



# Is "church of Christ" scriptural?

**Introduction.** It is good that we are concerned about what is scriptural. Indeed, we are taught to have authority for all we believe and practice (1 Pet. 4: 11, 1 Thes. 5: 21). Many will be lost in the Day of Judgment because they worked iniquity or lawlessness (Matt. 7: 21-27, no authority for their beliefs and consequent practices).

**Religious names of churches.** We are told that there are now thousands of different denominations in America. Each religion has a name. However, no more thought is usually given to the scriptural basis of a designation than to the religion itself. Church names often glorify their founder, philosophy, or when they claimed to have begun. Lutheran, Baptist, and Pentecostal are examples.

**Scriptural designations.** We read of "the church," "church of the Lord," and "church of God" (Col. 1: 18; Acts 20: 28, ASV; 1 Cor. 1: 2). You will notice that these descriptive phrases glorify God, not man, particular teaching, or time of origin. You never read of Lutheran, Baptist, or Pentecostal because these religions were started many centuries after Jesus built his church (Matt. 16: 18, 19, Acts 2: 47, KJV).

**"Church of Christ?"** Regarding "church of Christ," we read the following: "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you" (Rom. 16: 16). Christ is the founder of his church, he provides the teaching, he has assigned the work, he is her husband and head, and he died for the church (Matt. 16: 19; 2 John 9-11; 1 Tim. 3: 15; Eph. 5: 22, 23; Acts 20: 28). Moreover, Christ is the savior of the church (Eph. 5: 23). Therefore, it should be no surprise that we read of "churches of Christ." It is true that it takes more than the right "name" to be the Lord's church. However, the right designation is required. Men can be united around Jesus' name and glorification, however, seeking human matters divide (1 Cor. 1: 10 ff.).



# Order of Worship

**Songleader**

**Jeremiah Darden**

Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Prayer

**Song # 587 -**  
**Sing and Be Happy**

**Song # 324 -**  
**Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?**

Lord's Supper  
Contribution

**Kids 4 Kids**  
**Bible Hour**

Prayer Requests

**Song # 852 -**  
**When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder**

Scripture Reading -  
**Matthew 16:15-23**

**Sermon by:**  
**Darryl Darden**

**"Peter Principles"**

Song of Invitation:  
**Song # 924 -**  
**Just As I Am**

**Song # 574 -**  
**Oh, How I Love Jesus**

Closing Prayer



## This Week's Schedule of Events



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

**Building Lock Up: Tony Rose**

**\*\*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)**



**Ladies' Holiday**

**Fellowship & Movie**

Join us TODAY for movie and fellowship. Following today's service.

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

**Mon., Dec. 15th**

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

**7 p.m. - En Linea Noche de Oración**

**Tues., Dec. 16th**

**10 a.m. Tuesday Ladies'**

**Bible Study - Canceled**

**6:30 p.m. Young Adult Class**  
presented by  
**Jeremiah & Jessica Baker**  
childcare provided.



**Wed., Dec. 17th**

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



**Fri., Dec. 19th**

**7- 8:30 p.m.**  
**Men's Bible**  
**Study**



**"Biblical Men's Roles"**

presented by Mark Gruwell

Dear Brethren,

Attached, you will find the Victor Valley Church of Christ 2025-2026 budget summary. Please take the time to review the budget and, if you like, ask questions / provide feedback to the Elders concerning this document.

Some points to consider in this budget for your information:

We have seen a lot of changes to our congregation; brethren have gone home to their reward, others have moved out of the area for different reasons, and we have many new faces worshipping with us. We have gone through a review of the budget, attempting to keep it aligned with our vision and our mission statements. We have cut where we can, but have seen a rise in cost for services that we are required to have and others we need in order to operate efficiently and effectively. We have been blessed this last year by you in the contributions you have entrusted to us for doing God's Work here in the Victor Valley area, as well as around the country and the world. We ended our fiscal year on September 30, 2025, with a very small deficit of \$2,413.00. Our income last year was almost \$302,000. Our weekly average contribution last year was about \$5,711, not including a large one-time contribution.

As we have mentioned in the past, the numbers in the budget are an educated guess based upon past expenditures, the ministry leader's input, and a forecast of anticipated needs. Because these are estimates, some of these line items may or may not be expended, while others may be above the estimate; we still need to have them in place for planning and execution purposes.

