

# The Encourager

May 22 - 28, 2022

FRONT ROYAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Welcome Visitors

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card and sign our guest book in the foyer. Let us know if we can help you in any way.

## The Church of Christ

1. The Bible is its only guide (Romans 1:16; 1 Thess 2:13).
2. Wears a Biblical name (Romans 16:16).
3. Established at the right place (Isaiah 2:2,3; Acts 2).
4. Established at the right time (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2).
5. Established on the right person, Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18; Acts 2:36).
6. Saved are in it (Eph 5:23; Acts 2:47).
7. Its members are enrolled in heaven (Hebrews 12:23).
8. Membership is obtained by obedience to God's commands including baptism (Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor 12:13)

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Sunday School .....10 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7 p.m.

## Paul's Uplifted Eyes

by Dan Jenkins

The apostles had "eye-dropsy" and could not see the souls of the Samaritans. Even after they saw their souls, it was years before they could see the souls of the Gentiles. Ananias could not see Paul's soul and feared going to him. We must never become like them. Write Jesus' words on your soul just like He was talking to you: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). In this article, we turn our attention to see Paul's uplifted eyes.

There are many illustrations of Paul seeing the lost around him and how he approached them to lead them to Jesus. Keep in mind that Jesus, in dealing with the lost, brought individuals to God, but only one step at a time. This is also what Paul did, and we would be wise to have this kind of wisdom as we teach others.

Consider Paul and the teaching he did in Athens. Shortly after he arrived in this Greek city, "His spirit was provoked within him when he saw the city was given over to idols" (Acts 17:16). As he looked at the fields, he saw people who were religiously lost and needed the gospel. This caused him to enter the synagogue of the Jews and every day he was also in the marketplace to teach the lost. He saw white fields.

Look at the wisdom he then used when given an opportunity to speak at Mars Hill. He understood where they were and began to bring them one step closer to God. He could have mocked their worship of gods made of stone, but He did not. Luke records his words: "As I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship I found an altar with this inscription: To the Unknown God." He even quoted from one of their Greek poets whose words so fittingly described the true God (Acts 17:28). This opened the first door to tell them of the coming judgment by the One God raised from the dead.

He later went to Corinth to establish the church. How did he find the lost? He found his first converts in Aquila and Priscilla at his workplace. He did not just see tentmakers. He saw souls. He later went to the house of a man whose house was beside the synagogue and somehow this led to the conversion of the leader of that religious body. He saw souls.

Was he always successful in baptizing others? Of course not, but he kept seeing souls. Let me appeal to everyone reading these words. There is a spreading infestation of "eye dropsy" in congregations in our land. Write the words of Jesus on your heart, meditate on them. "Lift up your eyes unto the fields." When others fail to do this, do not be like them. God help each of us to treat our "eye infection."

# Announcements

## Church Directory

All new information for the new directory should be given to Mike McCool.

\*Please check the bulletin board for events going on at other congregations.

## Speakers

	<b>AM Worship</b>	<b>PM Worship</b>
May 22	Ken Goodmiller	Eugene Tewalt
May 29	Nate Edwards	Mike McCool
June 5	Eugene Tewalt	Art Candenquist
June 12	Ken Goodmiller	Eugene Tewalt
June 19	Mike McCool	Joel Hope
June 26	Nate Edwards	T. K. Edwards
July 3	Eugene Tewalt	Mike McCool
July 10	Ken Goodmiller	Nate Edward

