



# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## Whose Church?

### ELDERS

John Bauer — 235-4641

Joe McCollum\* — 812-571-0380

\*Preacher

### DEACONS

Ron Hartman — 522-3465

Jeff McCollum — 254-0412

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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.

**\*Sermon audio is  
posted on our website:**

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Onesimus was a runaway slave  
from what master?

It is common to hear people speak of "my church" or "your church" as they speak of a particular religious group. Such terminology suggests to many that the church is just an organization which man devised for his own needs. Thus, if society and custom change, man can alter the church to fit those needs. From this kind of thinking comes a "justification" for "many churches" so that the needs of various people will be met. Then we are urged to "join the church of your choice," with the implication that all churches are equal in the sight of God and only personal preference should govern your decision about choosing a church.

But whose church is it, anyway?

Anyone who has even casually read the Scriptures knows that the Bible has much to say about the church. If we are to learn the value (or lack of it) of the church, we must go to the Bible to find it. When Peter confessed to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," the Lord replied, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:16-18).

Man has since built many churches, and we can easily agree that these are not really important. But that church which Jesus built is important, simply because it is built by God's "only begotten Son." The word "church" literally means, "called out."

Christ has called us "by the gospel" (John 6:44-45; 2 Thes. 2:13-14), out of sin and into righteousness (Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:21). Those who respond to His call through the gospel (Mark 16:15-16) are "the called out" or "the church." The churches which have been begun by men are usually governed by synods, councils, conventions or some other such organization in which men determine the course of that church. But when He gave the "great commission" to the apostles, Christ said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). Jesus doesn't share His headship over the church with man. Notice again, "He is the head of the body, the church. ..that in all things he might have the pre-eminence" (Col. 1:18). Paul wrote that God has "put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22-23).

Man might govern his own church, if he had the right to have one.

But it is not up to a man, nor to a group of men, to govern the church of Christ, for only Christ is head of it and only Christ has authority over it.

## 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.  
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025  
(513-520-6493)

FOR WITH  
**GOD**  
ALL THINGS  
**ARE**  
POSSIBLE

MARK 10:27

## BIRTHDAYS

12/24 Herminia Montesclaros  
12/25 Renee Slater  
12/29 Anita Pickett  
12/30 Annabelle McCollum  
12/30 Matt Williams  
12/31 Clark Bauer  
1/7 Martha Bauer

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/24 No evening service  
12/31 No evening service  
1/7 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)

## ANNIVERSARIES

1/1962 Congregation Anniversary

## MEN TO SERVE

12/24

12/31

## SCRIPTURE READING

	12/24	12/31		AM	PM
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum			
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Dec. 24	Zeph. 1-3	Rev. 15
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Dec. 25	Haggai 1-2	Rev. 16
Song Leader PM	No Service	No Service	Dec. 26	Zech. 1-3	Rev. 17
Opening Prayer AM	Joe McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Dec. 27	Zech. 4-6	Rev. 18
Opening Prayer PM	No Service	No Service	Dec. 28	Zech. 7-9	Rev. 19
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Dec. 29	Zech. 10-12	Rev. 20
Assistant #1	Brad Rice	Matt Williams	Dec. 30	Zech. 13, 14	Rev. 21
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman			
Closing Prayer PM	No Service	No Service			
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer			
(Wed.) Devotional	(12/27) On Zoom	(1/3) On Zoom			
(Wed.) Song Leader	(12/27) On Zoom	(1/3) On Zoom			

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*

Luke 11:28

## PANTRY NEEDS

## TRIVIA ANSWER

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: Philemon