



Arlington Church of Christ

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

The Invitation

ELDERS

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DEACONS

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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

In which Bible books do we find the word 'antichrist' mentioned?

Each year there are over 150 invitations given during the worship services. Is the invitation simply a time to allow one to say that they have decided to become a Christian or a time for a current Christian to acknowledge sin and ask for the prayers of their brothers and sisters? People respond for these and other reasons, but we sometimes fail to understand that the invitation is not a chance to 'give something' or 'give up something' but rather a chance to 'receive something' (mercy) from God. Consider the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15

A father had two sons, and the younger decided he wanted to leave and took his part of the inheritance and went to a far away country where he wasted all that he had. He ends up feeding pigs and finally realizes that he has 'messed up' and decides to return to his father.

The younger son was selfish and wasteful and ended up with the results of his foolishness. When he decided to 'return home', he had decided to admit sin, admit his failure, and become a servant (he had lost all he had). But what was the result when he "responded to the invitation":

Luke 15:21-24 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

The father restored him to his position with his family privileges – and even gave him a feast. He received mercy from his father. He could not give something to his father, he received something.

When one responds to the invitation, they are not coming to give God anything – God does not need anything and He doesn't need an explanation from us, He already knows why we did what we did. Instead, they are coming to receive forgiveness through the blood of Christ. They come to receive forgiveness by obeying Christ in baptism to become a Christian, or if already a Christian - to receive the prayers and help of their brothers and sisters, or to receive forgiveness for a publically known sin. Some people have struggles that are more than they cannot bear alone – guilt, sickness, worry – and the invitation is the chance to receive the support, strength, assurance, and forgiveness they are seeking. The invitation is not a chance to give God something, but the opportunity to receive mercy from the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rhonda Kyde's daughter, Heather, has officially placed membership! You can currently find her in the "other addresses" section of the directory. Please make the following changes to her entry.

Heather Weaver *
17756 Lexington Dr
Laurenceburg, IN 47025
(513-520-6493)

FOR WITH
GOD
ALL THINGS
ARE
POSSIBLE

MARK 10:27

BIRTHDAYS

12/19 David Bauer
12/24 Herminia Montesclaros
12/25 Renee Slater
12/29 Anita Pickett
12/30 Annabelle McCollum
12/30 Matt Williams
12/31 Clark Bauer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/10 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship & Christmas cards due
12/24 No evening service
12/31 No evening service

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1962 Congregation Anniversary

MEN TO SERVE

12/17

12/24

	12/17	12/24
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	No Service
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	No Service
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Jeff Nauman	Del Pickett
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	No Service
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(12/20) On Zoom	(12/27) On Zoom
(Wed.) Song Leader	(12/20) On Zoom	(12/27) On Zoom

SCRIPTURE READING

	AM	PM
Dec. 17	Obad. 1	Rev. 8
Dec. 18	Jonah 1-4	Rev. 9
Dec. 19	Micah 1-3	Rev. 10
Dec. 20	Micah 4, 5	Rev. 11
Dec. 21	Micah 6, 7	Rev. 12
Dec. 22	Nahum 1-3	Rev. 13
Dec. 23	Hab. 1-3	Rev. 14

"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: 1 & 2 John