



Arlington Church of Christ

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

Common Law Christianity

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

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

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

Wednesday Class.....7:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How much manna were the Israelites told to gather for each person?

In some states there is a situation called 'common law' marriage. In this situation, when a couple has lived together for a time and carries on business dealings as husband and wife, they are considered by the state to be 'married' without ever having gone through the marriage ceremony. The state may consider them married, but the Lord does not. The scriptures tell us that it is the Lord who joins people together, not some governmental decree. (Matthew 19:5-6) But this concept has become accepted in our society to such an extent that many 'couples' simply live together without getting married and consider themselves right.

We see a similar thing occurring in the church. People will come to services for years and never respond to the invitation, yet consider themselves righteous. Just as simply living together makes a 'common law' marriage, these people feel that just being at services makes them a Christian and 'married to Christ'. But the Bible tells us that it is those who are in the church who are the 'bride' of Christ. (2 Cor 11:2, Eph 5:23-25)

And we are told that to be in the church, we must be 'saved' - Acts 2:47 "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." And on Pentecost, when Peter was explaining to the people what they must do to be saved, he said in Acts 2:38-39, 40-41 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

In order to be saved, one must be born again - John 3:3 and that that birth must include both water (baptism) and the Spirit (receiving the Holy Spirit at baptism - see acts 2:38) - John 3:5

And yet in spite of these scriptures, people hold to the false belief that they are 'married to Christ' as a Christian just because they attend services regularly or if another family member is a Christian that that somehow makes them one too. Perhaps we as Christians are part of the problem - in our effort to be welcoming and friendly, we offer the same benefits to those who are not Christians as we do to those who are. We make no distinction between those who have obeyed the gospel and those who have not and so, even though the gospel is preached and the need to become a Christian is stressed each week, those who have not obeyed do not feel any real need to respond.

Question - When we interact with those who are not Christians, do we say the same things, write the same cards, give the same parties as we do for those who are our Brothers and Sisters in Christ? Do we ever mention the need for them to obey Christ in any communication? The world is telling them that they are 'fine' just as they are. What are we telling them? We cannot buy into the 'common law' lie of the devil.

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



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

- 5/4 Bruce Maddox
- 5/6 Barb Colvin
- 5/14 Bev Hood
- 5/30 Bijan Ariapad
- 6/6 Weston Manske
- 6/7 Jill Claire

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/7 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 5/12 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

- 5/14 Isaac & Felicia Rice
- 5/20 Manuel & Herminia Montesclaros
- 5/22 Steve & Christy Williams
- 5/25 Del & Anita Pickett

MEN TO SERVE

4/30

5/7

Sermon AM/PM	Guest Speaker	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Mike Menard	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer
Opening Prayer AM	Joe McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Hartman	John Bauer
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Matt Williams	Del Pickett
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(5/3) Jeff McCollum	(5/10) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(5/3) Mike Menard	(5/10) Jeff McCollum

SCRIPTURE READING

April 30	2Sam. 23, 24	Luke 22:31-53
May 1	1Kings 1, 2	Luke 22:54-71
May 2	1Kings 3-5	Luke 23:1-26
May 3	1Kings 6, 7	Luke 23:27-38
May 4	1Kings 8, 9	Luke 23:39-56
May 5	1Kings 10, 11	Luke 24:1-35
May 6	1Kings 12, 13	Luke 24:36-53

*"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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(2 quarts)