

# The Encourager

January 22 - 28, 2023

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.

## It's About People

by Kevin Cauley

One of the greatest challenges that we face in our lives is connecting with other people. When we think about our purpose, to love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39), we realize that this is the great challenge God has given us. We let things get in the way of doing that. We also let things get in the way of others showing love to us. Being about the Lord's business is being about the business of visiting with and learning about other people. The more that we can do this, the better job we will do in fulfilling our purpose in life.

One of the greatest obstacles that we place in our path of connecting with other people is simply failing to talk to them. So often we conceive of prejudices in our mind as to why a person is one way or another. We think, "I can't talk to him/her about this because he/she will never listen." How do we know until we try? Jesus told us that if we have a problem with another that we need to go to him/her and talk (Matthew 18:15). Jesus' way is the best way. More often than not, we will be able to resolve our differences.

Many times the reason we don't want to talk to other people lies within our own heart. We allow others to control us by blaming them instead of doing what we can. This is debilitating. We must take responsibility for our own thoughts, beliefs, decisions, feelings, and actions. This will put us back in control of our own life and go a long way toward helping us be more relaxed and comfortable around other people so that we can fulfill the purpose that God has given us in this life.

# Announcements

## New Minister

The Front Royal Church of Christ has hired Troy Postlethwait and his wife, Johanna, as our new full time minister. He will begin working with the church on February 5th or 12th. Pray for them, that they will have a safe journey here from Michagan. Please welcome them when they arrive.

## 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>
January 22	Mike McCool	Eugene Tewalt
January 29	Nate Edwards	Singing
February 5	Eugene Tewalt	Art Candenquist
February 12	Mike McCool	Joel Hope
February 19	Nate Edwards	T.K. Edwards
February 26	Eugene Tewalt	Nate Edwards
March 5	Mike McCool	Art Candenquist

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Jane McCool 1/16

Eddie Benfit 1/17

Ann Marie Mayberry 1/20

David Born 1/22

Liam Edwards 1/25

David Mayberry 1/27

### Anniversaries

Bill & Linda Adams 1/13

Kenny & Bobby Jo Henderson 1/31

## Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.

Please make sure to silent all electronic devices during class and worship services.

## Serving Today

### Lord's Table:

**T.K. Edwards**, Joseph Agyenim,  
Cyric Edwards, Liam Edwards

### Song Leader:

Eugene Tewalt

### Closing Prayer:

Nate Edwards

### Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist

## Serving Next Sunday

### Lord's Table:

**Joel Hope**, David Mayberry,  
Liam Edwards, Trevor Bollhorst

### Song Leader:

Tim Tewalt

### Closing Prayer:

T.K. Edwards

### 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

## Bob is Dead

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days. When Martha discovered that Jesus was on his way, she went out to meet him. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (from the 11th chapter of John)

Bob, is dead!

Yes! and Bob will be missed. It is Bob Lamb, 65 and a cancer victim, in the Bethel Academy community of Warrenton, Virginia where I presently have lived for the past 33 years. Bob was a last comer and only lived here for about 15 years. He drove a pickup truck and would stop and talk some or when he came down to the mailbox, he would also pause and chat about several things. I told him once that his house was the excellent candidate for a widow walk on the roof; it has an excellent view of the surrounding countryside. It was after I heard that Bob was dead that I learned he was a former member of the Marine Corps. He was the good neighbor that made sure the lawn was mowed and drove to his house obeying the speed limit after our roads were paved.

When I heard that Bob was dead it reminded me of an office story. When I came to work for the U.S. Geological Survey and was in the survey computations section, one of the civil engineers died, Bob Pullis. I only knew him from breaks in the coffee room: He went to sleep one night and never woke up. When he died, many of our group were on vacation or just out on a few days of annual or sick leave.

The slip with the announcement of his death was dropped into the IN box of the supervisor's desk and gradually made its way from desk to desk. Our boss was a retired officer in the U.S. Army and 'encouraged' quietness while we worked. It was in this atmosphere that you would hear suddenly, "Oh no! Bob is dead!" This went on for several weeks until the word was completely circulated that "Bob was dead!"

Please, not just now! Wife is gone to be with Jesus and I am now blessed with a lady friend, I still have so much yet to live for! (You may want to get a jump start and insert your name here!) So, maybe this is very fitting that we do pay some homage to those we may only know a little about and then we hear someone say, "Carson is dead!"