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays for May

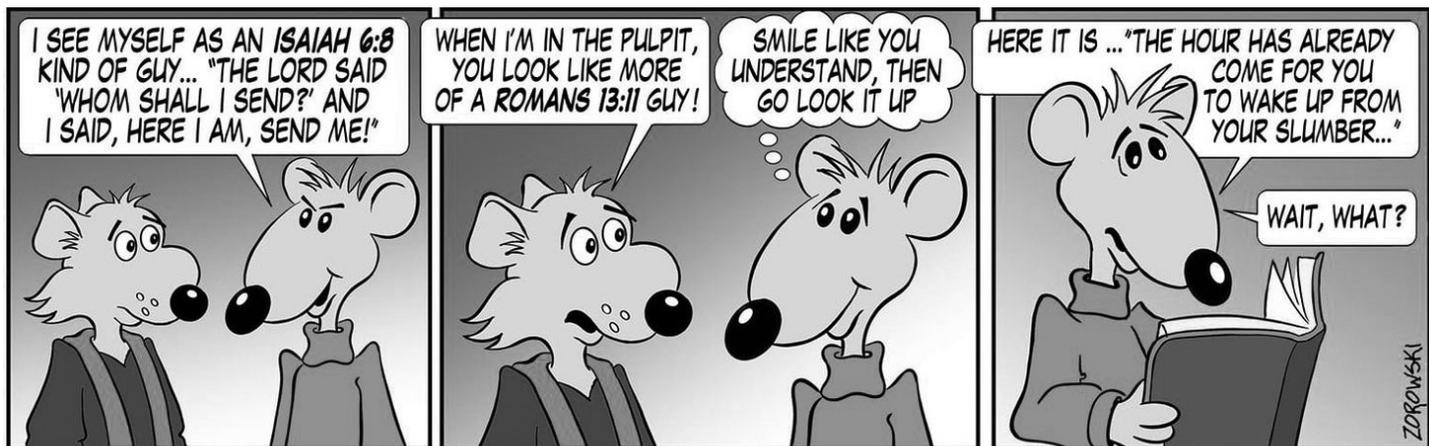
Cathie Derflinger 5/8  
 Kelly Clark 5/10  
 Vickie Petrow 5/10  
 Constance Efaw 5/16  
 Mike McCool 5/31

### Anniversaries for May

Mike and Valerie Efaw 5/4

## Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.



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## Serving Today

**Lord's Table:**  
**Mike McCool**, Liam Edwards,  
 Cyric Edwards, David Mayberry

**Song Leader:**  
 Nate Edwards

**Closing Prayer:**  
 Carson VanArsdall

**Scripture Reading**  
 Art Candenquist

## Serving Next Sunday

**Lord's Table:**  
**Joel Hope**, David Mayberry,  
 Art Candequest, T.K. Edwards

**Song Leader:**  
 Tim Tewalt

**Closing Prayer:**  
 Ken Goodmiller

*Please make sure to check to see if you are on the list of servers.*

# The Cracked Acorn

by Carson Van Arsdall

## Old West

Mention James Arness to anyone, “Alive or Dead?”, they will say “dead.” He once was the star of the long running TV show GUNSMOKE, the cast brought the family together for an episode each week. It was early TV and it went from thirty minutes to an hour, critics predicted audiences would never set still that long, how wrong they were!!

- MATT DILLION, MARSHALL OF DODGE CITY, KANSAS, the early western days of trains and telegraph; Henry Ford was yet to be born.

“Matthew, there’s some hot biled coffee on the stove, Dust off and sit a spell. Miss Kitty is a mite upset that you are aiming to take on the Lomax boys and the Strutters when they bring their herds in, but it’s steel a fur days off!”

“Festus, Is this all the good news you have? Check the telegraph office for WANTED, check if there are any new people in town and then bring me the bad news.”

Matt dealt with the liars, cheats, and people with hidden motives and agendas; each week ending not too happily ever after. The injured were attended to by Doc, broken arms and legs were painfully set, he would stay by the bed of the dying all night waiting for morning when the fever might break. Miss Kitty made sure that all the unfortunates that were to be buried at Boot Hill had someone to say a few words - she thought that even the worst deserved a moment of reflection.

The marshal always made time for a ride into the hills. While the unsaddled big gray had a roll in the buffalo grass and then grazed, Matt dozed under “clouds that ignored the plights of mortal men.” This was a man that was close to 7 feet tall, he believed in a simple answer for difficult justice. On the way back to Dodge, he would stop by the widow Smith with seven kids to check if all was o.k. Keeping the peace and giving equal treatment to everyone was a big job for a big man.

