



Arlington Church of Christ

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

Helping or Hurting

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

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

Sunday Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Zoom.....7:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

James 2:20 tells us that :
Faith without works is ...?

The scriptures tell us that as Christians we are supposed to demonstrate love for others. In trying to live out this command, we often do anything we can to help relieve the problems and sufferings of others. But we must consider if in our attempts to 'show love' to others that we are sometimes doing them more harm than good. If the help that we give allows people to continue in self-destructive behavior or in a direction that is leading them away from God, then that help is actually harming them. It doesn't matter if we feel good about helping them because it is not love to assist someone in any behavior that does not bring them closer to God.

There is a big difference between helping solve someone's problems and just allowing them to continue on in self-destructive behaviors. But we want to 'act like Christians', 'let our light shine', and feel like we have 'done some good'. "Helping" may be defined as doing something for another physically or financially that will help them stop activities that are harmful to them. While "enabling" may be defined as doing something for another physically or financially that will help them to continue activities that are harmful to them. Yet many Christians will "help" the same person again and again and in the process may actually be destroying them with 'love'. When we continue to do the same things for people, things that they should be doing for themselves, we make it easier for them to stay on the 'broad path' that leads to destruction. How can we know when we are helping or when we are simply enabling someone to continue an irresponsible lifestyle?

It requires that we ask some questions. Often we hesitate to ask questions so as not to be seen as nosy, but that is the only way to determine the cause of the problem and the best action to take toward correcting it. Too often, we simply give and pat ourselves on the back and say 'what they do with it is their problem, I've done my part', without considering if we are allowing them to keep up their undisciplined lifestyle and never learn to manage their own resources. 2 Thess 3:10-13

Remember that the Bible teaches that 'suffering' is not always bad. While it is hard for us to stand back and see another person struggle when we could help is difficult, but just jumping into every situation without evaluating the circumstances is not the wise or loving thing to do. Prov 19:3, 19 So the challenge we face is to be wise enough to determine when our helping actually hurts in leading a person toward the Lord. We need to be able to help and teach at the same time. Even Jesus fed only those who were willing to spend the time listening to His message, not the general population. If a person is not willing to be taught or to learn, then we should be wise enough to allow them to undergo discipline. Heb 12:11 Love may sometimes have to be "tough love". Even God practices this: Rom 1:21 ,24 Sometimes the best help that we can give is a "no" to those who continue to ask for assistance with things that they should be providing on their own. It is especially hard when those who are involved are members of our own physical or church family. Instead we need to offer solutions to the problems and help in working toward those solutions. God expects us to be good stewards of what he has given us. May we learn to use discernment and wisdom in serving the Lord by serving others.

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Christmas cards for the congregation will be collected for distribution. Please place them in the box in the foyer no later than Dec 11.

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



- 11/20 Nikkie McCollum
- 12/7 Forsythia Montesclaros
- 12/9 Madelyn Williams
- 12/10 Landon McCollum
- 12/19 David Bauer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/20 Starting today, Sunday evening services will begin at 5:00
- 12/9 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 12/11 Christmas cards due & fellowship Dinner after morning worship

- 11/24 Jeff & Nikkie McCollum
- 12/6 Scott & Meagan Bauer

MEN TO SERVE

11/20

11/27

SCRIPTURE READING

	11/20	11/27		AM	PM
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Nov. 20	Ezek. 22-23	James 2
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Nov. 21	Ezek. 24-26	James 3
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer	Nov. 22	Ezek. 27, 28	James 4
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Nov. 23	Ezek. 29, 31	James 5
Opening Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Nov. 24	Ezek. 32, 33	1Peter 1
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Nov. 25	Ezek. 34, 35	1Peter 2
Assistant #1	Matt Williams	Jeff Nauman	Nov. 26	Ezek. 36, 37	1Peter 3
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	John Bauer	John Bauer			
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer			
(Wed.) Devotional	(11/23) On Zoom	(11/30) On Zoom			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(11/23) On Zoom	(11/30) On Zoom			

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

PANTRY NEEDS

TRIVIA ANSWER

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

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