



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

Who was Lot?

White as Wool

We take pride in our freedom - the right to express our opinion and speak our mind on whatever subject we choose. Perhaps that is why it is so hard for most people to visualize a thorn-crowned Savior, the Son of God staying silent before his accusers. We would protest, assert our innocence, rebel against such an injustice, but Jesus stands as the lamb of God 'silent before his shearers'.

Having lived on a farm with sheep, I know that shearing time is not a sweet romantic task - it is hot, smelly, hard work. As the weather gets hot, the wool stretches out and allows the shears to cut through the strands of wool. And the wool being cut off is not a soft, snow-white substance. It is dark and dirty, full of brush twigs, insects, burrs, and dung from the sheep itself. It is greasy and loaded with lanolin and gives off an unpleasant odor.

The sheep is scared of shearing. When they are caught and held for shearing, they become so terrified that they stiffen up and refuse to move. They will bury their heads on the one who is shearing them and stay silent.

The removed wool is then washed and brushed to clean out the foreign substances. Only then does it look anything like the 'wool' we usually think about. The newly sheared wool is like our selfish natural state - full of contaminants that soil our life and sins that separate us from our Holy God. This is reflected in the prohibition for the Levitical priests wearing wool garments while ministering before the Lord.

Ezekiel 44:15-18 *"But the Levitical priests, who are descendants of Zadok and who guarded my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before me; they are to stand before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign Lord. They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they alone are to come near my table to minister before me and serve me as guards. "When they enter the gates of the inner court, they are to wear linen clothes; they must not wear any woolen garment while ministering at the gates of the inner court or inside the temple. They are to wear linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They must not wear anything that makes them perspire.*

And Isaiah compared sin to scarlet and crimson, as a contrast to the washed, cleaned whiteness of wool. Isa 1:18 *"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

The scripture teach that it is the blood of the sinless lamb of God that washed the dross of sin out of our lives and makes us clean and 'white as snow'. Jesus can take our old contaminated, sinful, dirty lives and wash them clean in forgiveness by the sacrifice he made on the cross. Won't you accept that cleansing today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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And please send us your photo!

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

HE WILL BE CALLED
*Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace*

ISAIAH 9:6

BIRTHDAYS

12/29 Anita Pickett
12/30 Annabelle McCollum
12/30 Matt Williams
12/31 Clark Bauer
1/7 Martha Bauer
1/10 Michael Menard
1/14 Kristi Williams

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/31 New Year's Eve—no Zoom Class
1/4 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
2/20 *Save the Date*-Midwestern Children's Home Gala & Charity Auction
 Sunday PM & Wednesday are via Zoom only during Daylight Savings Time

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1962 Congregation Anniversary

MEN TO SERVE	12/28		1/4	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	Michael Menard	Michael Menard	Michael Menard	Michael Menard
Song Leader	Michael Menard		Michael Menard	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Walker Slater	Michael Menard	Jeff McCollum	Michael Menard
Lord's Table	John Bauer		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table Assistant	Landon McCollum		Del Pickett	
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		John & Terri Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(12/31) No service		(1/7) Michael Menard	
Wednesday Devotional	(12/31) New Year's Eve		(1/7) Jeff McCollum	

SCRIPTURE READING

Dec. 28	Zech. 7-9	Rev. 19
Dec. 29	Zech. 10-12	Rev. 20
Dec. 30	Zech. 13, 14	Rev. 21
Dec. 31	Malachi 1-4	Rev. 22
Jan. 1	Gen. 1,2	Matt. 1
Jan. 2	Gen. 3-5	Matt. 2
Jan. 3	Gen. 6-8	Matt. 3

TRIVIA ANSWER

Abraham's nephew

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Providing necessities for recovery from natural disasters. All gifts are tax deductible.

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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