

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 – The longer our
prayers the better.

Slogans or Scripture

Most of our religious world has traded doctrine for catchphrases. It is common to hear things like – “Don’t judge”, “Feelings outrank scripture”, or “Don’t give me doctrine – give me Jesus”. These things may sound humble, but we need to ask those who are espousing them – “Who is Jesus?” You cannot follow a savior that you cannot define.

People want to follow ‘God as they imagine him to be’ instead of actually taking the time and making the effort to find out what the Bible actually says about Him. Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” And Paul said Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Thinking is not an option for Christians – we must know the truth of God’s Word and obey it – that is the obedience that God demands. Peter said that we should always be ready to give an answer for what we believe in 1Pet 3:15.

God asks hard questions and demands answers throughout the scriptures from asking Adam “where are you?”, asking Cain “Where is your brother?”, asking the disciples “Who do you say that I am?”. God demands a considered answer – we cannot give simple slogans and bumper sticker answers. When someone says – “God told me, or the Bible says...” ask “where does it say that in the scriptures?”

Cheap slogans carry destructive price tags – “If you had more faith, you’d be healed” – brings shame when healing doesn’t come. Or “God wants me to be happy” – results in broken families. Or “Don’t judge” – results in complacency while evil has free reign. Too often people go with their common sense instead of seeking the scriptural instructions given by our creator. This is the response of those who do not know their Bible and have no real answers to life’s questions. Proverbs gives the wiser course – “trust in the Lord with all your heart , and do not lean on your own understanding.” –Prov 3:5

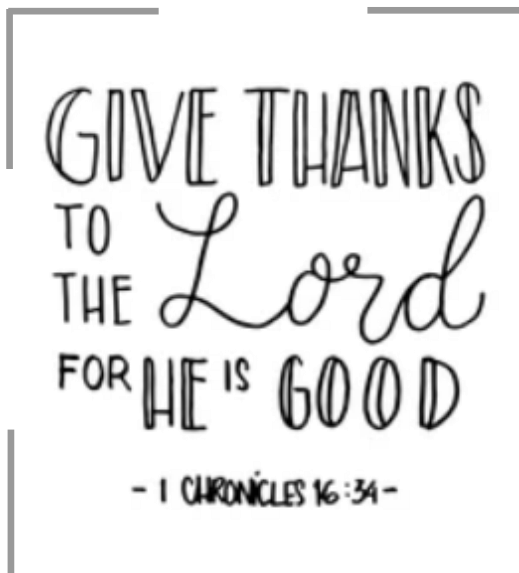
Jesus never called for blind obedience – He invited thought, asked questions that required clarity and confronted error. We don’t need louder voices – we need sharper minds – devoted to and grounded in scripture. Truth doesn’t fear questions – in fact it invites them. Don’t leave your brains in the church lobby. Feelings will fail, but God’s Word stand unchanging forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas cards for members of the Arlington congregation are being collected for distribution again this year. Place cards in the box located in the lobby by Dec 14.

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



BIRTHDAYS

12/7 Forsythia Montesclaros
12/9 Madalyn Williams
12/10 Landon McCollum
12/19 David Bauer
12/24 Herminia Montesclaros
12/25 Renee Slater
12/29 Anita Pickett

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/7 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
12/7 Chili Cook-Off fellowship meal then xmas party in the annex
12/12 Ladies' Class noon at the building
 Sunday PM & Wednesday are via Zoom only during Daylight Savings Time

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1962 Congregation Anniversary

MEN TO SERVE	12/7		12/14	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	Michael Menard	Michael Menard	John Bauer	John Bauer
Song Leader	Michael Menard		John Bauer	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Walker Slater	John Bauer
Lord's Table	Walker Slater		Jeff McCollum	
Lord's Table Assistant	Del Pickett		Brad Rice	
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Michael Menard	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		John & Terri Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(12/10) John Bauer		(12/17) Jeff McCollum	
Wednesday Devotional	(12/10) Michael Menard		(12/17) John Bauer	

SCRIPTURE READING

Dec. 7 Dan. 9, 10 2John 1
Dec. 8 Dan. 11, 12 3John 1
Dec. 9 Hosea 1-4 Jude 1
Dec. 10 Hosea 5-8 Rev. 1
Dec. 11 Hosea 9-11 Rev. 2
Dec. 12 Hosea 12-14 Rev. 3
Dec. 13 Joel 1-3 Rev. 4

TRIVIA ANSWER

False (God already knows)

Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

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