



Arlington Church of Christ

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

The Debt Battle

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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

During the time of Esther as queen,
who issued a decree that all the
Jews were to be killed on a certain
day?

One of the battles that we face in this life is the specter of debt. Much of the stress, worry, and effort people expend is dealing with debt. We, as Christians, are to follow the Bible's words in Rom 13:7 *"Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."* And in Rom 13:8 *"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law."* So how do we, as God's people, deal with the challenge of debt in this world?

First, we must understand the debt in our lives. On paper, write down and add up everything you owe – mortgage, car, taxes, credit card, loans, or anything else you owe. You cannot deal with debt until you know exactly what is owed. Debt ignored will never be dealt with. Once the total debt has been determined, bring it to God and ask for forgiveness for your part in creating this debt. Perhaps it was your own foolishness, carelessness, or lack of self-control that is responsible for at least part of it. The Bible tells us that we are to use the money and resources we are given as wise stewards – understanding that they are blessings from God. We will not take this debt problem seriously until we understand that poor stewardship is a sin that must be repented of. At that point, we need to thank the Lord for providing for us, for loving us despite our poor stewardship, and for bringing us to the point of repentance for it. We may have gotten ourselves into the debt problem, but we need God's help to enable us to get out of it.

So what do we do to stop and reverse our debt. First, put a stop to borrowing. You must change the way you handle money. Debt comes because people spend more than they earn – that must be stopped and reversed. Credit cards may have to be destroyed to remove the temptation to spend money that you do not currently have. If you have payments on a car that you cannot afford, sell the car – pay off the loan- and get transportation that you can afford. Learn to say "No, we can't afford that" and stick to it despite the pressure you may face. Live as simply as you can and make a plan to repay what you owe. Start with the debt charging the highest interest rate and put every spare dollar toward paying down that debt. As each debt is paid off, move on to the next one. Do not be a slave to debt - Prov 22:7 *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender."*

This process requires accountability. Whether it is a spouse, a family member, a brother or sister in the Lord, or God Himself – make yourself accountable to them. Your chance of success is greatly increased when you must explain your use of resources to another who knows the problem that you are facing. Rejoice and thank God with each part of the debt that is removed. Thank Him for helping set you free from the burden of debt you were carrying.

Being debt-free brings many benefits – peace of mind and less stress, the choice to pay cash gives you more opportunity without the fear of falling back into debt. And you now have the opportunity to use your resources to benefit the Lord by helping others – remember the words of the apostle Paul in Eph 4:28 *"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."* We can do that only when we don't owe it all to the bank!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Joe McCollum — undergoing radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer

*See the caring cards list in the lobby

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



BIRTHDAYS

6/24 Holly Terlau
6/28 Nancy Frith
6/29 Nathan Bauer
7/5 Manuel Montesclaros
7/10 Wrajean Nauman
7/12 Andy Claire
7/13 Linda Whissel

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/06 Sack Sunday (bring donations for the pantry)
7/11 Ladies' Class noon at the building
7/27 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship

ANNIVERSARIES

7/26 Joe & Doris McCollum
7/28 Rob & Holly Terlau

MEN TO SERVE	6/22		6/29	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	John Bauer	John Bauer
Song Leader	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	John Bauer	John Bauer
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Walker Slater	John Bauer
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer
Lord's Table Assist	Del Picket	—	Walker Slater	—
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wednesday Devotional	(6/25) Jeff McCollum		(7/02) Jeff McCollum	
Wednesday Song Leader	(6/25) Michael Menard		(7/02) Michael Menard	

SCRIPTURE READING

TRIVIA ANSWER

PANTRY NEEDS

	AM	PM
June 22	Esth. 4-6	Acts 5:17-42
June 23	Esth. 7-10	Acts 6
June 24	Job 1-3	Acts 7:1-19
June 25	Job 4-6	Acts 7:20-43
June 26	Job 7-9	Acts 7:44-60
June 27	Job 10-12	Acts 8:1-25
June 28	Job 13-15	Acts 8:26-40

Haman the Agagite

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

Over the counter medicines/aspirin
Canned meats— fish, chicken & SPAM
Canned Veggies— all kinds
Boxed Potatoes
Peanut butter and Jelly
Breakfast Cereal
Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc.
Small- Flour and Sugar
Laundry detergent
Face soap & Shampoo
Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels