

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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THE CLOSED MIND

It is not easy to teach the gospel, especially when you are trying to reach a person who has a closed mind. Often we meet someone whose attitude is “Don’t confuse me with the facts, my mind is already made up.” In other words, “It doesn’t matter whether or not what you say is true, I am going to believe what I want to be anyway.” You can point out scripture after scripture, even quote the very words of Jesus, and still the person will not budge from their stubborn mindset. It would be almost funny, if it were not so sad. But the world has always had people like this and we will do well to learn not to get discouraged by them.

Noah preached for 120 years to a wicked world, warning them to repent. They closed their ears whenever they saw Noah coming. And even when they saw the animals coming to Noah on their own, they still refused to acknowledge the facts before their eyes. And the day came when God shut the door of the ark and the rain began to fall. The only ones saved were those who used the time preparing for what God had said would happen instead of ignoring it.

Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet for a good reason. He too had to deliver the facts of the message from God to a stubborn people. Jeremiah preached for 40 years for the people to repent or face the wrath of God. He had reason to weep because instead of acknowledging the facts, they closed their ears and physically persecuted Jeremiah. He was called a fanatic, beaten and put in stocks. His writings were burned by the king. He was called a traitor, beaten again and thrown into prison, and then into a cistern where he sank up to his armpits in mud. People were determined to refuse to look at the facts that Jeremiah was presenting.

Even Jesus had to deal with those who had their minds made up. He spoke with power, and demonstrated power by His miracles, yet people refused to listen. Sometimes they mocked Him; on one occasion tried to throw Him off a cliff, and on another tried to stone him. The rejection of his message reached the point that they had Him crucified to try to silence Him.

We will find ourselves dealing with those who have ‘plugged ears’ also. But we cannot be discouraged. And we must be careful that we too do not do as we see others doing by shutting our eyes and closing our minds to the truth of God’s Word. One who claims to be a Christian, but who has close their mind to the truth of the Bible is even worse off. Paul wrote in 1Tim 4:1-3 “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.” The proper attitude is to “Prove all things, hold fast to what is good” (1 Thess 5:21) Remember, the Bereans were approved by God because they “examined the scriptures daily to see if the things taught were true” (Acts 17:11) Use your fingers to turn the pages of His Word, not to stick in your ears!

SCRIPTURE READING

Aug. 2	Ps. 68, 69	Rom. 3
Aug. 3	Ps. 70-72	Rom. 4
Aug. 4	Ps. 73, 74	Rom. 5
Aug. 5	Ps. 75-77	Rom. 6
Aug. 6	Ps. 78	Rom. 7
Aug. 7	Ps. 79-81	Rom. 8:1-18
Aug. 8	Ps. 82-84	Rom. 8:19-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the prayer and caring card lists on our website: www.arlingtoncoc.com "Members" password is on bulletin board in the foyer.

This Members page contains a link to the Directory. Please double check your information and let us know if a correction or addition is needed.

BIRTHDAYS

8/6	Christy Williams
8/7	Rhonda Kyde
8/23	Ashley Williams
9/5	Heather Weaver
9/10	Cathy Gordon
9/18	AB Campbell
9/19	Jeff Nauman
9/5	Heather Weaver
9/30	Kyra Manske

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/2 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 8/14 Ladies' Class noon at the building
- 9/5 Save the Date: MWCH Community Work Day. Registration Open

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/2 Walker & Renee Slater
- 9/3 John & Terri Bauer

MEN TO SERVE**8/2****8/9**

	AM	PM (Zoom Only)	AM	PM (Zoom Only)
Announcements	John Bauer		John Bauer	
Song Leader	John Bauer		John Bauer	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Jeff Nauman		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table	Walker Slater		Jeff McCollum	
Lord's Table Assistant	Del Pickett		Brad Rice	
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		John & Terri Bauer	
Wed. Announcements	(8/5) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM	(8/12) Joe McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(8/5) John Bauer	ONLY	(8/12) Jeff McCollum	ONLY

OUTREACH

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THIS IS THE DAY THAT
The lord has made:

LET US REJOICE AND
 BE GLAD IN IT.
 -PSALM 118:24

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