



Arlington Church of Christ

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

Dealing with Transgenderism - 3

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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 two men went with Paul on his missionary journeys?

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. (See part 2)

Third - We must stand for the truth in public. Many transgender people are seeking public acceptance of their lifestyle - which means that everyone must be forced to agree with them. When the Christian does not, the disagreement is seen as being hostile and 'Tran phobic', so Christians need to communicate the truth without hatred, but in concern for the soul of the gender confused person. The sad truth is that while Christians are called 'haters' and intolerant - the real intolerance comes from those who insist that others accept and affirm their ungodly lifestyle. Affirming someone in their sin does not show love.

Christians need to make clear the realities of acceptance of the transgender lifestyle. For example, which public bathroom will they use do we need a public bathroom for each of the 50 or more claimed 'genders'?

And so far as using the transgender person's 'preferred pronouns' - we need to use wisdom and discretion. (For wisdom, we can ask God - James 1:5) We live in a fallen world and have to live among pagan ideas much like those in the Bible. Esther and Daniel had to work and live in pagan environments, and were even given pagan names, but they did not approve of the sin going on around them or take part in it. Rather they remained faithful to God and pointed others to Him as the source of truth. We cannot embrace the transgender lifestyle and should instead encourage them to leave the cross-dressing and their fake gender identity and turn to the Lord. This is what happened in the city of Corinth- (1Cor 6:9-11)

We may face discipline, firing, or silencing for standing for the truth, but like the Hebrews before King Nebuchadnezzar - we need the confidence that God can save us from the fire of retribution and that we will obey the Lord no matter what happens. We must work diligently to live with integrity in a pagan world much like Daniel and his friends did that tries to force us to deny the basic truth of God and His Word. We may face times when we feel unsure of how to respond to the new name of a transgender person - but we must never affirm their lifestyle and immoral identity.

Christians cannot separate sex from gender like the culture attempts to do. God created only male and female and gave each of them unique characteristics and roles to fulfill in order to live happily in this world. We cannot change God's definitions or invent new terms. The Bible gives us the truth which will not change no matter what people are deceived into 'feeling' or confused into accepting by a society that has rejected God and tries to promote self-worship and compromise by any who would dare to remain faithful to the Lord.

PRAYER LIST

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/30 Kyra Manske
- 10/3 Ila Slater
- 10/20 Toni Maddox
- 10/25 Tyler Williams
- 11/4 Janette Wendt
- 11/13 Lois Lemons
- 11/20 Nikkie McCollum

*"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 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MEN TO SERVE

9/24

10/1

SCRIPTURE READING

Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum		
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Sept. 24	Isa. 1-3
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Sept. 25	Isa. 4-6
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer	Sept. 26	Isa. 7-9
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum	Sept. 27	Isa. 10-12
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman	Sept. 28	Isa. 13-15
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Sept. 29	Isa. 16-18
Assistant #1	Del Pickett	Matt Williams	Sept. 30	Isa. 19-21
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman		
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum		
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum		
(Wed.) Devotional	(9/27) John Bauer	(10/4) Joe McCollum		
(Wed.) Song Leader	(9/27) Jeff McCollum	(10/4) John Bauer		

AM

PM

"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 | |

A: Barnabas and Silas