

# The Encourager

July 3 - 9, 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.

## Playing by the Rules

by Kevin Cauley

A friend of mine, who is a member of the church in another town, talked me into signing up to be an official ("referee") for high school football. So, I signed up and am having a lot of fun with it. There are many rules to the game of football. (I have a whole book to prove it.) Those rules are what make the game worth watching. When the teams play according to the rules, everyone has an enjoyable experience – the fans, the players, the coaches, the officials. It's when the players don't play by the rules that the game becomes taxing. Think back to your childhood for a minute when you or one of your friends decided to make the rules instead of having an objective standard of play for everyone. Basically what happens is that your "game" devolves into a shouting match and free-for-all. No one knows what is happening anymore, and people stop playing because it is too confusing.

The same thing can happen with religion. The Bible gives us a set of "rules," if you will, (they are really commandments) that we should follow so that we may have unity. When we don't follow the Lord's "rules" then we create disunity, we have shouting matches, and people stop "playing" because of the confusion. So many today want to do whatever they want in religion, and this is what creates the difficulties. Instead of seeking to please ourselves, we ought to be seeking to please God. The apostle Paul wrote, "Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God" (1 Thessalonians 4:1). This ought to be our aim while playing the "game of life."

# Announcements

## 4th of July BBQ

There will be a 4th of July BBQ at the Edwards home starting at 2:30 until the last person leaves. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. See the Edwards for more information.

## 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>
July 3	Nate Edwards	Mike McCool
July 10	Ken Goodmiller	Nate Edwards
July 17	Eugene Tewalt	Art Candenuquist
July 24	Mike McCool	Joel Hope

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays for July

Ciindy Candenuquist 7/1  
Kristie Tewalt 7/7  
Kenny Henderson 7/14  
Jeanie Lichliter 7/21  
Hayden Tewalt 7/21  
Samantha Efaw 7/24  
Dylan Callaway 7/25

### Anniversaries for July

Art and Cindy Candenuquist 7/3  
Kelly and Susan Clark 7/22

### Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.

## Serving Today

### Lord's Table:

**T.K. Edwards**, Cyric Edwards,  
David Mayberry, Tim Tewalt

### Song Leader:

Eugene Tewalt

### Closing Prayer:

Mike McCool

### Scripture Reading

Art Candenuquist

## Serving Next Sunday

### Lord's Table:

**Eugene Tewalt**, David Mayberry,  
Mike McCool, Liam Edwards

### Song Leader:

Tim Tewalt

### Closing Prayer:

Nate Edwards

### Scripture Reading

Art Candenuquist

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

# The Cracked Acorn

by Carson Van Arsdall

## Years Pass

Doing car repair, I began to take naps in the garage, while under the car. Dad replied that he had been doing this for years; it could be under a tractor or the combine. (He once told me that when he was old; I would also be old. I just hadn't realized that it had happened this quickly.)

The Bible tells us that people lived into the 900s before the Flood, Methuselah, at 969. This declined till about 1000 B.C. and then maybe 70 or 80 (Psalm 90:10). Starting in 1900 U.S. life expectancy has risen from 47 to an average age of 83, today. In this added time, we should "number" our days (Psalm 90:12). We should discern the future. (Deut. 32:28-29). We should consider how life will turn out. (Psalm 39:4-5) We will live even longer if we consider our speech/behavior. (Psalm 34:11-14; I Peter 3:10-11) We should love the Lord. (Psalm 91:14-16) Obey the Lord. (Proverbs:3:1-2,4:10) We should fear and grow in the knowledge of the Lord. (Proverbs 9:10-11; 10:27)

Humorous remarks from people of the past: All would live long, but none would be old. Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are cheese. The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, and the second half by our children. No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement. The older I grow the more I distrust the family doctrine that age brings wisdom. None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm. Age doesn't protect you from love, but love to some extent protects you from age. Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative. Perhaps one

has to be very old before one learns to be amused rather than shocked. You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come into contact with a new idea. ( My favorite!) How pleasant is the day when we give up striving to be young.