Now, may. . .The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."(Numbers 6:24-26) from the International Bible

"When Jesus comes at the dawn or early morn, HE shall call us one by one...Will HE answer thee, "WELL DONE?" O can we say we are ready, Ready for the soul's bright home?" (Fanny Crosby - Sacred Selections)

# Prayer Requests

- Linda and Bill Adams
- Bob and Deborah Baleskie
- Eddie Benfit
- Laura Bollhorst
- David and Brenda Born
- John Bost
- Ruth Brooks
- Paula Clark (Carson's sister)
- Sharon and Danny Derflinger
- Jim Foster (Lori Gunter's boyfriend)
- Lori Petrow Gunter
- Bobby Jo Henderson
- Kenny Henderson Jr.
- Janet Jones
- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Maria Martin

- Robert & Mary Martin
- Jane McCool
- The McKeever family
- Vickie Petrow
- Kenny Proffitt (Sharon's brother)
- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- Jamie Tewalt
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Paige & Jeff (Laura Bollhorst's sister and brother-in-law)
- Sharon Derflinger is in Room 230 at Lynn Care
- Bob Baleskie is in the CCU at Winchester Hospital
- Brenda Ridgeway is recovering from surgery

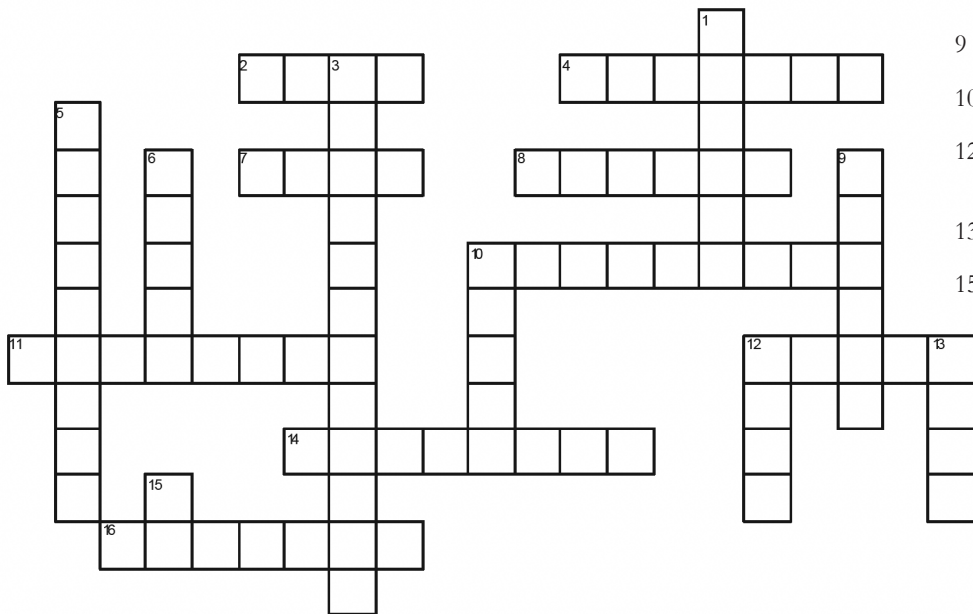
## Answered Prayers

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.

Ann Derflinger is doing well after knee surgery

# Moses and the Burning Bush - Part 1

## Exodus 3



- 9 God told Moses, "I have indeed seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of my people in Egypt." (Ex. 3:7)
- 10 Out of what country did God say he would deliver the Israelites? (Ex. 3:10)
- 12 God told Moses that Pharaoh would not let his people go unless a mighty \_\_\_\_\_ forces him. (Ex. 3:19)
- 13 The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of what? (Ex. 3:2)
- 15 God said to Moses, "\_\_\_\_\_. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:10)

### ACROSS

- 2 Moses said that the people of the Israelites would ask, "Who sent him to deliver these people?" They wanted to know His \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 3:13)
- 4 Moses was to tell the Israelites that the God of their \_\_\_\_\_ sent them to deliver them." (Ex. 3:15)
- 7 How did God describe the area by the burning bush? (Ex. 3:5)
- 8 Who was Moses' father-in-law and the priest of Midian? (Ex. 3:1)
- 10 God told Moses He would deliver the Israelites from the hand of whom? (Ex. 3:8)
- 11 What had burned, but not \_\_\_\_\_? (Ex. 3:2)
- 12 To what area did Moses led the flock to the far side of the desert? (Ex. 3:1)
- 14 God reassured Moses that he will deliver the people and shall serve God upon this \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 3:12)
- 16 The name God gave Moses is to be his name \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 3:15)

### DOWN

- 1 Moses objected to go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. He said, "Who am I?" (Ex. 3:11) three words
- 3 How did God describe the land that He would lead them to? (Ex. 3:8) three words
- 5 What name did God tell Moses to say to the people when their want to know His name? (Ex. 3:14)
- 6 When Moses approached the burning bush, what did God tell him to remove? (Ex. 3:5)

### Answers to last week's puzzle

