

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 FOUNDERS AND DEISM

It is claimed that the founders were just a bunch of slave owners and Deists. They clearly were against slavery and set laws and principles in place to eliminate it, but where they 'Deists'.

Modern definition of **Deist**: **One who believes God created the world and then abandoned it giving no further revelation (no scriptures) and taking no part in the events of this world.** But that is not the definition found in dictionaries of the 17 and 1800's. In those dictionaries, Deist is defined as **"One who accepts and acknowledges God, but follows no particular religion and denies revelation of the scriptures."** Note that the idea of God having no part in the events of this world was NOT part of what a Deist believed in those days. Even they had to admit the hand of God in the events of the Revolutionary War and gaining our independence.

John Q. Adams wrote on July 4, 1821, that the founders were "Christians", bound by the laws of God and the gospel. The very documents the founders created show their belief that God interacted in this world and had a part in the founding of our nation.

Almost all of the founders openly espoused Christianity and called for it to be spread worldwide and God worshipped for His intervention in the affairs of our nation. There were only four who could be considered deists.

Thomas Jefferson - stated in his letters that he is not anti-Christian at all, but rather anti-corruption in the church. He stated he not only believed in the God of the Bible, but that his goal was to follow God's teachings in their purist form.

Benjamin Franklin - On June 28, 1778, proposed prayer and quoted scripture in his call for recognition of God's help in the war and for His continued help in the writing of the Constitution.

Both these men proposed as our national seal - an image of Moses crossing the Red Sea, with Pharaoh's army drowning in the depths. They also proposed as the national motto - Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God. They were hardly opposed to Christianity or anti-religious as some have tried to say.

Ethan Allen - also believed in the God of the Bible and His intervention in the war, but rejected the inspiration of the scriptures.

Thomas Paine - was perhaps the most like a modern day 'deist'. He arrived in America from Britain just a few years before the war and left shortly after to go to France where he became involved in the French Revolution. While he believed in the One God and a Judgment at the end of time, he rejected all organized religion. While in France, he wrote the book - "The Age of Reason" which opposed all organized religion and questioned the legitimacy of the Bible. His book and his views were rejected vigorously by the founders as false and opposed to the founding principles of our country.

As John Q. Adams had stated - "the founders of our country were Christians" by an overwhelming margin and clearly stated that in what they expressed in their writings and in the documents they produced for our nation's founding.

SCRIPTURE READING

Aug. 9	Ps. 8-87	Rom. 9
Aug. 10	Ps. 88-89	Rom. 10
Aug. 11	Ps. 90-92	Rom. 11:1-21
Aug. 12	Ps. 93-95	Rom. 1:22-36
Aug. 13	Ps. 96-98	Rom. 12
Aug. 14	Ps. 99-102	Rom. 13
Aug. 15	Ps. 103, 104	Rom. 14

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

8/23	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
10/3	Ila Slater

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/14 Ladies' Class noon at the building
- 9/5 MWCH Community Work Day. Registration Open
- 9/25 MWCH Golf Tournament 9:00 am start at Majestic Springs

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MEN TO SERVE**8/9****8/16**

	AM	PM (Zoom Only)	AM	PM (Zoom Only)
Announcements	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Song Leader	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Walker Slater		Jeff Nauman	
Lord's Table	Jeff McCollum		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table Assistant	Brad Rice		Landon McCollum	
Closing Prayer	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wed. Announcements	(8/12) Joe McCollum	ZOOM	(8/19) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(8/12) Jeff McCollum	ONLY	(8/19) Joe McCollum	ONLY

OUTREACH

Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

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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