



# The Encourager

January 23 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

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[FrontRoyalChurchofChrist.com](http://FrontRoyalChurchofChrist.com)

[SimpleBibleLessons.com](http://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](http://SimpleBibleLessons.com)

Online & In Home

Correspondence

#### Food Pantry

By Appointment between 9-5:00

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### The Church

#### EPHESIANS 1:18-23

**The CHURCH** is one BODY, followers of Jesus Christ, in one Spirit, believers in one faith, one hope, one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

**The Message:** man is sinful and unable to be clean before God. This is the reason **His Son** came to die on the cross to pay our debt, and was buried, rose again and ascended to heaven. So that when man & women stands before God **to give account** of his or hers life? Believers & followers will take responsibility for what they did with the truth, but unbelievers will answer for their rejection of Jesus Christ.

**The Mission:** is to spread the gospel and teach unbelievers about the Savior, how to grow in faith (**Matthew 28:19**).

**The Motive:** the church is to exalt the Savior and to glorify God. This should be the driving force behind the body of believers motives, because **opposition & persecutions**, will come but when we stand together as one body and persevere?

**WE WIN!! AMEN!**



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

**AM. Bible Class**  
study #329

**Ladies Tuesday Bible Class**

Will start back up in March on the 22nd.

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

Oh my!!! When it happens: The gravy on my best tie or the favorite ballpoint pen in my shirt leaks at the wrong time. Take it to the cleaners & ask them to do their best & not always does a stubborn stain disappear. My father in the fifties worked as a knitter in a hosiery mill, making seamed ladies nylons. When they came off the machine they were white & had to be sent to the dyer. Here the hose were submerged in a vat for several hours to change white to rose or beige or the latest colors the market demanded. I was told white nylon was the strongest & could be weakened some by the dyes. Supposedly this art appeared in the Middle East about 5,000 years ago & our word "dye" in an English word.

In Biblical times, garments of beautiful colors were very expensive, both for the cloth & for the dyes. A garment signified importance or elevation in respect. *"Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors. & when his brethren saw their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, & could not speak peaceably unto him."* Genesis 37:3,4

The Egyptians were the masters of color & the Hebrews may have brought this to perfection when the tabernacle was built. The Lord told them to *"make the tabernacle with ten curtain of fine twined linen, & blue, an purple, & scarlet"* Exodus 26:1, *"And they shall take gold, & blue, & scarlet, and fine linen. & they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, of purple, of scarlet, & fine twined linen, with cunning work."* Exodus 28:5,6 & in the vail *"And thou shalt make a vail of blue, & purple, & scarlet, & fined twined linen of cunning work,"* Exodus 26:31) This vail was torn when Christ was crucified. *Matthew 27:51* Purple was seen as a royal color & desirable to buy, one of Paul's converts at Thyatira was Lydia, a seller of purple.

Today, all these wonderful & bright colors are easily found on all our clothing. Some translators have attached meanings to certain colors, such as, WHITE-purity & innocence; BLACK-mourning, affliction, calamity; RED- bloodshed; PURPLE- royalty, luxury; BLUE-deity, sky & heaven; SCARLET-war, valor; GREEN- life, youth & abundance. The red, white & blue are in our flag. The book of Esther is a "colorful" book of the Bible & worth the reading & re-reading especially the description of the palace of King Ahasuerus.

Our hymnal has two songs that reflect color. *BEAUTIFUL ROBES OF white, Beautiful land of light, Beautiful home so bright where there shall come no night; Beautiful crown I'll wear, Shining & bright o'er there, Yonder is mansion fair, Gather us there. & BEHOLD A STRANGER AT THE DOOR! He gently knocks, has knocked before, Has waited long, is waiting still; you treat no other friends so ill. But will He prove a Friend indeed! He will-the very Friend you need! The man of Nazarene 'Tis He, With garments dyed at Calvary.*

Older gentlemen might still wear ties - remember: "If your children see you get a spot on your tie they'll send you to a nursing home!"

May the good Lord bless an' keep you, Whether near or far away. May you find that long awaited, Golden day today . . .

May your troubles all be small ones, & your fortune ten times ten,

May the good lord bless & keep you, 'Til we meet again . . .



Nellie Evans, fell on ice needs shoulder surgery.

