



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

Complete the proverb –
A soft answer turns away?

Evidence of God

The media has given the idea that there is little or no evidence to prove the existence of God. It is treated as though science has disproved the existence of God. But the Bible says that the evidence for God's existence is so great that only "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" Ps 14:1. And Paul says in Romans 1:19-20 that the evidence from the creation is so clear that those who refuse to see it are 'without excuse'.

Why would someone try to ignore the existence of God? The answer is to try to escape guilt and accountability to God for their actions. Paul explained this in Romans 1:28 when he said: "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done". So quoting the Bible to one who does not believe in God or His word is not going to 'prove' it to them. But the Bible does make powerful arguments.

One argument that can be made is called the first cause argument. It is a scientific fact that something cannot come from nothing. Since the universe exists, then it had to come from somewhere or someone. In other words, everything that exists had to have a 'first cause' – something that made it. The Bible gives the first cause of all things as the eternal, immortal, self-existing God. (Hebrews 3:4) There are only four possible explanations for the universe:

- 1 – It really doesn't exist, it is just an illusion.
- 2 – It came out of nothing spontaneously.
- 3 – It has always existed (it is eternal).
- 4 – It was created by an eternal Creator.

Which is supported by the evidence? The first two choices are generally acknowledged as not reasonable or logically defensible. The third choice is contrary to all the known Laws of Thermodynamics, which say the universe is a closed system that is running down and that demands that it had a beginning. The only logical explanation is that the universe was created by God who made all things.

And there is also the argument from design. This says that the complexity and order that compose the universe from atomic makeup to the order of galaxies can only be explained adequately by the intelligence of a creator. Even the marvelous workings of our bodies speaks clearly of a designer. Design demands a designer, and intelligence demands a higher intelligence. The 19th psalms states this "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

The evidence for God is all around us and embedded in us. Some may ignore or deny it, but they cannot escape it. And we all will one day have to answer for what we did with the evidence that God has supplied for us.

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

Don Decker Sr.



*See the caring cards list in the lobby

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

- 10/3 Ila Grace Slater
- 10/20 Toni Maddox
- 10/25 Tyler Williams
- 11/4 Janette Wendt

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/2 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 10/14 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 10/16 Area Wide Singing 3PM @ Garrard Street CoC

- 10/9 Ron & Johan Hartman
- 10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams
- 11/1 Squire & Lois Lemons

MEN TO SERVE

10/2

10/9

SCRIPTURE READING

	10/2	10/9		AM	PM
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Oct. 2	Isa. 24-26	Eph. 4
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Oct. 3	Isa. 27, 28	Eph. 5
Song Leader PM	Mike Menard	John Bauer	Oct. 4	Isa. 29, 30	Eph. 6
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Oct. 5	Isa. 31-33	Phil. 1
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Hartman	Ron Edlin	Oct. 6	Isa. 34-36	Phil. 2
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Oct. 7	Isa. 37, 38	Phil. 3
Assistant #1	Matt Williams	Mike Menard	Oct. 8	Isa. 39, 40	Phil. 4
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	John Bauer			
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum			
(Wed.) Devotional	(10/5) Jeff McCollum	(10/12) John Bauer			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(10/5) Mike Menard	(10/12) Jeff McCollum			

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

PANTRY NEEDS

TRIVIA ANSWER

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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 |

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Prov 15:1-