

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

Elijah was sent to a poor widow in what town when the brook he was drinking from dried up?

One of the calls today is for the church to be 'more inclusive'. Now the scriptures tell us that we all sin and need forgiveness, and that Jesus died to provide that forgiveness. Romans 3:23-24 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.' In this way the church is inclusive, but the term 'inclusive' has been hijacked by progressive activists who insist that the church must change its teaching to make them feel 'included'. By this they mean the plain teachings of the Bible must be reinterpreted to allow them to do whatever they want and be accepted without changing anything about their lives. They want a Christianity that serves them rather than calling them to serve God. Note the words of Jesus in Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

As the church, we preach the Word of God, we offer the invitation to respond – but that response must be on God's terms, not ours. We cannot change the requirements for forgiveness of sins – belief (John 8:24), repentance (Acts 3:19), confession of faith (Matt 10:32-33), and baptism to receive the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, 1Pet 3:21). When we obey the teachings of the Bible, then God does the 'including' - Acts 2:47 "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

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' (Luke 9:23) He told them that they had to stop sinning (John 8:11), and to follow the narrow way – not the broad 'inclusive' path (Matt 7:13-14) and that most people would not find the narrow way because it is a difficult path requiring sacrifice, obedience, and surrendering of one's own will to the will of God.

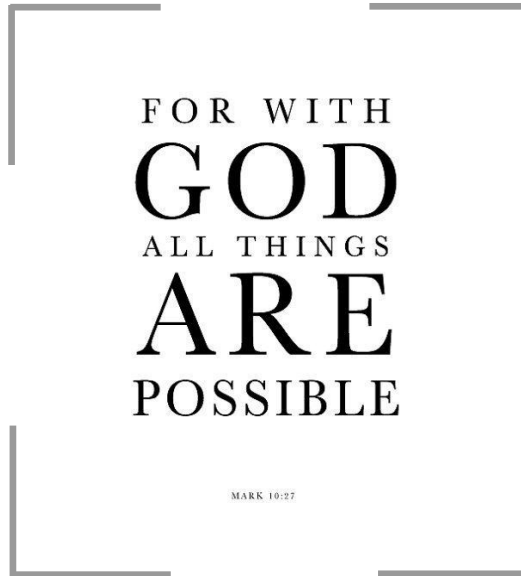
Throughout the scriptures, it is those who recognize that they have sinned and are willing to repent of these sins who find forgiveness for those sins – like the prodigal son in Luke 15. But the one who does not recognize that they have sinned and their life is not in line with God's word will feel no need for repentance. Many times if they realize their lifestyle is not according to the scriptures, they think that the Lord will somehow make an exception for them. In essence they are saying that they do not need the blood of Jesus to make them 'right' in God's sight – that they can do it all on their own.

There are churches today who promote their inclusiveness by accepting anyone with no changes to their lifestyle at all – but Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 "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." While others who teach the Bible as written are called extremists or right-wing fundamentalists because they refuse to change the Biblical teachings. They face scorn and mockery by those who are only looking to be made comfortable in their sin, not really wanting to know the truth or 'be saved'. 2 Timothy 3:12 'In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted'. May we stand firm in the Word and preach it unapologetically for that is the only way we can be saved.

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



- 7/30 Nathaniel Williams
- 7/30 Kaitlynn Roark
- 8/6 Christy Williams
- 8/10 Dave Brackett
- 8/23 Ashley Williams

"So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip."

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/6 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 8/11 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

8/11 Dave & Sandy Brackett

MEN TO SERVE

7/30

8/6

SCRIPTURE READING

	7/30	8/6
Sermon AM/PM	Guest Speaker	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	(8/2) Mike Menard	(8/9) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(8/2) Jeff McCollum	(8/9) Mike Menard

	AM	PM
July 30	Ps. 59-61	Acts 28:16-31
July 31	Ps. 62-64	Rom. 1
Aug. 1	Ps. 65-67	Rom. 2
Aug. 2	Ps. 68, 69	Rom. 3
Aug. 3	Ps. 70-72	Rom. 4
Aug. 4	Ps. 73, 74	Rom. 5
Aug. 5	Ps. 75-77	Rom. 6

"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— all kinds |
| Face soap & Shampoo | Breakfast Cereal |
| Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels | Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc. |
| Boxed Potatoes | Peanut butter and Jelly |
| Small- Flour and Sugar | |

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