



Arlington Church of Christ

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

Inclusive 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 gold was used to make the seven-branched lampstand for the tabernacle?

The scriptures tell us that Jesus died for all, that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, and that we all need the forgiveness that can come only from the blood of Christ. (Rom 3:23-24, Rom 5:6-8) In that sense, the gospel is 'inclusive', but the true meaning of inclusiveness has been hijacked by progressive activists who insist that the church must change itself to 'include' them. By this they mean that the Bible cannot mean what it plainly says, that it must be reinterpreted to allow them to continue to do the things they are doing and be accepted, rather than changing themselves to fit the Biblical teachings. They are looking for a Christianity that 'serves them' rather than calling them to serve God. (Mk 10:45) We must come to God on His terms, not on our own. We cannot change the requirements of belief (John 8:24), repentance (Luke 3:3, Acts 3:19), confession of your faith (Matt 10:32-33), and baptism to receive the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21). We can only obey what God has required and in that way we 'include' ourselves in the church. (Acts 2:47)

As the church we preach the word of God, we offer the invitation to respond to God's offer on His terms, but people must come on their own accord and accept the sacrifice of Christ for their forgiveness. But people must accept the Truth of the gospel and change their lifestyle to match it, not try to change the gospel to fit their lifestyle. When people came to Jesus to follow Him, he told them that they would have to 'deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him' (Matt 16:24) He told them they had to stop sinning (John 8), that they had to follow the 'narrow way' and not the broad 'inclusive' path (Matt 7:13-14) and that the majority of people would not find it because it was a difficult road demanding sacrifice, obedience, and surrendering our wills to His.

Throughout the scriptures, when a person comes to forgiveness that person first shows acceptance of the fact that they have sinned and repentance of that sin - whether it is the prodigal son in Luke 15 or the thief on the cross in Luke 23. One who refuses to recognize that they are in violation of God's Word will feel no need for repentance. They want instead for the Lord to make an exception for them - in essence saying that they don't need the blood of Jesus to make them right - that they can do it all on their own. We find many 'churches' today who are promoting their 'inclusiveness', by which they mean that anyone can be accepted without any changes to their life at all - but notice what Jesus said in Matt 7:21-28 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

And yet Christians who teach the Bible as it is written are called extremists, or right-wing-fundamentalists because they refuse to give in to the latest push to water-down the gospel. They face scorn and mockery, they are challenged and sued by radical activists who do not really want to 'be saved', but who simply want to disrupt and minimize anything that makes them feel guilty or uncomfortable in their sin. But this should not come as a surprise - Jesus said we would face things like that - (Matt 24:9-10, Matt 10:24-28, 2Tim 3:12). May we stand firm in the word and teach and preach it unapologetically for it is only in that way that we can be saved - Rev 2:10

PRAYER LIST

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/14 Bev Hood
- 5/30 Bijan Ariapad
- 6/6 Weston Manske
- 6/7 Jill Claire
- 6/11 Gayla Jacobs
- 6/12 Felicia Rice
- 6/12 Greg Vicars

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/21 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship— this will be catered
- 6/4 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MEN TO SERVE

5/14

5/21

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	Jeff McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Hartman	John Bauer
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Brad Price	Jeff Nauman
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(5/17) Mike Menard	(5/24) Jeff McCollum
(Wed.) Song Leader	(5/17) John Bauer	(5/24) Mike Menard

SCRIPTURE READING

AM

PM

May 21	1Chron. 3-5	John 8:1-20
May 22	1Chron. 6, 7	John 8:21-36
May 23	1Chron. 8-10	John 8:37-59
May 24	1Chron. 11-13	John 9:1-23
May 25	1Chron. 14-16	John 9:24-41
May 26	1Chron. 17-19	John 10:1-21
May 27	1Chron. 20-22	John 10:22-42

"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: 75 pounds