



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

In the parable, what did the five foolish virgins forget to bring?

Saved by Grace or Works

Eph 2:8-9 *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast."* There is no question that the Bible teaches that we are saved by the **Grace of God** (unmerited favor, unearned gift), and not by any works that we might do. This has led some to say that since we are not saved by works that we therefore do not have to do anything, and that if we did then we would have to consider our salvation as a type of 'payment for work performed'. Many include being baptized as a 'work' (although they did nothing but let someone else immerse them), and therefore they say that baptism cannot be a requirement for salvation and the clear passages that seem to indicate this (Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, 1Peter 3:21) must mean something else.

It is true that all the work a man can do can never take away one sin. But that does not mean that we are to do nothing. The very next verse says in **Ephesians 2:10** *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* We were specifically created to do good works. We are also told that if we do not have deeds, that our faith is dead. **James 2:26** *"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."* So we have to do good deeds and show our faith by deed if we are to follow the commands of God, but these do not 'save' us. Jesus told his disciples

Luke 17:10 *"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"*

God's grace was offered to us in Jesus Christ. (John 3:16) That grace was made possible through the death of Jesus—**Heb 2:9** *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."* Grace comes through the blood of Jesus on that cross and is applied to us by our faith and obedience to his commands. We do not merit salvation by our obedience, but even perfect obedience will not earn any credit or remove the guilt of one sin, but obedience is required to access the salvation offered by God's grace.

Heb 5:9.... *"He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."*

When a person, through faith, accepts the sacrifice of Christ and obeys God's will through obedience to Him, he gains salvation through God's grace. Not because he earned it, but because he accepted what Christ had freely offered. Note what the scriptures say in **Titus 3:5** *"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."* He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit' When we are 'washed' as Jesus said in **Mark 16:16** *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."* When we obey this teaching of the Lord, we are not earning our salvation. When we are baptized, we are simply responding to the grace of God. That is exactly what Peter told the people on the day of Pentecost when they asked "What should we do?" **Acts 2:38** *"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"* When people do that, accepting what God is offering by his grace, then they find salvation and are added to the church. (Acts 2:41, 47)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM worship via ZOOM only
during the months of July & August

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*

I CAN DO
all things
THROUGH
Him who
GIVES ME
Strength
PHILIPPIANS
4:13

BIRTHDAYS

8/23 Ashley Williams
9/5 Heather Weaver
9/10 Cathy Gordon
9/11 Cliff Jacobs
9/18 AB Campbell
9/19 Jeff Nauman
9/30 Kyra Manske

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/07 Sack Sunay (bring donations for the pantry)
9/12 Ladies' Class noon at the building
9/26 *Save the Date!* Midwestern Children's Home Golf Outing
10/11-12 *Save the Date!* Songfest with Keith Lancaster @ Withamsville CofC
2/20/2026 *Save the Date!* Midwestern Children's Home Gala & Charity Auction

ANNIVERSARIES

9/2 Walker & Renee Slater
9/3 John & Terri Bauer
10/9 Ron & Johan Hartman

MEN TO SERVE	8/17		8/24	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	Michael Menard	Zoom	Jeff McCollum	Zoom
Zoom	Michael Menard		Jeff McCollum	
Lesson	Jeff McCollum	TBD	Michael Menard	TBD
Opening Prayer	John Bauer		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table	Jeff Nauman		John Bauer	
Lord's Table Assist	Matt Williams		Del Picket	
Closing Prayer	Walker Slater		Jeff Nauman	
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		John & Terri Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(8/20) Jeff McCollum		(8/27) Michael Menard	
Wednesday Devotional	(8/20) John Bauer		(8/27) Jeff McCollum	

SCRIPTURE READING

Aug. 17 Ps. 107, 108 Rom. 15:21-33
Aug. 18 Ps. 109-111 Rom. 16
Aug. 19 Ps. 112-115 1Cor. 1
Aug. 20 Ps. 116-118 1Cor. 2
Aug. 21 Ps. 119:1-48 1Cor. 3
Aug. 22 Ps. 119:49-104 1Cor. 4
Aug. 23 Ps. 119:105- 1Cor. 5

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PANTRY NEEDS

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