Samson was the big man of the Old Testament. He was given super strength by God. In many ways, he was a disappointment to his Creator but he kept the Philistines at bay and for a few years the children of Israel could breathe easier. As a child, I was impressed that this strong man sought to correct his weaknesses at the end, blinded he prayed to God for one last chance to smite his enemies; God, how wonderful!, answered his prayer. “..then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers(Philistines) and all the people in it, killing many more when he died than while he lived.” (Judges 16:30)

“Well, it’s time to catch the noon stage. The town’s a buzzin that Abe and Sarah had a baby out at the Ole Kristie Ranch. Crazy Joe’s riding up front today. Some say he can Winchester a notch into a coyote’s ear a mile away, that’s good in case of hostiles. A cold north wind is aggravating the sage, could bring trouble, mite be movin. May the road rise up to meet ya and that the good Lord will take a liken to ya’ll. YAH! YAH! YAH! Gideup!” (NUMBERS 6: 24-26)



# Prayer Requests

Please pray continually for:  
Robert & Mary Martin

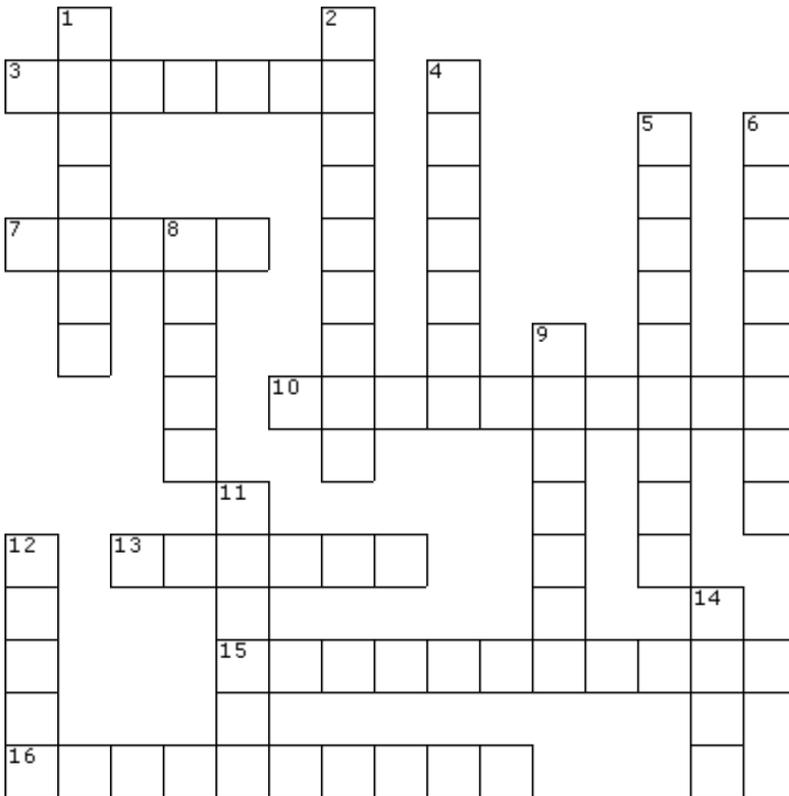
- Paula Clark (Carson's sister)
- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Sharon and Danny Derflinger
- Linda and Bill Adams
- Bob and Deborah Baleskie
- David and Brenda Born
- Nate Edwards
- Nellie Evans
- Vickie Petrow
- Lori Petrow Gunter
- Ruth Brooks
- Bobby and Sue Adams
- Bobby Jo Henderson
- Kenny Henderson Jr.
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Randy Maynard
- Charlie Prince

Sharon Derflinger is in  
Room 201 at Heritage Hall.

## Answered Prayers

If you have an answered prayer that you would like mentioned, please give it to Tim so it can be printed in next week's bulletin.

## Biblical Places



### ACROSS

- 3 Sea of \_\_\_\_
- 7 Residents of this city tried to build a tower to heaven
- 10 Jesus was arrested in this garden
- 13 Ancient Jewish kingdom
- 15 Jesus was baptized in this river
- 16 God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on this mountain

### DOWN

- 1 Jesus was crucified on this hill
- 2 Jesus was born here
- 4 The Corinthians lived here

- 5 The Jewish temple was here
- 6 Jesus grew up here
- 8 Moses led the people out of slavery in this land
- 9 Joshua fought the battle of \_\_\_\_
- 11 Noah's ark landed in the mountains of this region
- 12 God destroyed this city by fire
- 14 Jesus turned water in wine at a wedding here