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

TRIVIALIZING THE TRUTH

When we trivialize something, we make it seem of "little worth or importance". God says that His word is truth. (John 17:17) But many times people will ignore the clear words of truth or place their own ideas for truth above God's. By doing this, we are making God's word seem of "little importance" or trivializing it.

Some will completely reject the scriptures and substitute their own ideas for God's. Rom 1:25 *"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised."* Those described here professed to be so wise that they trivialized God's truth and followed their own ideas, and what was the result? Rom 1:26-29 *"Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion"* If one rejects the truth of God, God will reject them and allow them to be consumed by their own evil tendencies.

Others still claim to be following the truth, but have let certain behaviors creep into their lives that lead them away from the Word. Some of these behaviors are things like:

Giving in to bitterness and anger. The scriptures make it clear that we cannot hold on to these old habits and be pleasing to God- Col 3:8 *"But **now you must rid yourselves** of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."* When we continue to do these things while claiming to follow Christ, we exchange the peace of God for sin and trivialize the truth.

Worshipping in our way rather than God's way. There were some in Colosse who were exchanging the true worship of spirit and truth for the worship of angels. (Col 2:18) They tried to become more 'spiritual' by following dietary restrictions. (Col 2:23) One who substitutes their own ideas for God's makes their worship useless - Matt 15:8-9 *"'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. **They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.**'"*

Trying to live by a set of rules instead of grace and truth. The Bible describes some who were trying to return to the Jewish laws and regulations. They exchanged the truth of the Word and the Lordship of Jesus for a priesthood system of men that God no longer accepted. Paul wrote in Gal 5:4 *"You who are **trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.**"* Trying to return to the old ways trivializes the sacrifice of Jesus to establish the New Covenant.

There are many ways that one can make the Word of God seem of little importance to them. May we examine ourselves and make sure that we remain true to the Bible and not live so as to trivialize the sacrifice of Jesus to pay for our sins.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nov. 8	Jer. 49, 50	Heb. 5
Nov. 9	Jer. 51, 52	Heb. 6
Nov. 10	Lam. 1, 2	Heb. 7
Nov. 11	Lam. 3-5	Heb.8
Nov. 12	Ezek. 1-3	Heb. 9
Nov. 13	Ezek. 4-6	Heb. 10:1-23
Nov. 14	Ezek. 7-9	Heb. 10:24-39

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

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

11/13	Ladies' Class noon at the building
12/6	Fellowship Dinner & Holiday Party after morning worship

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MEN TO SERVE

	11/8		11/15	
	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		Joe McCollum	
Lord's Table	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Lord's Table Assistant	Brad Rice		Landon McCollum	
Closing Prayer	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum	John Bauer	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		Joe & Dorris McCollum	
Wed. Announcements	(11/11) John Bauer	ZOOM	(11/18) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(11/11) Jeff McCollum	ONLY	(11/18) 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: Elizabeth