



# The Encourager

January 16 2022

## Welcome Guest

We are so glad you've come for worship today! Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

### Church of Christ

140 West 15th Street

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*FrontRoyalChurchofChrist.com*

*SimpleBibleLessons.com*

#### Sunday Service's

Bible Study 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

**Wednesday** 7:00 pm

#### Personal Bible Study

*SimpleBibleLessons.com*

Online & In Home

Correspondence

#### Food Pantry

By Appointment between 9-5:00

#### Minister

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### Lessons for Us To Learn

#### PSALM 27:7-14

In our Christian life, one of the many lessons to learn is patience. When we have a problem, we want an immediate solution, or answer. But that's not always God's will for us, He wants us to trust Him and leave the timing in His hands.

We are to have strong and courageous attitudes when we wait upon the Lord.

In our culture, people are quick to act because they're afraid of missing out on something; it takes courage to go against this trend and be still while the world rushes by. Even believers who have bought into that attitude of impatience, not waiting on God's timing move on the their impatience and ask God to bless it.

Are we asking the Lord for guidance or provision but hear only His silence?

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33 an answer to challenging issues in life.

# News & Notes

**Steve made announcement of retiring this year.**

**Congregational Meeting notes will be available from Eugene**

**Tim Tewalt made a request if anyone has song book "Faith & Praise" please return to building.**

**Fellowship Meal Today**

**Men's & Ladies Meetings at 1:00**

**All new information for the new directory please give to Mike McCool**

**Ladies Tuesday Bible Class**

**Will start back up in March on the 22nd.**

**AM. Bible Class**  
study #328

**Pantry Item**  
**Instant Potatoes**  
**Dry Cereal**  
**Pancake Syrup**

## **Heavy Burdens to Bear**

Anger, resentment, and bitterness are heavy burdens to be borne. Such qualities cause you to be miserable and to miss the joys of life. Sadly these negative qualities could easily cost a person their soul! An understanding of harm done by these negative qualities helps us appreciate what God said in *Romans 12:17-21*. "*Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*" Peter wrote on this same theme, "*Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing*" (*1 Peter 3:9*).

There are times when we may feel that we have been terribly hurt and disappointed by another person. But no matter what evil others have done to us, we must remember what the apostle Paul wrote in *1 Thessalonians 5:15*. "*See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all*" (*1 Thessalonians 5:15*).

Let's go to Heaven together! I love you!

Charles Box

Walnut Street Church of Christ

Greenville, AL



Eliza Anderson, Nate Edwards, Vickie Petrow, Bob Baleskie, Virginia Wright, Linda & Bill Adams, David & Brenda Born, Sharon & Danny Derflinger, Juanita, & Eugene Tewalt, Bobby Jo & Kenny Henderson Jr, Rita Mullins, Ruth Martin, Pat Derflinger, Mary Steele, Freddie Funk, Heidi Funk Rodriguez, Philip Funk, Alan Fox, Frances Chelsea, Ruth Brooks, Charlie Alder, Stephanie Steed, Helen Archibald, Shelly Long, Debra Lawson, Valerie Cash, C.R. Newlin, Jeff Pingley, Wendy Willoughby, Robert Jenkins, Shirley Williams, Tommy Derflinger

## The Cracked Acorn

Carson van arsdall



Door

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Weekends & holidays are the prime times for advertisers to stuff flyers into newspapers, adding to what I call the "pulp padding". You can't escape a peek at the ones for home suppliers. I like the nice color photos of doors of all types. Some of these beauties can stop a vacation to Disney World. If one is installed for your front door I am sure you will fall down & worship its varnished wood & stained floral glass panels. Fingerprints will never mar its glossy sheen & you will hang a sign on its brilliant brass knob requesting everyone to come to the humble back door. A door of this quality could even go as a birth day gift, think about it!

The word door may have entered our language through an English family name, Dore, meaning the entrance to a narrow valley. We use the word every day: Close the door when you leave. She forgot to lock her car door. They live two doors up the street from us. His office is the third door down the hall on the left. A day cannot go by without the use of the word "door."

The Egyptians put into their tombs a false door. It was to serve as an imaginary passage for the deceased between the world of the living & the world of the dead. Lavish inscriptions were on the false door referring to the countless offerings the deceased is about to receive. Sometimes a life-sized statue of the deceased placed before the door as if it had just stepped out of it.

(Ancient Egypt From A to Z ,Internet Site)

We can't live without them. They keep the cold drafts of winter outside & the cool air inside during the hot sultry days of summers, & keep the swarms of hostile insects outside. Properly fitted, a door can be locked for security purposes. Doors keep us from falling out of our cars. Closed doors can stop the spread of a home fire. Doors give us privacy & absorb outside traffic & neighborhood noises. A door can have many names: trap, stable, barn, French, garden, pet, revolving & automatic door. Whatever its name, a door serves a very distinct & useful function.

James Rowe (1865-1933) came to America from England in 1889. He settled in Albany, New York. He worked for the railroads & later for music publishers in Tennessee & Texas . He wrote the words for I WAS SINKING DEEP IN SIN & JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR 1912 O weary soul the gate is near, in sin why still abide? Both peace & rest are waiting here & You are just outside. Just outside the door, just outside the door, Behold it stands ajar! Just outside the door, just outside the door, So near & yet so far!

An old saying in the south "Katie bar the door" meant "something unstoppable is coming!" & "Katie bar the kitchen door" suggested you had better watch out!

(May God bless you & all your loved ones!)



## Birthday's & Anniversaries

Jane McCool 1/16  
Eddie Benefit 1/17  
**AnnMarie Mayberry 1/20**  
David Born 1/22  
David Mayberry 1/27



## *Being The Church That Is of Christ*

*Ephesians 5:22-27*

**S**  
*Romans 6,  
1 Timothy 4:16  
2 John 1:9*

**L**  
*Peter 1:22  
John 4:7  
John 13:35  
2 Thessalonians 1:3*

**P**  
*1 Corinthians 6:11  
Hebrews 10:10  
James 1:27  
Colossians 3:1-3*

**G**  
*1 Thessalonians 5:23*

**IN LIFE, IT'S  
NOT WHERE YOU  
GO. IT'S WHO  
YOU TRAVEL WITH.**  
- CHARLES SCHULZ

Through discipline  
comes freedom

