



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

True or false — Adam was forbidden
from eating apples in the garden.

The Ten or the Two?

It seems that the people we meet daily can be identified as one of two types. They are either optimists or pessimists. They see either opportunities and possibilities or only obstacles.

In Numbers 13, we find Moses sending out 12 spies to 'check out' the land God had promised to give them. And what was the report they gave? Num 13: 27-32 They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." 30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

Of the twelve who saw the evidence, only two- Caleb and Joshua- saw the possibilities and had the faith to believe that God would help them take over the land. The other ten only saw the obstacles, and let their pessimism overcome their faith. Joshua and Caleb saw the reward, and put their trust in God. We are called on as Christians to be faithfully optimistic, but with optimism rooted in faith.

The scriptures say in 2 Corinthians 9:6 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." The optimist sees the future bountiful harvest and sees beyond the current cost of sowing generously. The pessimist sees only the current cost and so does little and never sees the bountiful harvest.

The real effect of optimism and pessimism is on the effect that those attitudes have on others. Those who are optimists are always looking for the best and building others up in the Lord. Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Pessimists on the other hand always look for problems and reasons why what is proposed will not work. Prov 26: 13 A sluggard says, "There's a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!"

Which describes you? Would you have been with the ten spies or the two? Will you enter the promised land of God or wander in the wilderness for the rest of your life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas cards for members of the Arlington congregation are being collected for distribution again this year. Today is the last day to place cards in the box.

There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday Dec. 24, and Dec. 31

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

BE STILL
AND KNOW
THAT I AM
GOD
PSALM 46:10

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

1/4 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
2/20 Save the Date-Midwestern Children's Home Gala & Charity Auction

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1962 Congregation Anniversary



Sunday PM & Wednesday are via Zoom only during Daylight Savings Time

MEN TO SERVE	12/14		12/21	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	John Bauer	John Bauer	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Walker Slater	John Bauer	John Bauer	Jeff McCollum
Lord's Table	Jeff McCollum		Jeff Nauman	
Lord's Table Assistant	Brad Rice		Matt Williams	
Closing Prayer	Michael Menard	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		John & Terri Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(12/17) Jeff McCollum		(12/24) No service	
Wednesday Devotional	(12/17) John Bauer		(12/24) Christmas Eve	

SCRIPTURE READING

Dec. 14	Amos 1-3	Rev. 5
Dec. 15	Amos 4-6	Rev. 6
Dec. 16	Amos 7-9	Rev. 7
Dec. 17	Ohad. 1	Rev. 8
Dec. 18	Jonah 1-4	Rev. 9
Dec. 19	Micah 1-3	Rev. 10
Dec. 20	Micah 4, 5	Rev. 11

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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