

Arlington Church of Christ

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

Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death

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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 was in charge of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem when the people returned from Babylon?

As Patrick Henry concluded his famous speech on March 23, 1775 he said "I know not what course others may take – but as for me – give me liberty or give me death." The reality of our life is that there really are only two choices – liberty or death – when it comes to our spiritual condition before God. Everyone who has attained personal accountability stands condemned before God because of our sins. As Romans 3:23 says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and Romans 6:23 adds "For the wages of sin is death...". Since we all have sinned, we are all under a death sentence.

The only way out of this sentence is Jesus Christ. He died to liberate us from our sins. (2 Cor 5:21) And in order to gain that liberty, we must die with Him, crucifying our sin-condemned self through repentance, and then burying the old man of sin through baptism into the death of Jesus. Because our sinful self has died and been buried with Christ, we now stand free – in liberty- from sin. Rom 6:3-7 "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin."

Liberty from sin does not give us liberty to do whatever we please. As the Bible tells us when we are set free from sin, we now have a new master – righteousness. Rom 6:17-18 "But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." Someone might complain that you have only traded one form of slavery for another. But when the alternative is death, that is a very good trade.

Rom 6:16-17 "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?" You see, our liberty is not a passive thing. Becoming free requires action on our part – obedience to God's word. That is exactly what Jesus himself had said in Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

There is no middle fence-sitting in God's eyes. Either we have liberty from sin through God's grace and our obedience to Christ, or we have the death caused by remaining in our sins. As Patrick Henry said, we have to choose what course we will take. Will you choose to obey the Lord, and gain the liberty from your sins – or will you refuse to listen to the Word and die in your sins. Which will you choose?

PRAYER LIST

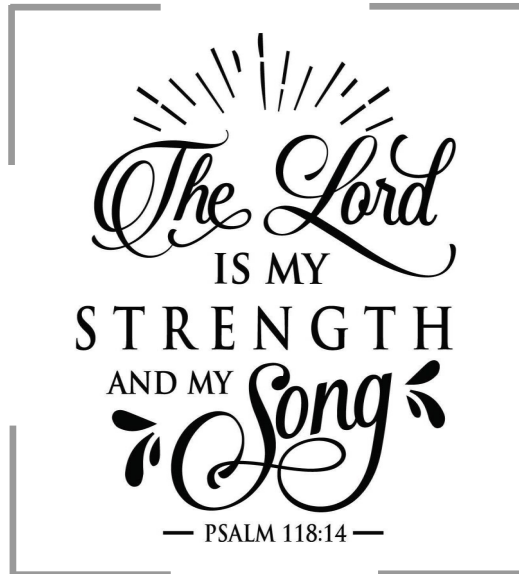
BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Wednesday night class will be **Zoom only** starting 11/9 (after the time changes). Zoom link is on our website

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



- 10/28 Ron Edlin
- 11/4 Janette Wendt
- 11/11 Squire Lemons
- 11/13 Lois Lemons
- 11/20 Nikkie McCollum

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/6 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 11/11 Ladies’ Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 11/13 Area Wide Singing at Kennedy Heights

- 11/1 Squire & Lois Lemons
- 11/8 Cliff & Gayla Jacobs

MEN TO SERVE

10/30

11/6

SCRIPTURE READING

	10/30	11/6
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	John Bauer	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	Mike Menard	John Bauer
Opening Prayer AM	Joe McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Edlin	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Jeff Nauman	Del Pickett
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	John Bauer	John Bauer
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(11/2) Jeff McCollum	(11/9) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(11/2) John Bauer	(11/9) Jeff McCollum

	AM	PM
Oct. 30	Jer. 27, 28	2Tim. 4
Oct. 31	Jer. 29, 30	Titus 1
Nov. 1	Jer. 31, 32	Titus 2
Nov. 2	Jer. 33-35	Titus 3
Nov. 3	Jer. 36, 37	Phil. 1
Nov. 4	Jer. 38, 39	Heb. 1
Nov. 5	Jer. 40-42	Heb. 2

*“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.
(not corn, green beans, or peas) |
| Face soap & Shampoo | Fruit Juice– apple, grape, pineapple, etc. |
| Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels | Peanut butter and Jelly |
| Boxed Potatoes | Breakfast Cereal |
| Small- Flour and Sugar | |

A: Nehemiah