

# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## Dealing with Transgenderism - 2

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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

Who wrote the proverb about the  
'virtuous woman' (Proverbs 31)?

So what is a Christian to do in our society where so many are confused by basic biology and choose to rebel against the moral norms that have guided us for thousands of years?

First - We need to teach what the Bible says about the sexes. (See part 1)

Second - We need to teach that if a person or a nation is to survive and prosper, that they must follow God's truth and recognize sin as sin -, repent, and change their lives. We see people today who sin without fear or even recognition of wrongdoing by claiming sinful identities for themselves. While it is a problem all over the world, it seems especially prevalent here in our country where we have replaced God and His Word with humanistic reasoning and worship of things that are created rather than the one who made them.

When God is removed from a life or from the culture, the people have no moral guidance - they do as in the time of the judges - "Whatever anyone saw fit" - with no moral absolutes of right and wrong. They use their bodies however they want, they engage in relationships that God has condemned (Romans 1:18-32) and reject any control of their life as 'oppressive', 'intolerant', or bigoted. Lacking the belief and the guidance of the Word of God - our nation is becoming more and more a pagan nation.

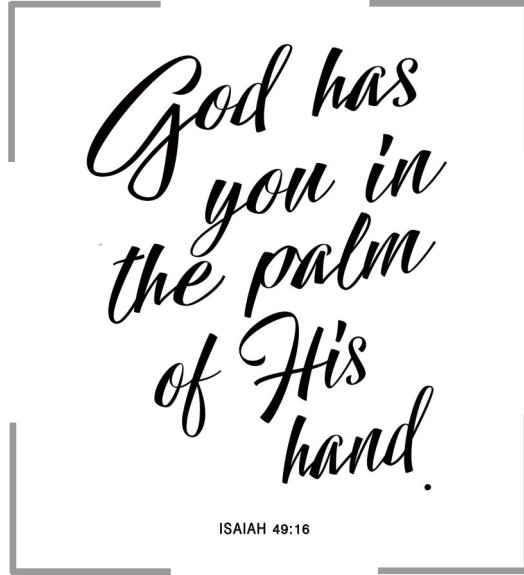
So what can we do? While the reaction may be to disengage and have nothing to do with the world at all, we must still live here and come into contact with these things. We are told in the scriptures to 'love those who persecute us - (Matt 5:44) - but this does not mean accepting and affirming their sinful beliefs. It means that we are to pray for them, try to teach them and try to win them to the truth - showing them kindness as confused beings made in the image of God by showing them that only by following the truth of God can they find the 'freedom' and happiness they are seeking.

We need to show that the biology of our bodies is clear on the matter of gender. Not only are their basic genetic difference is every one of the cells of our bodies - Men having the XY chromosomes, while women have the XX chromosome - but the differences in physical build, strength, and hormones that make the sexes unique. For example, men have more than 1000% more testosterone (controlling muscle strength and other factors) than women. Is it any wonder than 'biological men' who call themselves women easily dominate women's sports? Even if the are given 'women's hormones' their body still produces an abundance of natural testosterone giving them an overwhelming physical advantage. The use of 'puberty blockers, or transitional hormones, and even surgery to alter the appearance on one's genitals does not change the DNA of their cells put there by God. They are not just fighting 'traditional roles' as is often stated - but rather are defying the very creative authority of God who made them with distinct characteristics. Men are still XY and women are still XX chromosomes regardless of what their bodies are surgically made to look like. This is just basic undeniable biology which must be taught to a confused world deceived by the lies of Satan telling people they can choose to be their own god as he did in the garden- (Gen 3:4)

(To be continued)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

September 24th is 'Bring a Friend Day' at Arlington. There will be a fellowship meal after the morning service. Pulled pork and smoked bologna will be provided. Bring side dish and favorite BBQ sauce and **BRING A FRIEND!**



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

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/19 Jeff Nauman
- 9/30 Kyra Manske
- 10/3 Ila Slater
- 10/20 Toni Maddox
- 10/25 Tyler Williams

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 9/24 'Bring a Friend' Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
- 10/1 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 10/13 Ladies' Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10/9 Ron & Johan Hartman
- 10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams

**MEN TO SERVE**

9/17

9/24

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	Matt Williams	Jeff Nauman
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(9/20) Jeff McCollum	(9/27) John Bauer
(Wed.) Song Leader	(9/20) Mike Menard	(9/27) Jeff McCollum

**SCRIPTURE READING**

AM

PM

Sept. 17	Eccles. 1-3	2Cor. 9
Sept. 18	Eccles 4-6	2Cor. 10
Sept. 19	Eccles. 7-9	2Cor. 11:1-15
Sept. 20	Eccles. 10-12	2Cor. 11:16-33
Sept. 21	S. of Sol. 1-3	2Cor. 12
Sept. 22	S. of Sol. 4, 5	2Cor. 13
Sept. 23	S. of Sol. 6-8	Gal. 1

*"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— 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             |  |

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

A: King Lemuel