



# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## His Eye is on the Sparrow

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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

How old was Noah when the flood ended?

When Jesus sent the apostles out to preach, he told them to expect persecution and rejection. (Matt 10:16-22) And then to assure them of God's care for them, he said in: Matt 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

The term 'sparrow' is the name given to several species of birds in the Bible. They ate grain and insects, and gathered in noisy flocks. They would build their nests in the eaves of houses and even in the temple. They were such a social bird, that a single one was the symbol for great loneliness. In the days of the Bible, sparrows were sold for a very small price – two of them for a copper coin (asarion) which was worth only about 1/16 of a denarius – less than a quarter's value today. Those who were poor and could not sacrifice a sheep or goat could bring two sparrows to the temple. They were so insignificant that if a person bought four of them, the seller would often throw in another for free. This free one was the one Jesus said was not forgotten by God. His love for his creation is so great that even the extra sparrow is important to God.

Although God cares for the sparrows, the fact that 'not one of them falls to the ground apart from the will of your Father', this doesn't mean that bad things cannot happen to them. Although God watches over the sparrows, they are still hunted by predators. And although God watches over us, that doesn't mean our lives will be free from problems. God put a 'hedge' around Job, but still allowed Satan to tempt him. And yet in the midst of it all, Job did not lose his faith in God. He said: Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him. We are assured though that with every temptation, God will make a way of escape for us, that you are able to bear it. (1 Cor 10:13)

We may not esteem the sparrow, but God used it to show his care for us. If God cares about a tiny sparrow, how much more will he care for us since he said - "you are worth more than many sparrows'. There is no place for worry in the life of a sparrow. They don't try to stockpile for the future. They work hard every day to 'make a living' but they do not worry. Sparrows don't try to see into the future and don't seek security in the accumulation of things. Worry is a manifestation of a lack of faith in God. Sparrows show their faith by going out every day expecting to find the necessities they need for that day. They have faith that what they require will be provided for them – and it is! We need to learn that lesson – do our work day by day and trust God to supply what is needed. When we do that then we will have gained the faith of a sparrow and the eternal blessing of trust in our Heavenly Father.

**PRAYER LIST**

\*See the caring cards list in the lobby

Jeff Nauman's surgery  
Baby Ian

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

BUT THE  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT  
IS **LOVE**  
*joy* PEACE  
*patience*  
KINDNESS  
GOODNESS  
*faithfulness*  
GENTLENESS  
SELF-CONTROL

GALATIANS 5:22-23

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/5 Andrea Bauer
- 2/13 Meagan Bauer
- 2/14 Jeff McCollum
- 2/16 Charlotte Violet Bauer
- 2/24 Ron Hartman
- 3/2 Charlie Colvin
- 3/7 Walker Slater

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 2/5 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 2/10 Ladies' Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 2/26 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2/9 Brad & Emily Rice
- 2/18 David & Andrea Bauer

**MEN TO SERVE**

2/5

2/12

**SCRIPTURE READING**

	2/5	2/12		AM	PM
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Feb. 5	Ex. 37, 38	Matt. 23:-39
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Feb. 6	Ex. 39, 40	Matt. 24:1-22
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	Mike Menard	Feb. 7	Lev. 1-3	Matt. 24:23-51
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Feb. 8	Lev. 4-6	Matt. 25:1-30
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman	Feb. 9	Lev. 7-9	Matt. 25:31-46
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Feb. 10	Lev. 10-12	Matt. 26:1-19
Assistant #1	Del Pickett	Brad Price	Feb. 11	Lev. 13	Matt. 26:20-54
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum			
(Wed.) Devotional	(2/8) On Zoom	(2/15) On Zoom			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(2/8) On Zoom	(2/15) 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

A: 601 years old