Recently there have been several specials on TV about the NEW AGE and evangelistic movements supposedly sweeping our nation. I am not sure if we are looking at this from close-up or from afar. I do not see within these vast audiences a sea of grey hair. Has the present generation forgotten that 'An aged person loved is winter with flowers' (old German proverb). The older generation is the "splendor" of today. (Proverbs 20:39) Psalm 92:13 and 14 says, "These who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in an old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing." Older people are the bearers of fundamental human values. When this is lacking, people become rootless. People lose hope of the future and live within the limits of the present. (from the Dignity of Older People)

To the heart that's aching under a load of care, Lend a hand of comfort. In the name of Jesus gather the sheaves of today, Read the precious promises, wages, He will pay; Go with rejoicing gleaned from the fields of sin, Thrust thy glowing sickle, bring in the harvest.

(BEAUTIFUL GLEANINGS - from Sacred Selections)

# Prayer Requests

Please pray continually for:  
Robert & Mary Martin

- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- 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
- Jamie Tewalt

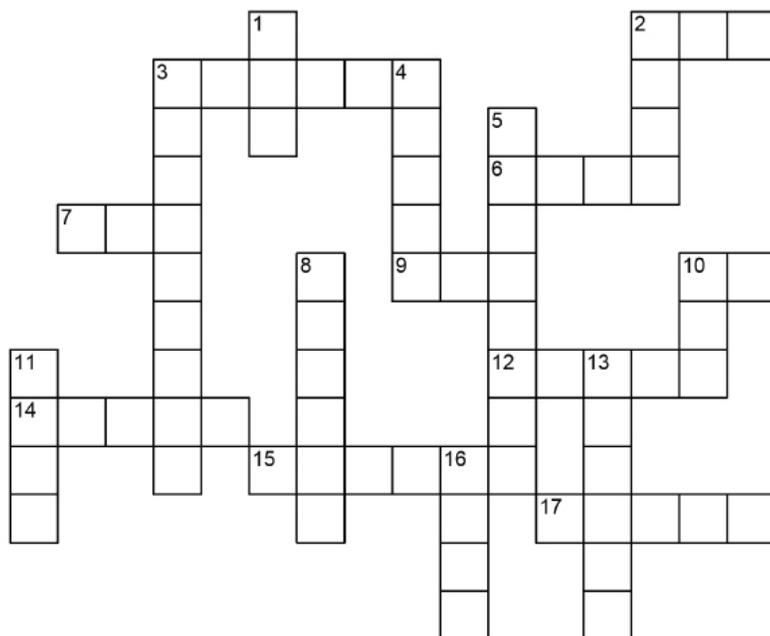
## Answered Prayers

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.

Sharon Derflinger is home

# Cain and Abel

## Genesis 4: 1-16



### ACROSS

- 2 If we do not do what is right, \_\_\_\_\_ wants to take over your life. (Genesis 4:7)
- 3 Abel took care of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn 4:2)
- 6 Second of Adam and Eve (Gn 4:2)
- 7 Did God accept Abel's offering of the firstborn of his flocks? (Gn 4:4)
- 9 Cain left the Lord's presence and lived in the land of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn 4:16)
- 10 Did God accept Cain's offering of crops from the ground? (Gn 4:3-5)
- 12 God told Cain if you do what is \_\_\_\_\_, your offering would have been accepted. (Gn 4:7)
- 14 Cain was \_\_\_\_\_ when God did not accept his offering. (Gn 4:5)
- 15 The Lord asked Cain, "Where is Abel?" Cain responded, "Am I my brother's \_\_\_\_\_?" (Gn 4:9)
- 17 God told Cain that since he killed his brother, He will be under a \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn 4:11)

### Down

- 1 Who knew that Cain killed Abel? (Gn 4:9-10)
- 2 Cain worked the \_\_\_\_\_ for the fruits of the land. (Gn 4:3)
- 3 Abel offered the \_\_\_\_\_ of his flocks for the offering to the Lord. (Gn 4:4)
- 4 God told Cain that if anyone kills him as he wanders the earth, that person will suffer vengeance \_\_\_\_\_ times over. (Gn 4:17)
- 5 Since Cain killed his brother, he would be a \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn 4:14)
- 8 While they were out in the field, Cain \_\_\_\_\_ Abel. (Gn 4:8)
- 10 God told Cain that since he killed his brother, the ground will \_\_\_\_\_ yield its crop for you. (Gn 4:12)
- 11 First son of Adam and Eve (Genesis 4:1)
- 13 The Lord told Cain that Abel's blood cries out from the \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn 4:10)
- 16 The land of Nod was \_\_\_\_\_ of Eden. (Gn 4:16)

### Answers to last week's puzzle

