

The Encourager

Sept. 25 - Oct. 1, 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.

Does the Bible have No Errors?

by Kevin Cauley

Yes, as it was originally given to the prophets, the Bible contains no errors. This is because it is the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16), and God does not make mistakes, and He always tells the truth (Titus 1:3). Now, that doesn't mean that in its being copied throughout the thousands of years by fallible human hands, that some textual errors have not slipped into the Bible. A few have. However, this simply reinforces the integrity of the scriptures, since we know where those errors have occurred through study of the ancient texts. The certainty of the text of the Bible is sure despite human error. no errors

Some say that the Bible has contradictions in it. This is false. A contradiction is the affirmation of both the truth and falsehood of the same precisely stated statement. Some look at two statements in the Bible that discuss two different things and conclude a contradiction. The statements "Moses was a Hebrew," and "Moses was an Egyptian" are not contradictory because both are true. The statements "Moses was a Hebrew, and Moses was not a Hebrew" are contradictory. This is the difficulty with proving a contradiction. There are plenty of books devoted to explaining alleged Bible contradictions, and they are worth reading.

More importantly, however, the content of the Bible is inerrant. This means that when we study it, we are reading actual history, understanding truth about God, and learning correct morality. As 2 Timothy 2:16-17 make clear, the scriptures are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." This means that there is no other source of information we need to be completed person of God.

Announcements

Ladies' Day

There will be a Ladies' Day at the Waynesboro Church of Christ on November 5. Information is on the bulletin board.

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
Sept. 25	Mike McCool	Eugene Tewalt
Oct. 2	Nate Edwards	T. K. Edwards
Oct. 9	Eugene Tewalt	Art Candenuist
Oct. 16	Mike McCool	Joel Hope
Oct. 23	Eugene Tewalt	Nate Edwards
Oct. 30	Nate Edwards	T. K. Edwards
Nov. 6	Mike McCool	Art Candenuist
Nov. 13	Eugene Tewalt	Joel Hope
Nov. 20	Nate Edwards	Eugene Tewalt

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays for Sept./Oct.

Mason Clark 9/28

Savannah Mayberry 10/3

Susan Clark 10/6

Brooke Callaway 10/19

Anniversaries for Sept./Oct.

Rex & Cindy Callaway 9/30

David & Anne Marie Mayberry 10/2

Danny & Sharon Derflinger 10/27

Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.

Serving Today

Lord's Table:

Nate Edwards, Liam Edwards,
Cyril Edwards, David Mayberry

Song Leader:

Eugene Tewalt

Closing Prayer:

Tim Tewalt

Scripture Reading

Art Candenuist

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



"MY MOM SAYS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE: SETTLE DOWN, STOP THAT, WASH YOUR HANDS, BE QUIET, GO TO SLEEP, EAT YOUR VEGETABLES, DRINK YOUR MILK, SIT UP STRAIGHT, PICK UP YOUR ROOM AND LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER."

The Cracked Acorn

by Carson Van Arsdall

The ARK of the COVENANT

God had us in mind and had something better and greater in view for us... Hebrews 11:40

“The question of whatever happened to the ark of the covenant, an ornate box containing the laws handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai, has been a source of intense speculation for over two millennia. The ark had a pre-eminent role in the Bible from its creation until the time it was placed in the Temple’s holy of holies during the days of David and Solomon. But sometime between 970 B.C. and 586 B.C., the ark disappeared, and no one knows what became of it. Does it still exist? Or was it destroyed thousands of years ago?” (From *Eden to Exile* by Eric H. Clines)

If you like myself, believe that the Bible is the spoken inspired literal word of God, you know that without a doubt that the ark of the covenant did exist. It was constructed of acacia wood, a little over 4 feet long and 2½ feet high and 2½ feet width, was covered over with hammered gold, a gold lid, and 2 cherubim of hammered gold and could have weighed between 400 and 500 pounds.

Exodus 25 and 37 gives us details of how it was made. Eventually, it contains two tablets of the Ten Commandments, Aaron’s rod (had sprouted. It not only sprouted, it had put forth buds, had produced blossoms.) and a pot of manna.

If it has survived through the ages it is:

Popularly thought to be in a secret chamber deep within the Temple Mount, underneath the

present-day Dome of the Rock. This could have been done before the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.

Or

In January 1979, Ron Wyatt claimed that his team had found the ark in a cave system north of the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem, but something happened that they were never able to retrace their steps to document their discovery.

Or

The ark was removed during the reign of Manasseh and taken to Egypt. The latest claim is that the ark has been seen in a church in Aksum, Ethiopia.

In my opinion, since the ark was never used in a profane manner and did carry with it the fear that one could be struck down that when Nebuchadnezzar in 585 B.C. destroyed the Temple, the collapse of the roof, walls, columns - the ark of the covenant was crushed and reduced to rubble, lost in the destruction or unearthed to be melted down for its gold. The people had been taken into slavery and so closed a great chapter of the nation in bondage.

