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

SUBSTITUTION

One of the common sins is the sin of substitution. People substitute their own ideas or opinions for the commands given by the Lord. This has been a problem throughout time. We find Cain in Genesis 4, substituting some of the fruit of the field for the sacrifice specified by the Lord and the Lord rejected his offering. We find the two priests, Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10, offering unauthorized fire before the Lord, because they thought they could substitute fire from a source other than what God had told them. And even Moses in Numbers 20, in anger substituted his own method of striking the rock to obtain water rather than speaking to it as God had commanded him to do. God considered his actions an action of unbelief.

And we do the same type things today when we should have learned the lessons from what happened in the past. For example, in the Great Commission, Jesus said Matt 28:18-20 "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and* ***teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you****. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*." Now teaching means giving them instructions and knowledge of what is expected of them as a Christian. But too many neglect this command by substituting their own ideas. For instance, instead of studying and making the effort to gain the knowledge and skills to fulfill this command, many while feeling guilty about their lack of knowledge, just substitute having someone else do it for them.

We get together with others to knock on doors and invite people to services so they can gain instruction from the preacher. While it is great to invite people to the service, the great commission means more than just inviting them to the building- it says that we are able to teach them. Note also the words of 1 Peter 3:15 "*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always* ***be prepared to give an answer*** *to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*" Someone may say – "But I don't know what to say", but anyone who has obeyed the gospel should be able to tell how they became a Christian and be able to give the scriptures to back it up. We may not have the answers to every quibble that people may have, but we have no excuse for not being able to present the facts of the gospel.

No one has more influence with your friends or family members than you do. If they will not listen to you, they most likely will not listen to anyone else you would send as a substitute for you. God's plan is to live the gospel in your life and teach it to your friends and family. Note the instructions given to Timothy by Paul in 2 Tim 2:2 "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrusted to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

We need to study the Word and sharpen our teaching skills. This requires a commitment on our part to individual and group Bible study. Do not deceive yourself into thinking that God will approve a substitute plan for teaching the lost the gospel of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nov. 15	Ezek. 10-12	Heb. 11:1-19
Nov. 16	Ezek. 13-15	Heb. 11:20-40
Nov. 17	Ezek. 16	Heb. 12
Nov. 18	Ezek. 17-19	Heb. 13
Nov. 19	Ezek. 20, 21	James 1
Nov. 20	Ezek. 22-23	James 2
Nov. 21	Ezek. 24-26	James 3

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

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
12/29	Anita Pickett
12/30	Annabelle McCollum

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/6	Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
12/6	Fellowship Dinner & Holiday Party after morning worship

ANNIVERSARIES

11/24	Jeff & Nikkie McCollum
12/6	Scott & Meagan Bauer

MEN TO SERVE

	11/15		11/22	
	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	Joe McCollum		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table	Jeff McCollum		John Bauer	
Lord's Table Assistant	Landon McCollum		Matt Williams	
Closing Prayer	John Bauer	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Dorris McCollum		Joe & Dorris McCollum	
Wed. Announcements	(11/18) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM	(11/25) No Service	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(11/18) John Bauer	ONLY	(11/25) No Service	ONLY

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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: Elkanah