The elders have been using the Building Fund to fund large facility expenditures. The facility is aging, and we envision having to do some major work this fiscal year. Two years ago, we had a \$20,000 bill to repair the roof on the south side of the building. We need to repair the other three sides as well. This year, we replaced all three of the overhead projectors in the auditorium and have been upgrading our audio and visual systems. Our air and heating system is aging and has required extensive maintenance over the last year, and will need even more this year.

We are thankful for the talent that exists in the congregation to fix things that go wrong with the building. Without this ability, our facility maintenance costs would be much higher. We will be challenged in the future as several of our handy people are moving away.

The elders want to thank the congregation for your prayers for wisdom in decisions we make in the work of our Lord and His church, and the support you give to this work. Please review the attached budget, and if you have any questions, please ask the elders.

May God continue to bless His Church, In Christian Love.



# FY 24 - 25 VWCOC BUDGET

Account	Expenses FY 24-25	Budget FY 25 - 26	Memo
Income	\$ 301,953.69		
Expenses	\$ 304,366.32		
Budget		\$ 349,497.00	
Teaching Supplies	\$ 2,190.71	\$ 6,000.00	
Ministries	\$ 3,740.67	\$ 11,700.00	
Evangelism Supplies	\$ 6,783.07	\$ 4,375.00	
Office Expense	\$ 21,419.70	\$ 23,480.00	
Mission & Benevolence	\$ 24,874.47	\$ 22,800.00	
Fellowship	\$ 2,082.44	\$ 2,650.00	
Salaries	\$ 161,792.27	\$ 196,392.00	
Facility Expenses	\$ 35,315.15	\$ 34,300.00	
Building Insurance	\$ 20,015.29	\$ 20,600.00	
Utilities	\$ 26,152.55	\$ 27,200.00	
Weekly Contribution	\$ 5,853.20	\$ 6,721.10	
Monthly Contribution	\$ 25,363.86	\$ 29,124.75	
Quarterly Contribution	\$ 76,091.58	\$ 87,374.25	
			12/14/2025



## December This Week's Birthday's

14th - Soledad Bustamante  
14th - Brittany Everly  
14th - Amanda Lancaster  
16th - Dennis Canady  
19th - Salvador Tapia



### Anniversaries

19th - Javier & Laura Hernandez  
20th - Pablo & Elvia Aguayo

## Holiday Boxes



We will only prepare boxes for our members who need them this holiday season. If your family is in need of one, please let one of our Elders know TODAY.

Members are asked to help fill our boxes. Donated items can be dropped off in the kitchen.

Please choose at least three (3) items from the following list:

**Can of Pineapple, Can of Baked Beans, Box of Scalloped Potatoes, Box of Cake Mix, Can of Frosting, Can of Pillsbury Rolls, and Canned Corn.**

**Last day to donate Dec. 17th**

**The boxes will be distributed on Dec., 21st, following morning services.**

COMING SOON

**Sub "Splash"**  
VICTOR VALLEY  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## 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; and Sandy Wooten.

### Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Antonia Bell; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Christina Wityczak; David Bohm; Dondi Bell; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Kathy Najera; Marie Guess; Melanie Gammage; Orvella Stallings; Pauletta Hobson; Samuel Detwiler; Vicki Brown; and Yolanda Perez.

### General

Barbara Tidwell; Dan; Danelle Tess; Mary; Nova Gomez's children; Teddy Jordan; Tianna Smith; and Susana Orrala's grandchildren.

### Health

Barbara Holliday; Charles McGee & wife Katy; Cydney Holliday's uncle Rick; Danelle Tess' nephew, Kade, and her father; Donte Williams; Elvia Aguayo's parents & husband; John & Kelly Tynan; Rick Jordan; Tommye Frelot; and the sick.

### Thanksgiving

Barbara Holliday; Eva Wityczak; the McClellan's; and Nova Gomez.

### Travels

Antonia Bell and Susana Orrala's niece, Andrea and her children.



## Church Office Holiday Closure



In observance of the holiday season, the church office will be closed from

**December 22, 2025, thru January 4, 2026.**

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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 12/07/25	\$	4,841.31	Teen Fund	\$	5,147.00
Contribution 11/30/25	\$	3,979.797	Mission Fund	\$	4,336.00
Special Contributions	\$	730.00	Scholarship Fund	\$	1,180.00
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$	56,669.11	Kids 4 Kids	\$	135.00

### Attendance

A.M. Worship

In Person

118

Via Zoom 25