

# What Exactly Is Discipleship?



**Introduction.** Over the course of the past seven years, several questions concerning discipleship have been addressed. Indeed, being a disciple is vitally important (John 15: 1-8). "Disciple" (mathetes) is found 268 times in the Greek New Testament. Mathetes means, "A learner...one who follows one's teaching" (Vine, Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).

## Make a disciple by baptism.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them...teaching them" (Matt. 28: 19, ASV).

One commentator comments,

"Two participles of means then state how all nations are to be made into disciples: by baptizing them and by teaching them" (R.C.H. Lenski, Vol. 1, pg. 1173).

"Baptism the condition of discipleship=make disciples by baptizing....," wrote Nicoll (Expositor's Greek New Testament, Vol. 1). Of course, it is understood belief, repentance, and confession of Jesus as Christ and Lord have preceded the baptism.



## The disciples were called "Christians".

Disciple and Christian are equivalent. "...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26).

As we have seen, "disciple" means a learner and one who follows. Hence, a Christian is not only one who belongs to Christ, but he is also a learner and a follower of Christ. Jesus said, "...if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8: 31).

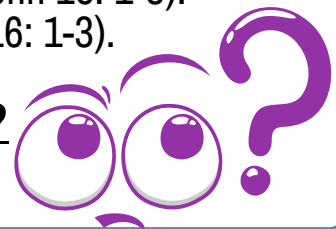


## There is much involved in being a disciple of Jesus.

A disciple must love Jesus above all others and put him first (Luke 14: 26-27). Moreover, a disciple bears much fruit. Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15: 1-8).

Persecution is also part of being a disciple (John 16: 1-3).

Are you willing to become Jesus' disciple?





## Songleader

Jeremiah Darden

Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Prayer

Song # 574 -  
Oh, How I Love Jesus

Song # 800 -  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Lord's Supper  
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids  
Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 852 -  
When the Roll Is Called Up  
Yonder

Scripture Reading -  
John 21:20-25

Sermon by:

**Darryl Darden**

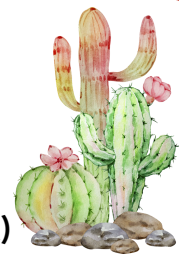
**“Peter Principles”**

Song of Invitation:

Song # 853 -  
When We All Get to Heaven

Song # 705 (2X) A Common Love  
Closing Prayer

## This Week's Schedule of Events



\*\* (In person & Zoom)  
**Building Lock Up: Mark Gruwell**

**\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**  
**Study of 1 & 2 Timothy**

**\*\*10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship**

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

**VBS 2026! Planning Meeting**



**TODAY**

Following the morning service.

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

**Mon., Mar. 9th**

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

7 p.m. - En Linea Noche de Oración

**Tues., Mar. 10th**

10 a.m. Tuesday Ladies'  
Bible Study

“Trust in God in the  
Midst of Adversity”



**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Young Adult Class  
Childcare provided.



**Wed., Mar. 11th**

7 p.m. Bible Study  
on Zoom.



**Fri., Mar. 13th**

7- 8:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
“Biblical Men's Roles”

**Sat., Mar. 14th**

Bridal Shower honoring Mariah McClellan  
at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Registered on Amazon  
<https://tinyurl.com/3z7jcyxn>

Questions contact

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# March

## This Week's

### Birthdays

- 9th - Sidney Everly
- 9th - Sam Mitchell
- 10th - Maria Lourdez Hernandez
- 10th - Kyro Mullen
- 12th - Manuel Cordova
- 13th - Kayley Eickmeyer
- 13th - Lynda Hearn
- 14th - Kalia Crymes



# 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 Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Antonia Bell; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Christina Wityczak; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Kathy Najera; Marie Guess; Melanie Gammage; Pablo Aguayo; Samuel Detwiler; Teresa Patton and Vicki Brown.

### General

Barbara Tidwell; the Gruwell's friend, Brandon; Orvella Stallings; and Teddy Jordan.

### Health

Barbara Holliday's daughters, Cydney, Traci & Tashan; Christina Hamilton; John Tynan; Kelly Tynan; Mark McClellan; Nina Sutton; and Tim Kuka.

### Thanksgiving

Angela Smith; Barbara Holliday; and the McClellan's.


### For Their Losses

The Bryant family who lost their 2-year old daughter.



## 2026 VVCO Scholarship

Graduating Seniors and those continuing their education, that meet the qualifications, have an opportunity to earn a Scholarship from the VVCO. Any questions, please see Tony Rose. Applications will be available on March 15th. All completed applications are due on or before, May 3rd.



## VVCO is hosting the Area Wide Singing

**3-29-26 2-3:30 p.m.**  
Everyone is welcome, join us in harmony and fellowship.



Fellowship & camp out with us. Bring your campers and your tents. **Sat., April 11th**

## Celebration of Family Potluck

**Sun., April 12th**

We ask that you sign up to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. The sign-up sheet is located in the lobby.



## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

**SAT., APRIL 18, 2026**



## Youth & Saviors Kids are hosting Fun Relay's

**March 20<sup>th</sup> 5 - 8 p.m.**  
Everyone is invited.

# Victor Valley Church of Christ

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Elders - [elders@vvchurchofchrist.org](mailto:elders@vvchurchofchrist.org)

Darryl Darden Tony Rose Jake Tess

## Ministers

Eric Cimuchowski - Involvement Minister

Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

## Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.

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**
  - **P.O. Box 3447 Victorville, CA 92393**

## Last Week's Statistics

### Financial

|                       |    |            |                  |    |          |
|-----------------------|----|------------|------------------|----|----------|
| Contribution 03/01/26 | \$ | 3,282.00   | Teen Fund        | \$ | 5,031.86 |
| Contribution 02/22/26 | \$ | 3,161.25   | Mission Fund     | \$ | 3,397.00 |
| Special Contributions | \$ | 632.00     | Scholarship Fund | \$ | 1,180.00 |
| Y.T.D. Contribution   | \$ | 112,672.58 | Kids 4 Kids      | \$ | 132.00   |

### Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person

166

Via Zoom

21