

ARLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

*Sermon posted on our website

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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Have you ever purchased something, got it home, and then discovered those dreaded words ‘some assembly was required’? What most people will do when they open a box full of pieces is to immediately start to “figure out” in their own mind how it all should fit together. Then after being frustrated for a long time and finding numerous spare parts, they will reluctantly open the instructions and try to make sense of them. Hopefully the instructions are clear enough that the item can be assembled to look and function like what you thought you purchased in the first place.

People will often try to do the same thing with salvation. They will try to figure it out on their own, trying to decide how it ‘ought to work’ or ‘how they would do it’. Why do people do that? Do they really think that they know better than God? Or is it just trying to find some shortcuts?

Many will pursue a faith-only approach to salvation. But if we take the time to read the instructions (the Bible) we will find that in every case of New Testament salvation, the person had to be baptized to gain the forgiveness of sins. It may be popular to say that all one has to do is to believe in Jesus, maybe utter some prescribed prayer and ask Jesus into your heart, but that is not what the instruction manual says. Just because something is popular or easy, doesn’t make it right. We cannot take spiritual shortcuts and get the product that we desire. God’s instructions are specific and unchanging. The only way to salvation is Christ Jesus (Acts 4:12), but just calling on the name of Jesus or “inviting Him into your heart” is not what the Bible says—Jesus said in Matt 7:21-23 *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”* You see, Jesus had clearly said in Mark 16:16 *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

Jesus said that we must believe in Him – John 8:24, that we must repent of our sins – Luke 13:3, that we must acknowledge him before men – Matt 10:32, and that we must be baptized – Mark 16:16. All of these things must be present and done in the proper order. We do not ‘earn’ our salvation by doing these things, we simply yield our ideas, our wills to Him and follow the plan that He himself has laid out for us. If we do not follow the instructions given in His Word, then what we build for our lives will not resemble or function like the salvation that we are seeking. There are no optional steps in God’s instructions, and there are no ‘spare parts’ either. It cannot be added to or taken away from (Rev 22:18-19) God is the master designer, He knows what is needed to make all things work as He intends. Let us follow His instructions, using the Bible that he has provided as our guide.

SCRIPTURE READING

Feb. 15	Lev. 20, 21	Matt. 28
Feb. 16	Lev. 22, 23	Mk. 1:1-22
Feb. 17	Lev. 24, 25	Mk. 1:23-45
Feb. 18	Lev. 26, 27	Mk. 2
Feb. 19	Num. 1, 2	Mk. 3:1-21
Feb. 20	Num. 3, 4	Mk. 3:22-35
Feb. 21	Num. 5, 6	Mk. 4:1-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the prayer and caring card lists on our website:
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And please send us your photo!

BIRTHDAYS

2/16	Charlotte Bauer
2/24	Ron Hartman
3/2	Charlie Colvin
3/5	Sandra Ariapad
3/7	Walker Slater
3/11	Echinacea Montesclaros
3/13	Luciana Ariapad

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/20 Midwestern Children’s Home Gala & Charity Auction
- 2/22 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship pending weather conditions

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/18 David & Andrea Bauer

MEN TO SERVE

2/15

2/22

	AM	Zoom PM	AM	Zoom PM
Announcements	John Bauer	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Michael Menard
Song Leader	John Bauer		Michael Menard	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	John Bauer	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer	Michael Menard
Lord’s Table	Michael Menard		Jeff McCollum	
Lord's Table Assistant	Matt Williams		Landon McCollum	
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Jeff Nauman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wed. Zoom Announcements	(2/18) Jeff McCollum		(2/25) Michael Menard	
Wed. Zoom Devotional	(2/18) John Bauer		(2/25) Jeff McCollum	

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PANTRY NEEDS

Over the counter medicines/aspirin
 Canned meats and canned veggies
 Boxed Potatoes
 Peanut butter and Jelly
 Breakfast Cereal
 Fruit Juice– apple, grape, pineapple, etc.
 Small- Flour and Sugar
 Laundry detergent, soap, & shampoo
 Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels