

# Arlington Church of Christ

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

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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 prophet was a shepherd  
from the town of Tekoa in Judah?

## Being Sorry or Forgiven

An artist named Allan Bridge was known for his work in "living art". He used live people as mannequins in store windows and other places. He also came up with something called the 'apology line'. This was a number for people to call in and record an apology for something they had done. Hundreds of people called in to apologize, confess, or acknowledge sin and wrongdoing on their part. The artist said he created the call-in line because he felt that people needed to get things off their chest and in doing so, they would feel better. But he overlooked the difference between simply 'feeling better' and 'being forgiven', and that difference will cause one to be lost or saved.

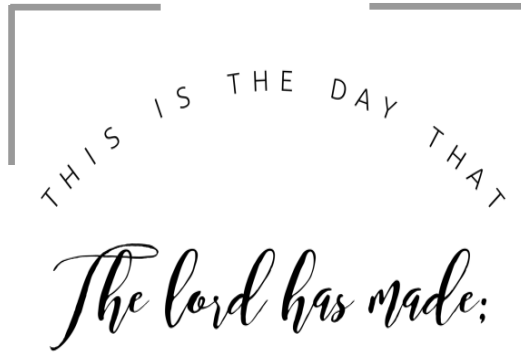
What people were looking for by confessing and apologizing was the relief that comes from forgiveness. Forgiveness lifts the burden of guilt from the soul. It frees you from the penalty for the sin - the debt having been paid by the blood of Jesus on the cross. And forgiveness brings reconciliation, bringing back together the offender and the offended. But the problem was while those who called in may have 'felt better' temporarily, they were not forgiven. For example - a man who committed adultery and called it in, still has the sin between himself and his wife. Those who cheated others and called in to confess it may have felt better, but those cheated received no restitution. To find the peace of true forgiveness there must be restitution, a penalty paid, justice satisfied, and the separation between parties healed. Remember the reaction of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, and we are told in Hebrews 9:22 "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." and we are told by Jesus in Matt 5:23-24 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."

The price was paid to gain our forgiveness - Matthew 26:28 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." and Acts 2:38.

While Mr. Bridge had a nice idea, he failed to realize there already is a line open where those who seek forgiveness can find the relief and joy that comes from forgiveness. Jesus Christ is the way to be forgiven. With Him you not only acknowledge your sins but they are washed away in baptism (Acts 22:16). The penalty is paid for your sin by Jesus' blood on the cross, no sin, no debt is too great for his blood to cover it. And once your sins are eliminated, you are reconciled to those you sinned against. Real forgiveness is lasting because something actually happened to your sins. They are not just recorded on a tape somewhere, they are removed forever. (Ps 103:12) Won't you take this opportunity to make things right in your life - to find true forgiveness - and open the gate to heaven.

**PRAYER LIST**

\*See the caring cards list in the lobby



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

LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD IN IT.  
-PSALM 118:24

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 10/20 Toni Maddox
- 10/25 Tyler Williams
- 11/4 Janette Wendt
- 11/13 Lois Lemons
- 11/20 Nikkie McCollum

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10/13 Ladies' Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (see Cathy for location)
- 10/29 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**MEN TO SERVE**

**10/8**

**10/15**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

	10/8	10/15		AM	PM
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Oct. 8	Isa. 39, 40	Phil. 4
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Oct. 9	Isa. 41, 42	Col. 1
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer	Oct. 10	Isa. 43, 44	Col. 2
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum	Oct. 11	Isa. 45-47	Col. 3
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman	Oct. 12	Isa. 48, 49	Col. 4
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Oct. 13	Isa. 50-52	1Thess. 1
Assistant #1	Mike Menard	Jeff Nauman	Oct. 14	Isa. 53-55	1Thess. 2
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum			
(Wed.) Devotional	(10/11) Jeff McCollum	(10/18) John Bauer			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(10/11) John Bauer	(10/18) Jeff McCollum			

*"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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