

# Arlington Church of Christ

*"The churches of Christ greet you."  
Romans 16:16*

## ELDERS

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Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.\*

Sunday Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who made a bronze snake?

## Belief in God

According to a 2022 poll, the number of Americans who 'believe in God,' (whatever they see as God), is now at its lowest point since the question was first asked in 1944. In the 1950's – the poll found that almost every one believed in God (99%), but since then has been declining steadily. It is now at 81% which is a 6 point drop from just 5 years ago. Now this does not mean that 81% are actually Christians since of that same 81%, only 40% said that God hears prayers and can intervene on a person's behalf. And 2 in 10 Americans are atheists, which doesn't mean no religion, as atheism is a religion in itself.

Also it was found that only 68% of young people believe in God. Nearly 3 of 10 millennials and Generation Z young people are atheists. Generation Z has been called the first 'post-Christian' generation.

But this is not surprising in our society where self-gratification, secularism, and humanistic teachings are prevailing throughout or institutions of learning. Morality is relegated to 'whatever the situation may be', and all that matters is that I get what I want. Young people are taught that we are just the product of evolution and have no more value than any plant or animal. Generations of young people have been indoctrinated with this and those same previous generations are now in positions of policy making for our country. They were never disciplined or taught God's truth at home or why they should believe the scriptures and so most people today have only a vague sense of 'God', but not the way the Bible portrays Him. The scriptures tell us:

Job 42:2 "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Psalms 33:11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

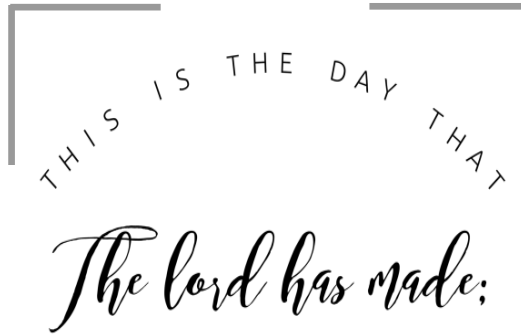
God is still working His plan, and while the times can be discouraging, we need to remember that God can still save those from any nation who will obey His simple plan of salvation. Believe in Jesus, repent of your sins, confess your faith, and be baptized into Christ to obtain the forgiveness of sins. Those who remain true to Christ in the midst of a generation who have rejected and openly rebel against Him will be saved. You see, it doesn't matter what the polls say – what matters is what we say, what we teach our family and others, how we live according to His instructions from the scriptures. As Paul said -1 Corinthians 4:3-4 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

**PRAYER LIST**

Don Decker Sr.

\*See the caring cards list in the lobby

*"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."*  
James 5:16



LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD IN IT.  
-PSALM 118:24

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/11 Cliff Jacobs
- 9/14 Melia Sayre-Jackson
- 9/19 Jeff Nauman
- 9/30 Kyra Manske
- 10/3 Ila Grace Slater

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."*  
Matt 18:20

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 9/25 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
- 10/2 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 10/14 Ladies' Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10/9 Ron & Johan Hartman
- 10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams

**MEN TO SERVE**

**9/11**

**9/18**

Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer
Opening Prayer AM	John Bauer	Jeff McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Edlin	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Mike Menard	Del Pickett
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	John Bauer	John Bauer
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(9/14) John Bauer	(9/21) Jeff McCollum
(Wed.) Song Leader	(9/14) Jeff McCollum	(9/21) John Bauer

**SCRIPTURE READING**

	AM	PM
Sept. 11	Prov. 19, 20	2Cor. 3
Sept. 12	Prov. 21, 22	2Cor. 4
Sept. 13	Prov. 23, 24	2Cor. 5
Sept. 14	Prov. 25-27	2Cor. 6
Sept. 15	Prov. 28, 29	2Cor. 7
Sept. 16	Prov. 30, 31	2Cor. 8
Sept. 17	Eccles. 1-3	2Cor. 9

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*  
Luke 11:28

**PANTRY NEEDS**

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| Over the counter medicines/aspirin | Canned meats— fish, chicken & SPAM         |
| Laundry detergent                  | Canned Veggies— greens, potatoes, etc.     |
| Face soap & Shampoo                | (not corn, green beans, or peas)           |
| Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels       | Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc. |
| Boxed Potatoes                     | Peanut butter and Jelly                    |
| Small- Flour and Sugar             | Breakfast Cereal                           |

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

A: Moses