The ark of the covenant is a great topic to study. The past three weeks was not able to cover in depth the details about how the ark was used and abused and then lost.

Prayer Requests

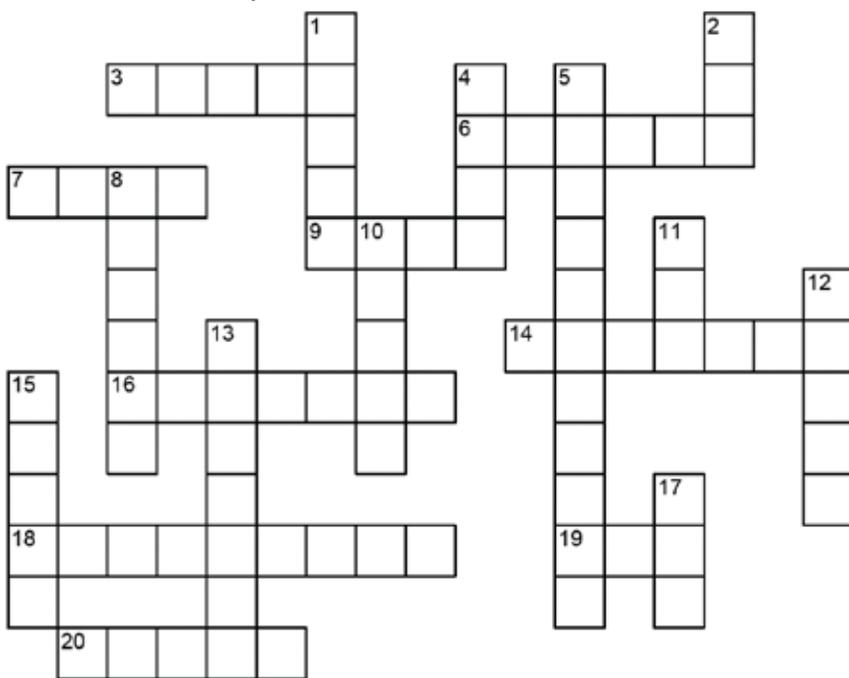
- Robert & Mary Martin
- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- Paula Clark (Carson's sister)
- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Sharon and Danny Derflinger
- Linda and Bill Adams
- Bob and Deborah Baleskie
- David and Brenda Born
- Vickie Petrow
- Ruth Brooks
- Lori Petrow Gunter
- Bobby Adams
- Bobby Jo Henderson
- Kenny Henderson Jr.
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Charlie Prince
- Jamie Tewalt
- Troy Funk (Juanita's nephew)
- Sharon Derflinger is at Heritage Hall
- The McKeever family
- Jane McCool
- Deborah Baleskie - having bad side effects from wasp stings
- Cadance Morris

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.

God Tested Abraham

Genesis 22:1-19



ACROSS

- 3 What type of offering (sacrifice) was Abraham to offer? (Genesis 22:6)
- 6 God was pleased with Abraham because he _____ the Lord. (Genesis 22:18)
- 7 Isaac asked, "Where is the _____ for the burnt offering? (Genesis 22:7)
- 9 God compared the number of Abraham's descendants as many as the _____ on the seashore. (Genesis 22:17)
- 14 God told Abraham his future children will take possession of the cities of their _____. (Genesis 22:17)
- 16 Who was the father of Isaac? (Genesis 22:6)
- 18 God told Abraham to _____ his only son Isaac. (Genesis 22:2)
- 19 The number of servants Abraham took with him (Genesis 22:3)
- 20 Who called out to Abraham telling him not to sacrifice Isaac? (Genesis 22:12)

DOWN

- 1 God told Abraham He would make his future children as many as the _____ in the sky. (Genesis 22:17)
- 2 Who tested Abraham? (Genesis 22:1)
- 4 What did Isaac carry for the sacrifice? (Genesis 22:6)
- 5 Future children that claim Abraham as their father (Genesis 22:17)
- 8 God told Abraham to sacrifice his son on this mountain. (Genesis 22:2)
- 10 In order to prepare the sacrifice Abraham built an _____. (Genesis 22:9)
- 11 When the angel told Abraham not to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham looked up and saw a _____. (Genesis 22:13)
- 12 Who was Abraham's only son? (Genesis 22:1)
- 13 Abraham told Isaac that God would _____ the lamb for the sacrifice. (Genesis 22:8)
- 15 The Lord said He would _____ Abraham for being faithful. (Genesis 22:16-17)
- 17 God was pleased with Abraham when he obeyed the Lord and was willing to sacrifice his only _____ Isaac. (Genesis 22:12)

Answers to last week's puzzle

