



# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## The Founders and Slavery

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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 were the dimensions of  
Solomon's temple?

While the founders stressed that Christianity must be the basis of our nation, it is claimed by many that the founders were just a bunch of Deists and slave owners. What did the founders actually say about the subject of slavery - what are the actual historical facts from the founder's own writings and from the information found at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) (Library of Congress website) - as recorded in the annals of Congress.

Facts:

- On Thursday, Oct 20, 1774, the continental Congress agreed to discontinue any slave importation or to have anything to do with promoting slavery. They spoke about previous requests that they had made to the King of England to stop sending slaves to the colonies, but that they were ignored.

- Many of the founding Fathers advocated against slavery, stating in their writings that it was against God's law and their belief. Some of them were Ben Franklin, John Adams, Charles Carroll, John Witherspoon, Richard Lee, Benjamin Rush, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Laurens, John Jay, William Livingston, James Wilson, John Dickinson, Luther Martin, George Mason, Joseph Reed, and Noah Webster.

- The first draft of the Declaration of Independence banned slavery, but the states of Georgia, North and South Carolina opposed this and it was dropped from the Declaration, with provisions added instead intending to end slavery in 20 years.

- America's first anti-slavery society was established by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

- By 1789, 9 of the original 13 states had abolished the practice of slavery and by 1789 slavery was also banned in the 'Northwest Territories' (new states) entering the union.

- In 1808, Congress officially banned the importation of slaves. However, some states refused to follow the national law on slavery which led to the Civil War in 1861.

There are also those who claim that the Constitution states that slaves were 'subhuman' - that they were only considered 3/5 of a person. But what they were referring to was a provision for determining how many representatives each state was to have. The states who still had slaves wanted the slaves counted along with the freemen which would give them a larger say in the country's laws (and help keep slavery in effect). The states without slaves opposed this because they did not want slavery promoted by the Congress. Thus this compromise was reached for the Constitution - but it had nothing to do with the promotion of a race or group as not fully human - rather it was an attempt to limit the influence and eventually end slavery.

This fact was recognized by such great African-American leaders as Frederick Douglas (1852) who said that 'the Constitution does not warrant, license, nor sanction the hateful thing (slavery), but when interpreted as it ought to be - is a glorious liberty document - and hostile to slavery'

His words are agreed to by other top African-American men who said that those using this part of Constitution to say the founders were racists or promoting slavery were "either ignorant or part of a leftist agenda to demean the founding principles of our nation." The founders were not racists, very few even had slaves, and were in fact opposed to and actively attempting to remove it from the new nation they were founding.

**PRAYER LIST**

\*See the caring cards list in the lobby

FOR WITH  
**GOD**  
 ALL THINGS  
**ARE**  
 POSSIBLE

MARK 10:27

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 7/5 Manuel Montesclaros
- 7/10 Wrajean Nauman
- 7/13 Linda Whissel
- 7/14 Taylor McCollum
- 7/16 Sandy Brackett
- 7/17 Brad Rice
- 7/22 Joe McCollum

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 7/2 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 7/14 Ladies’ Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 7/28 Mid-Western Children’s Home Golf Tournament at 8:30- \$125/golfer

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7/26 Joe & Doris McCollum

**MEN TO SERVE**

7/2

7/9

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	Del Pickett	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	(7/5) Jeff McCollum	(7/12) Mike Menard
(Wed.) Song Leader	(7/5) John Bauer	(7/12) Jeff McCollum

**SCRIPTURE READING**

AM

PM

July 2	Job 23-25	Acts 10:24-48
July 3	Job 26-28	Acts 11
July 4	Job 29, 30	Acts 12
July 5	Job 31, 32	Acts 13:1-23
July 6	Job 33-34	Acts 13:24-52
July 7	Job 35-37	Acts 14
July 8	Job 38, 39	Acts 15:1-21

*“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: 90 feet long, 45 feet wide, 45 feet high