



# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## Time to Give Up the Ghost

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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

What did Rachel steal from her  
father Laban?

When Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room after His resurrection Luke records in 24:37-39 "They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost (spirit). 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost (spirit) does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

And remember when Jesus came walking on the water out to His disciples. They were afraid and thought they saw a ghost (Mark 6:49). The Greek word here is phantasma from which we get our word phantom. But Jesus assured them that it was He himself and He gave Peter the ability to walk on the water (at least temporarily). And then in Acts 12:13, when Peter was in prison and unexpectedly shows up at the door of John Mark's house – the servant girl Rhoda told those praying there that Peter was at the door – but they said it must be his 'angel'. So some ask – was Jesus were a spirit or a ghost – if so, how did He have a body that could be seen and touched – and if He were still human, how could he get into the locked room? So was Jesus a ghost? Or a spirit? Or an angel?

The problem is with our English translations. The word translated as 'ghost' or 'spirit' in these verses in Luke 24 is the Greek word pneuma which is translated in many ways in the New Testament. It is translated as 'soul, spirit, ghost (in older translations), breath, wind, and others. While it sometimes refers to angels, it is never translated as angel. The Greek for angel is aggelos, a different word found in Acts 12.

And then we have verses like Hebrews 1:7 'In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.' And Hebrews 1:14 'Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?' Here angels are called spirits, so angels are 'spirits', but not all spirits are angels. This is confusing to many people.

But to say they are the same would be like saying that a fish scale, a musical scale, and a balance scale are all the same because they are all 'scales'.

While angels are spirits, they are unique - consider that angels can take on physical form and eat as in Genesis 19:3 when they visited Abraham with God, something that spirits in general cannot do.

In Jesus' day, the common belief was that after death a person's 'disembodied soul' (something like the 'ghost' idea today) stayed near the body for three days just in case it came back to life if the person was just in a coma. After that, the soul moved on going to Sheol if it was wicked or went to Abraham's bosom if it was righteous. But when Lazarus died, Jesus purposely waited two days to return so that it would be four days before He got back to Bethany – Lazarus was beyond all 'hope' that he could be brought back (John 11) But Jesus is not limited to human beliefs and ideas and He raised Lazarus and God was glorified.

So back in Luke 24, when Jesus appears in the locked room, He was dispelling the notion that He was just a disembodied soul and proved that he had both a body and a soul – even giving final proof by eating a piece of fish Jesus didn't say – even though there are ghosts, I'm not a ghost- I'm not just some disembodied soul- I have a body and yet he was not just a man in mere mortal body. He was in His glorified body – the same kind of body that we will receive at our resurrection – 1Cor 15:42-52.

**PRAYER LIST**

\*See the caring cards list in the lobby

Baby Ian

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Taylor and Annabelle McCollum were baptized into Christ last Sunday morning.

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

MY  
**GRACE**  
IS SUFFICIENT  
FOR YOU,  
FOR MY  
**POWER**  
IS MADE  
PERFECT IN WEAKNESS

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3/29 Harold Chase Bauer
- 3/30 Jennifer Meece
- 4/3 Doris McCollum
- 4/4 John Bauer
- 4/9 Lucinda Rice
- 4/13 Emily Rice
- 4/14 Roscoe Thomas Bauer

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 3/26 Fellowship Dinner after services
- 4/2 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 4/14 Ladies' Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4/3 Jeff & Wrajean Nauman
- 4/8 Charlie & Barb Colvin

**MEN TO SERVE**

3/26

4/2

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	Joe McCollum	John Bauer
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	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	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(3/29) Mike Menard	(4/5) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(3/29) Jeff McCollum	(4/5) Mike Menard

**SCRIPTURE READING**

AM

PM

March 26	Josh. 16-18	Luke 5:1-16
March 27	Josh. 19, 20	Luke 5:17-39
March 28	Josh. 21, 22	Luke 6:1-26
March 29	Josh. 23, 24	Luke 6:27-49
March 30	Judg. 1, 2	Luke 7:1-30
March 31	Judg. 3-5	Luke 7:31-50
April 1	Judg. 6, 7	Luke 8:1-21

*"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: his household gods (idols)