

The Encourager

August 7 - 13, 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.

Sell it Not!

by Jack McNeil

"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23 KJV)

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)

Buy low, sell high is the simplest explanation of commerce and the market economy. Who among you has invested a lot of money in collectibles? I used to collect NFL trading cards – (anyone want to buy a Ryan Leaf rookie card?) There used to be some stuffed animals known as Beanie Babies, which were immensely popular as collectible items. Some people paid outrageous sums of money to buy some of the more limited-edition critters, thinking they will be worth more in the future and would bring a profit. The problem was that Beanie Baby collection turned out to be simply a fad and the collectibles market for stuffed toys collapsed. I had a friend who was into collecting those things, but he decided to unload everything he saw the value starting to decline. There are thousands of people today who are holding onto thousands of beanie babies apiece, hoping one day there will once more be a market for them. The deal was that whoever has them last, loses.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 p.m.

The truth on the other hand, never goes down in value. When one buys the truth and holds on to the truth, he or she naturally gains in wisdom, instruction and understanding. These things are what is truly valuable.

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19; John 8:31-32

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

	AM Worship	PM Worship
August 7	Eugene Tewalt	Mike McCool
August 14	Nate Edwards	Art Candenquist
August 21	Mike McCool	Eugene Tewalt
August 28	Eugene Tewalt	Joel Hope
September 4	Nate Edwards	T. K. Edwards
September 11	Mike McCool	Art Candenquist
September 18	Eugene Tewalt	Joel Hope

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays for August

Terry Lichliter 8/10

Tim Tewalt 8/11

Bill Adams 8/13

Jacob Lichliter 8/13

Mike Efaw 8/15

Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.

Serving Today

Lord's Table:

Joel Hope, Cyric Edwards,
Liam Edwards, Art Candenquest

Song Leader:

Nate Edwards

Closing Prayer:

T.K. Edwards

Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist

Serving Next Sunday

Lord's Table:

David Born, David Mayberry,
T.K. Edwards, Liam Edwards

Song Leader:

Tim Tewalt

Closing Prayer:

Joel Hope

Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist

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

The Cracked Acorn

by Carson Van Arsdall

2 or more (Matthew 18:20)

Memory took me back to the childhood school days. Students were seated alphabetically. This was the seating arrangement for the year. Attendance was called before the start of class every school day. It was the duty of your parents to get you to school in all kinds of weather. A two foot snow could close schools. At the end of the year, attendance awards were given.

After worship service long ago at Great Falls Church of Christ, a lady visitor asked if I would write in her journal that she had attended the church with us that day. I directed her to one of the elders, and whether he signed, I don't know. I had never heard of a church that demanded proof that you were in worship on a Sunday morning.

Church attendance has become a concern, not only in the U.S.A but beyond our shores. Total commitment programs, care groups and other good ideas to improve attendance do help but eventually peak and level off. Many are placing the blame on the numerous secular activities that overlap or happen at the same time of worship. We could also add cell phones, television, and the internet that have their tentacles into our prime time. Sports place stress on members to enjoy seeing a good Sunday game in person. Our fast paced society calls for many to have a varied work schedule and often Sunday is the only day off to rest up for the next work week. Shopping centers and many stores are open every day and even 24/7. Newspaper chains are crying the "blues" that people are not reading. We are getting the television news from our recliners.

This is interesting! An issue of U.S. News & World Report stated that Europe may be Islamic by the end of the 21st century. This is linked to the banning of religious symbols and the failure to mention the effect of Christianity on the populace. Humanism has given rise to the worst ideologies

of the 20th century. Spiritual boredom has given rise to hyperindividualism and lack of confidence in the future. Many have turned away from the faith of their forefathers and have become involved in mystical ecstatic forms of spiritual experience. Populist Christian movements have claimed hundreds of thousands of youngish followers who are seeking to make Christian beliefs real in their lives and work. Christianity has become diluted with diverse issues.

This is supposedly happening in Europe, should we be thinking it cannot happen on this continent? Time will tell. God know the future. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." (Matthew 6:34)

I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD, THE HOUSE OF THINE
ABODE; THE CHURCH OUR BLEST REDEEMER
SAVED WITH HIS OWN PRECIOUS BLOOD. I LOVE
THY CHURCH O GOD! HER WALLS BEFORE THEE
STAND, DEAR, AS THE APPLE OF THINE EYE, AND
GRAVEN ON THY HAND. FOR HER MY TEARS SHALL
FALL, FOR HER MY PRAYERS ASCEND; TO HER MY
CRIES AND TOILS BE GIV'N, TILL TOILS AND CARES
SHALL END. BEYOND MY HIGHEST JOY I PRIZE HER
HEAV'NLY WAYS, HER SWEET COMMUNION, SOLEMN
VOWS, HER HYMNS OF LOVE AND PRAISE. (SACRED
SELECTIONS)

