when He said, *"the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified"* (Lk. 18:13). The Spirit added, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1Jn. 1:9)

There are two responses to sin.

First, there is *"worldly sorrow"* that only focuses on the results as they begin and end in this age. There is no care or concern for offending God, for to them there is no sin. But *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,"* and *"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."* (1Jn. 1:8-10). In contrast, there is *"godly sorrow."* It is a *"godly"* sorrow because it stems from our care and concern for God. As noted above, it is an acute regret, sorrow, and anguish that we left the path, missed the goal, and misused God's gifts. All godly sorrow leads to a return to God. Paul told those in Corinth, *"your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner"* and *"godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."* (2Cor. 7:9-10)

By the fruits of our actions, we will always know which sorrow we feel.

When Peter preached the gospel, 3000 in godly sorrow *"were cut to the heart"* said, *"what must we do?"* and *"those who gladly received his word were baptized."* Those hearing Stephen, in worldly sorrow, were also *"cut to the heart"*, but in anger *"they gnashed at him with their teeth ... stopped their ears, ... cast him out of the city and stoned him."* (Acts 2:38-41; 7:51-58).

Conclusion:

The Holy Spirit has given us an important list of those things God expects before He will forgive. *For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.* (2Cor. 7:8-11)



Song Leader
Jeremiah Darden

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 745 -
Humble Yourself

Song # 719 -
Love One Another

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids for Kids
Bible Hour
(for children ages 3-4th grade.)

Prayer Requests

Song # 957 -
This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading
Acts 3:17-21 (NKJV)

Sermon by:
Darryl Darden
"Peter Principles"

Song of Invitation:

Song # 945 -
Kneel at the Cross

Song # 555 -
Seek Ye First

Closing Prayer

This Week's
Schedule
of Events



**** (In person & Zoom)**

Building Lock Up: Mark McClellan
Greeter: Carlotta Greene

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

Intro to the Gospel of John

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

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

3:30 p.m. AVPAC Worship
with Johnny Latham.

FAMILY ROAST
FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP

Join Us **TODAY**
4:30 p.m.
to
7:00 p.m.

Set-up 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Takedown 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Join us this
evening
for delicious food,
a devotional,
great
fellowship,
and engaging
activities.





Our pantry needs replenishment.



We need:

- Hamburger Helper-type stuff
- spaghetti sauce
- grape and strawberry jelly
- bags of rice.

You can also contribute money by placing it in an envelope and marking it as "Pantry".



**Saturday,
September 12, 2026
CHURCH CLEAN-UP**

We begin at 8 a.m.
We ask that **ALL MEMBERS**
volunteer to help clean and beautify
OUR CHURCH. Every little bit helps!

**Save the
Date ~
Oct. 24th**

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

Contact
Cy Hante'
Brewster to
volunteer.

Save the Date
Friends and Family
Potluck
September 20, 2026





Mon., Aug. 31st

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

7 p.m. - En Linea Noche de Oración

Tues., Sept. 1st

**10:00 a.m. Ladies'
Bible Study**

**"What does it
Mean to be Lost
or Saved?"**



Wed., Sept. 2nd



**7:00 p.m.
Bible Study
on Zoom**

Fri., Sept. 4th

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
"Biblical Men's
Roles"**



VVCOC family, thank you for
the cards, phone calls and
prayers while, I navigate
through my health concerns.

**In Christian Love,
Patti Stayton**



August

Birthdays

**This
Week's**

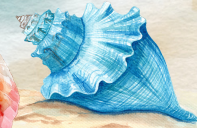
**30th - Rene Cantu
30th - Lisa Garza
30th - Tianna Smith
31st - Jaylen Baker**

Anniversaries

30th - Rene & Trisha Cantu



**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; Hank Pritchard;
and Sandy Wooten.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumadas; Anthony Avalos;
Antonia Bell; Barbara Tidwell;
Christina Wityczak; Gennie Lorenz;
Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; John & Kelly
Tynan; Kathy Najera; LaVonne Powell;
Marie Guess; Melanie Gammage;
Pablo Aguayo; Pauletta Hobson;
Tim Kuca; and Vicki Brown.

General

Barbara Tidwell; Denika Jones,
her family & friends; the LaBarber's
friend, Jesse; Orvella Stallings;
and Teddy Jordon.

Health

Christopher Landry; the Gramling's &
family; Mark White; Nikki McPherson;
Patti Stayton; Rachel Griffith; Sidney
Everly; and Trisha Cantu & family.

Thanksgiving

The McClellans.

Traveling

The Bakers; the Morris family;
and the Roses.

For Their Losses

Prayers for Glinda Hall and family,
with the loss of her brother.

**This
Week's**

September

Birthdays

4th - Aurora Beck



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Darryl Darden – Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala – Spanish Minister

Deacons

Benjamin Lopez – Spanish Ministry

Craig Beck – Security

Mark Gruwell – Teens

Staff

Bernadett Gramling – Office Manager

Erica Lee – Bookkeeper

Andrea Gómez – Janitorial

Billy Caldwell – Auditorium Seating

How to Make Contributions

Online:

- Download the Sub Splash App.
 - Set up an account
- Use the Sub Splash App for online giving.
 - Scan the QR code.

Offline:

- Cash or check
- Mail to: P.O. Box 3447
Victorville, CA
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AUG. 2026 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

MANUELITO NAVAJO CHILDREN'S HOME	\$150.00
MANUELITO NAVAJO CHILDREN'S HOME-CHRISTMAS	\$0.00
CITY OF CHILDREN	\$110.00
EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION	\$486.00
WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL OF TULARE COUNTY	\$100.00
GOSPEL CHARIOT MISSION	\$100.00
CHURCH OF CHRIST INDIA MISSIONS	\$100.00
DISASTER ASSISTANCE MISSION	\$50.00
CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF	\$50.00
CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE(OCT + APR)	\$0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,146.00</u>

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 08/23/26	\$ 2,906.18	Teen Fund	\$ 5,031.86
Contribution 08/16/26	\$ 3,617.05	Mission Fund	\$ 2,281.00
Special Contributions	\$ 310.00	Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,080.00
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$ 202,835.07	Kids 4 Kids	\$ 110.00

Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person 139 Via Zoom 18