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	**ELDERS** John Bauer 235-4641 Joe McCollum* 812-571-0380 *Preacher	**DEACONS** Ron Hartman — 522-3465 Jeff McCollum — 254-0412	www.arlingtoncoc.com info@arlingtoncoc.com 2082 Compton Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45231 Phone: 513-931-8244 Fax: 513-939-2653

"FIRE INSURANCE"

In my years of preaching, 31 of which have now been at Arlington, I have made several observations of the various congregations I have attended - some of them happy and some of them not so much. For example, I have observed that no matter which congregation is under consideration most of the members seem to regard their Christianity as a type of 'fire insurance'. Let me explain what I mean by that: Insurance is one of those things that you know you ought to have, but you hope you never have to use. For many, they became Christians by obeying the gospel out of fear of going to Hell if they didn't. It was just something that was 'required' to escape the fire and open the doors of heaven. But for many the Biblical concepts of judgment, hell, and heaven are something that seems to be far off - something to be prepared for 'just in case' something were to 'happen' - but in reality, is not in their daily mental view of things. They are so involved in all that is going on in this life that spiritual things are pushed to the side until they have 'time to deal with them'. These will attend services or the zoom classes once a week or less - just enough to 'pay the premium and keep the insurance in place'. So Christianity is reduced to a Sunday morning thing where they come to the building to meet with God for an hour and then leave to carry on with their lives until the next week.

How can one know if they are in this group? The scripture tells us to test or examine yourself - 2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"

What can we use to test ourselves? Consider these questions: Do you feel like something is missing when you are not at worship or Bible class? (if not, why not?) Do the rest of those in your house seem to have no interest in the church or God? (Is it because they see that it really isn't all that important to you?) When questions are asked about the Bible, can you give an answer? (Do you change the subject or give your opinion because you don't know for sure what the Bible says about it?) Are you satisfied with your knowledge of God and His word? (Is there no 'hungering and thirsting for righteousness - or are you 'all full'- Matt 5:6) When the invitation is given, is it a signal to you to get ready to leave and get on with the rest of the week - because, after all, that is for those sinners who don't have the insurance. (There is no examination of your own life the past week)

For many of those who call themselves Christians, the death of Jesus on the cross has lost its significance. The communion is just grape juice and crackers, they have lost their meaning as the body and blood of Christ. The gospel has become almost a 'story' that happened long ago, without any real significance or application for us today.

May we consider ourselves and recommit our lives to Christ, in love and gratitude - not just for 'fire insurance'. You see, the Bible says that "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Heb 10:23-25

Weekly Trivia: Who was Abraham's servant who was sent to get a wife for Isaac?

SCRIPTURE READING

Oct. 25	Jer. 14-16	1Tim. 5
Oct. 26	Jer. 17-19	1Tim. 6
Oct. 27	Jer. 20-22	2Tim. 1
Oct. 28	Jer. 23-24	2Tim. 2
Oct. 29	Jer. 25-26	2Tim. 3
Oct. 30	Jer. 27, 28	2Tim. 4
Oct. 31	Jer. 29, 30	Titus 1

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

10/25	Tyler Williams
11/4	Janette Wendt
11/20	Nikkie McCollum
12/7	Forsythia Montesclaros
12/9	Madalyn Williams
12/10	Landon McCollum
12/19	David Bauer
12/24	Herminia Montesclaros
12/25	Renee Slater

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/25 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship

11/1 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)

11/7 MWCH donor's brunch. More info and registration available online.

ANNIVERSARIES

11/8	Cliff & Gayla Jacobs
11/24	Jeff & Nikkie McCollum

MEN TO SERVE

	10/25		10/25	
	AM	PM (Zoom Only)	AM	PM (Zoom Only)
Announcements	Jeff McCollum		John Bauer	
Song Leader	Jeff McCollum		John Bauer	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Walker Slater		Jeff Nauman	
Lord's Table	John Bauer		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table Assistant	Matt Williams		Del Pickett	
Closing Prayer	Jeff Nauman	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John &Terri Bauer		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wed. Announcements	(10/28) John Bauer	ZOOM	(11/4) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(10/28) Jeff McCollum	ONLY	(11/4) John Bauer	ONLY

OUTREACH

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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

Trivia Answer: Eliezer