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 Lord's Supper: Save It From COVID-19

One of the most disruptive things to me about COVID-19 has been the Lord's Supper. For more than forty years, I've had a structured meditation for the Lord's Supper. There are reflections while I'm eating the bread and another series of thoughts for the fruit of the vine.

During the year, we've visited other churches that use the individual packages with the bread and fruit of the vine. In many of those, the one presiding provided very little time for thinking: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

The most extreme case: a brother led the prayer for the bread. I'd already pulled the seal for that. I started to pull the seal from the fruit of the vine. Before I'd finished that brief task, he was praying before taking the fruit of the vine. Before I had swallowed the fruit of the vine, he was asking the Lord to bless us as we gave of what we'd prospered.

I appreciate the brother's willingness to serve. Maybe this was the first time. Perhaps he was nervous and wanted to get through quickly. But I wouldn't want that every Sunday.

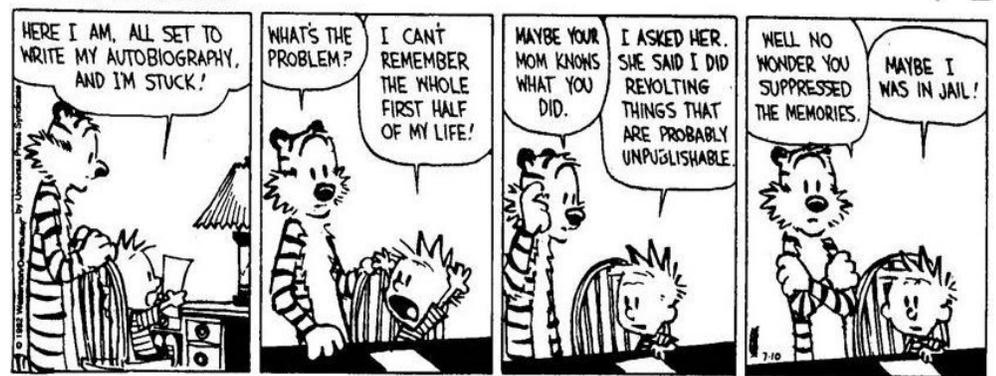
Suggestions for presiding at the Lord's Supper during COVID:

- **Have appropriate thoughts to lead us into what we're doing.**
- **Lead prayer for eating the bread.** Following Jesus' example, try "giving thanks" for the bread and fruit of the vine. There are many things about the Lord for which we can be thankful: His body, His blood, His willingness to come to earth, His willingness to die, and His resurrection.
- **Lead the congregation in remembering.** That'll take more than two seconds. Consider being seated, thinking, and remembering.
- **Lead the prayer for the fruit of the vine, giving thanks.**
- **Return to your seat and reflect on what you're doing for a reasonable time.**

For some people, being quiet in public is more uncomfortable than speaking in public. But I don't know any other way to do what Jesus told us to do without taking time to think — to remember.

*Jerrie Barber  
via Graeber Road church of Christ  
Rosenberg, TX*

### CALVIN & HOBBS



**Birthday's &  
Anniversaries**

**Jane McCool 1/16**

**Eddie Benefit 1/17**

**AnnMarie Mayberry 1/20**

**David Born 1/22**

**David Mayberry 1/27**



## ***Prophecies About the Church***

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

UNPACKING THE TEXT OF ISAIAH  
*25:6-9*

*Verse 6*

*Verses 7-8*

*Verse 9*

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY A POWERFUL  
MESSAGE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HIS  
DAY.

*Revelation 21:4*

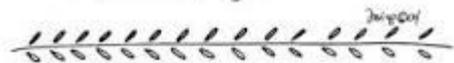
*Matthew 8:5-13*



Every 5th Sunday will be our  
Hymnal Singing @ 2:00



forgiveness  
is one of the  
greatest gifts  
we can give



*because*  
HE BENDS DOWN TO  
LISTEN  
I WILL PRAY AS LONG AS I HAVE  
*breath*

PSALM 116:2

TODAY WE PARTICIPATE IN &  
AWAIT THE ULTIMATE  
FULFILLMENT

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

GOD PROVIDES THE BANQUET &  
DOES THE SAVING.

*Romans 5:6-8*

FAITH IS REQUIRED TO PARTICI-  
PATE IN THE BANQUET & THE SAL-  
VATION.

THE BANQUET IS THE BEST OF THE  
BEST