



Arlington Church of Christ

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

"Eating" the Word

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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

What age Levites were eligible to work at the tabernacle?

Throughout the Old Testament there were prophets who were told to 'eat' God's word. For example, Jeremiah in Jer 15:16 "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty" and Ezekiel in Ezek 2:8 "But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." In the New Testament, John writes in Rev 10:9 "So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey." Even Jesus told those who would follow him, John 6:53 "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" and then explained in John 6:63 "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." When one "eats" the words of God, they become part of us and we become living translations of those words by our lives.

The term 'eating the word' simply means to meditate on it and take it into your life. We may read a scripture many times without ever really thinking of its implications for us. Studying and meditating on the words of God are like chewing. It takes time and gives us the opportunity to digest what God is telling us. The psalmist wrote - Ps 1:1-2 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." Some passages take time to think through. We may have a difficult situation that we are facing and may not have a direct reference to our problem in the scriptures. We search out passages that give us the principles that we must apply to please the Lord by our actions, and we take the time to think through how they apply to our situation. If we will 'chew' on God's word, we will find the direction we are seeking. Ps 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." And in Ps 63:6, David writes "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

The world puts so much stress on us that our minds can become overwhelmed by the pressures and cares of the day. When the mind is continually dealing with negative, worldly thoughts and concerns, it takes a toll and eventually will come out in our actions. It is vital that we spend time thinking on the things of God. As Paul wrote in Phil 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things."

This takes discipline and practice, but we can train our minds to acknowledge God. Paul wrote in 2 Cor 10:5 "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Spending time 'chewing' on the word of God will result in a change in our lives that people will notice. Paul told Timothy in 1 Tim 4:15 "Meditate on these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress." Let us make the effort to 'eat' God's word as often as we eat our physical meals. The spiritual nourishment will make a change in our lives that is visible to all!

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

- 5/30 Bijan Ariapad
- 6/6 Weston Manske
- 6/7 Jill Claire
- 6/11 Gayla Jacobs
- 6/12 Felicia Rice
- 6/12 Greg Vicars
- 6/16 Kim Roark

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/21 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship– this will be catered
- 6/4 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 6/9 Ladies’ Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

- 5/22 Steve & Christy Williams
- 5/25 Del & Anita Pickett

MEN TO SERVE

5/21

5/28

SCRIPTURE READING

	5/21	5/28
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	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Jeff Nauman	Mike Menard
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(5/24) Jeff McCollum	(5/31) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(5/24) Mike Menard	(5/31) Jeff McCollum

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

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 |

A: 30-50 years old