



Arlington Church of Christ

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

The Closed Mind

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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

When Jesus was transfigured,
what did He, Moses, and Elijah
talk about?

It is not easy to teach the gospel, especially when you are trying to reach a person who has a closed mind. Often we meet someone whose attitude is "Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is already made up." In other words, "It doesn't matter whether or not what you say is true, I am going to believe what I want to be anyway." You can point out scripture after scripture, even quote the very words of Jesus, and still the person will not budge from their stubborn mindset. It would be almost funny, if it were not so sad. But the world has always had people like this and we will do well to learn not to get discouraged by them.

Noah preached for 120 years to a wicked world, warning them to repent. They closed their ears whenever they saw Noah coming. And even when they saw the animals coming to Noah on their own, they still refused to acknowledge the facts before their eyes. And the day came when God shut the door of the ark and the rain began to fall. The only ones saved were those who used the time preparing for what God had said would happen instead of ignoring it.

Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet for a good reason. He too had to deliver the facts of the message from God to a stubborn people. Jeremiah preached for 40 years for the people to repent or face the wrath of God. He had reason to weep because instead of acknowledging the facts, they closed their ears and physically persecuted Jeremiah. He was called a fanatic, beaten and put in stocks. His writings were burned by the king. He was called a traitor, beaten again and thrown into prison, and then into a cistern where he sank up to his armpits in mud. People were determined to refuse to look at the facts that Jeremiah was presenting.

Even Jesus had to deal with those who had their minds made up. He spoke with power, and demonstrated power by His miracles, yet people refused to listen. Sometimes they mocked Him; on one occasion tried to throw Him off a cliff, and on another tried to stone him. The rejection of his message reached the point that they had Him crucified to try to silence Him.

We will find ourselves dealing with those who have 'plugged ears' also. But we cannot be discouraged. And we must be careful that we too do not do as we see others doing by shutting our eyes and closing our minds to the truth of God's Word. One who claims to be a Christian, but who has close their mind to the truth of the Bible is even worse off. Paul wrote in 1Tim 4:1-3. The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth." The proper attitude is to "Prove all things, hold fast to what is good" (1 Thess 5:21) Remember, the Bereans were approved by God because they "examined the scriptures daily to see if the things taught were true" (Acts 17:11) Use your fingers to turn the pages of His Word, not to stick in your ears!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Lois Lemon in the wake of her son's passing.

Reminder to all that Christmas cards are now being collected for distribution to the congregation. They need to be in the box in the foyer of the church building by Dec 10th.

Add new address to your directory:
ARIAPAD, Bijan* and Sandra*,
Alessio and Luciana



BIRTHDAYS

12/7 Forsythia Montesclaros
12/9 Madelyn Williams
12/10 Landon McCollum
12/19 David Bauer
12/24 Herminia Montesclaros
12/25 Renee Slater
12/29 Anita Pickett

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
12/10 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship & Christmas cards due
12/24 No evening service
12/31 No evening service

ANNIVERSARIES

12/6 Scott & Meagan Bauer

MEN TO SERVE

11/26

12/3

	11/26	12/3
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	Del Pickett	Brad Price
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(11/29) On Zoom	(12/6) On Zoom
(Wed.) Song Leader	(11/29) On Zoom	(12/6) On Zoom

SCRIPTURE READING

	AM	PM
Nov. 26	Ezek. 36, 37	1Peter 3
Nov. 27	Ezek. 38-39	1Peter 4
Nov. 28	Ezek. 40	1Peter 5
Nov. 29	Ezek. 41, 42	2Peter 1
Nov. 30	Ezek. 43, 44	2Peter 2
Dec. 1	Ezek. 45, 46	2Peter 3
Dec. 2	Ezek. 47, 48	1John 1

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
Luke 11:28

PANTRY NEEDS

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: What was about to happen to Jesus in Jerusalem