Satan exists;... eternal salvation is possible only through His Son... Jesus lived a sinless life on earth... God is all-knowing, all powerful, the perfect deity who created the universe and still rules today. "Happy is that people, in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 144:15)

Prayer Requests

Please pray continually for:

Robert & Mary Martin

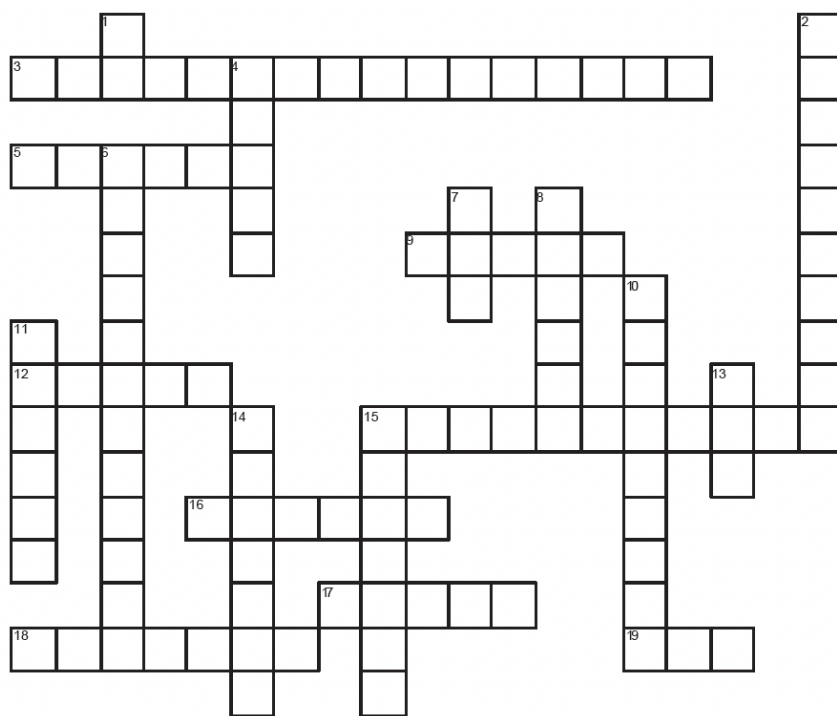
- Janet Jones
- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- Paula Clark (Carson's sister)
- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Sharon and Danny Derflinger
- Linda and Bill Adams
- Bob and Deborah Baleskie
- David and Brenda Born
- Nellie Evans
- Vickie Petrow
- Ruth Brooks
- Lori Petrow Gunter
- Bobby and Sue Adams
- Bobby Jo Henderson
- Kenny Henderson Jr.
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Randy Maynard
- Charlie Prince
- Jamie Tewalt
- Troy Funk (Juanita's nephew)
- Linda Adams will be having surgery on her hand

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.

The Call of Abraham

Genesis 11:31 - 12:10



DOWN

- 1 Did Abram and Sarai have any children? (Gn. 11:29-30)
- 2 When Abram, Sarai, and Lot came to Canaan, who lived in the land at that time? (Gn. 12:6)
- 4 Terah, Abram, Lot, and Sarai settled in _____ (Gn. 11:31-32)
- 6 How old was Abram when he left Haran? (Gn. 12:4)
- 7 Did Abram lie to the Egyptians about his wife Sarai? (Gn. 12:10-13)
- 8 What was the reason for Abram to leave where he was living and go to Egypt? (Gn. 12:10)
- 10 God's third promise to Abram was the land promise. God promised to give the land (Canaan) to whom? (Gn. 12:7)
- 11 In the first promise to Abram, God told him He would make of him a great _____. (Gn. 12:2)
- 13 Who was the grandson of Terah? (Gn. 11:31)
- 14 After Pharaoh took Sarai as his wife and discovered that Sarai was Abram's wife, God inflicted serious _____ on Pharaoh's household. (Gn 12:17-20)
- 15 While in Egypt, who took Sarai to be his wife? (Gn. 12:18)

ACROSS

- 3 Terah, Abram, Lot, and Sarai left _____ and came to Haran where Terah died. (Gn. 11:31-32)
- 5 When Abram and his family went to Egypt, he told the Egyptians that Sarai was his _____. (Gn. 12:10-13)
- 9 Who was the father of Abram? (Gn. 11:26)
- 12 When God blessed Abram a third time, what did Abram build unto the Lord? (Gn. 12:7)
- 15 When Abram, Sarai, and Lot left Haran, they took with them all their _____. (Gn. 12:5)
- 16 When Abram, Sarai, and Lot left Haran, they took all their possessions they had accumulated and went to _____. (Gn. 12:5)
- 17 Who was Abram's wife? (Gn. 11:29)
- 18 In the second promise to Abram, God told him that in him all families of the earth would be _____. (Gn. 12:3)
- 19 Who told Abram to leave his father's house and go to another country? (Gn. 12:1)

Answers to last week's puzzle

