



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

What disease is mentioned more
than any other in the Bible?

God's Planning and Ours

In a particular forest far away on a hillside stood three little trees. They were happy with life just as it was, but would sometimes talk about what they would like when they grew up. The first said "I want to be a baby's cradle. I think a baby is the sweetest thing I have ever seen." The second said "I want to be something important. I would like to be a great ship, strong and stately, carrying gold from far lands." The third little tree said quietly, "I just want to stand on this hillside and point men to God. What could be better than that?"

Years passed and the trees grew tall and beautiful. Then one day men came to the forest and cut down the first tree. "Perhaps now I will be made into a baby's cradle", he thought, but instead, he was hacked into rough pieces and fashioned into a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. "This is not what I wanted", he cried heartbroken – to just have animals eating out of me. But God said to him "Wait", and on a dark night Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem and there she gave birth to the Son of God – and laid him in that manger. "I never dreamt I would hold a baby like this- this is better than anything I could have imagined."

After a couple months, the men returned to the forest and cut down the second tree. "Perhaps now I will be made into a great ship and do great things." He thought. But instead, he was made into a small fishing boat owned by a simple Galilean named Peter. "I didn't want to be a smelly fishing boat, that's not what I had planned at all. But God said to him "Wait". And then one day out of the crowd came Jesus. He sat down in the boat and taught the people the wonderful words of God. Then Jesus told Peter to go out into the deep water and put down the nets. There were so many fish that the nets were ready to break and the little boat trembled. Not so much from the weight of the fish, but from the wonder of the miracle and words of Jesus. "I never thought I would carry such a marvelous cargo – this is better than anything I could have planned".

Then many weeks later, the men returned to the forest and cut down the third tree, the one who just wanted to stand on the hill and point to God. He couldn't understand why this was happening- "why couldn't they just leave me alone?" They hewed him apart and made him into a rough cross. "They're going to kill someone on me", he cried, "and all I wanted was to point to God". But God said "Wait" and a few days later a mob with Jesus in their midst gathered outside Jerusalem. When they reached the place called Golgotha, they nailed Jesus to the cross and crucified him. The tree shuddered beneath the weight of agony and shame. But then the sky grew dark, the earth shook, the rocks broke open, and Jesus cried out "It is finished" and gave up his life. He heard the centurion there say "surely this man was the Son of God". And the tree remembered the words of scripture: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" and he began to understand. "In all my dreams, I never thought I would point people to God this way. This is better than all my planning."

God's planning is far beyond our understanding. His ways may not always be understood but by faith we have learned to trust Him and follow his ways if we are to find the fulfilled life we are seeking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER LIST

Please see the prayer and caring card lists on our website:

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password is on bulletin board in the foyer

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



9/30 Kyra Manske
10/3 Ila Slater
10/20 Toni Maddox
10/25 Tyler Williams

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

10/05 Sack Sunday (Bring donations for pantry)
10/10 Ladies' Class noon at the building
10/11-12 Songfest with Keith Lancaster @ Withamsville CofC
10/26 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
11/01 Midwestern Children's Home – Brunch for donors 11:00 am

10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams
11/8 Cliff & Gayla Jacobs

MEN TO SERVE	9/28		10/05	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Michael Menard
Song Leader	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Michael Menard
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Walker Slater	Michael Menard	Jeff Nauman	Joe McCollum
Lord's Table	Jeff Nauman	Walker Slater	Walker Slater	Walker Slater
Lord's Table Assistant	Del Pickett		Brad Rice	
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		John & Terri Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(10/1) Michael Menard		(10/8) John Bauer	
Wednesday Devotional	(10/1) Jeff McCollum		(10/8) Michael Menard	

SCRIPTURE READING

TRIVIA ANSWER

PANTRY NEEDS

Sept. 28 Isa. 13-15 Gal. 6
Sept. 29 Isa. 16-18 Eph. 1
Sept. 30 Isa. 19-21 Eph. 2
Oct. 1 Isa. 22, 23 Eph. 3
Oct. 2 Isa. 24-26 Eph. 4
Oct. 3 Isa. 27, 28 Eph. 5
Oct. 4 Isa. 29, 30 Eph. 6

Leprosy

Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

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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