

# The Encourager

Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, 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.

## I Have Performed

by Kevin Cauley

The above statement sounds really good until you consider its context, 1 Samuel 15:13. It came from King Saul after he fought against the Amalekites. God said to Saul, "Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them..." (1 Samuel 15:3). God gave this command to "punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way" (1 Samuel 15:2). So, Saul went out and "destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword" (1 Samuel 15:8), but kept the king and the best of the livestock alive. When Samuel came to meet Saul after the battle, Saul uttered these words, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." The problem wasn't that Saul didn't do **some** of what God told him to do, but he didn't do **all** of what God told him to do. For this reason, Samuel said, "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23). performed commandment

Many people today make the same claim. They say, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord" when they have really only done some but not all that God has commanded. Jesus told his apostles that they should teach disciples "to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus wants us to obey Him in all things, not some. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). If we neglect one "word" from God, then we have not performed his commandment, regardless of what some may claim. Our behavior in Christ ought to conform to all that Christ has said, not just part.

# Announcements

## New Minister

We have 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 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
March 12	Nate Edwards	Eugene Tewalt

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Tieran Edwards 2/12

Eugene Tewalt 2/15

### Anniversaries

Kenny & Bobby Jo Henderson 1/31

Eugene & Juanita Tewalt 2/2

Bob & Deborah Baleskie 2/27

## 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:

**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

## Life

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." I mention the situation of Terri Schiavo. This medical case appeared to be headed to the highest court in the land, the U.S. Supreme Court. After 15 years in a persistent vegetative state (PVS), is it the time to answer the plea of her husband to take her off life support and end her life. Many were for it and many were against it. Is it possible that she could have gained consciousness and her health? It is a question that my 2 1/3 lb. brain ponders.

Karen Ann Quinlan - she collapsed into a PVS on April, 1975. When life support was removed she lived in a coma for ten more years - 1985. Nancy Cruzan - a 1983 car accident left her as a PVS. In Cruzan vs. Missouri, life support was removed and she died in January, 1991. Hollywood tries to touch on these situations - see CHARLEY, SOLENT GREEN and the Eastwood movie - MILLION DOLLAR BABY. How does one leave this life with dignity? Do you have the answer?

Adam was created from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7) and Eve from a rib. They ate of the fruit in the Garden of Eden, they were destined to live forever but Satan intervened. Out of the garden they were no longer eternally young. Cain kills Abel and death is on the scene for the first time. Thereafter, we see that people of the Old Testament did live a long time, Methuselah the longest at 969 years (Genesis 5:25). After every recorded name their age; it's stated and then **they died**. The New Testament promises us threescore and ten and it could be longer.

We all hope that we will never have the "plug removed." Cryogenics holds the hope that we can be frozen until a cure is found for what ails us. We are looking to the future. The military is

researching a computer driven robot that will map, then perform delicate and precise operations on wounded soldiers. Within a few days the wounded can be completely healed and back on the battlefield. These discoveries are sure to spill over into civilian life and add years to the population. Another possibility is that aging may eventually be slowed or stopped, all due to the unfolding mystery of cell research. Cells may soon be "triggered" to grow any part or organ of the body. Society lives with the false hope that our mortal bodies can achieve immortality here on earth. This will never happen, we will never return to the garden of Eden with the sin that holds us down. (Hebrews 12:1)

When Jesus said that I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10). He was not talking about a home forever in this physical arena. Many today are looking for the Savior to return and reign here as King. While Jesus was here, He could have healed everyone that was sick and blind and lame. He only did this for a few. He offered us something far far better and lasting than this body. God is a spirit and, we his children, will have a new body. (Revelation 2:10)

THE END I KNOW IS NEARING, BY FAITH I LOOK AWAY, TO YONDER HOME SUPERPERNAL,

THE LAND OF ENDLESS DAY; I'LL CLING TO HIM FOREVER AND LOOK BEYOND THE SKY, AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN GLORY BY AND BY.  
(Songs of FAITH and PRAISE)

# 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

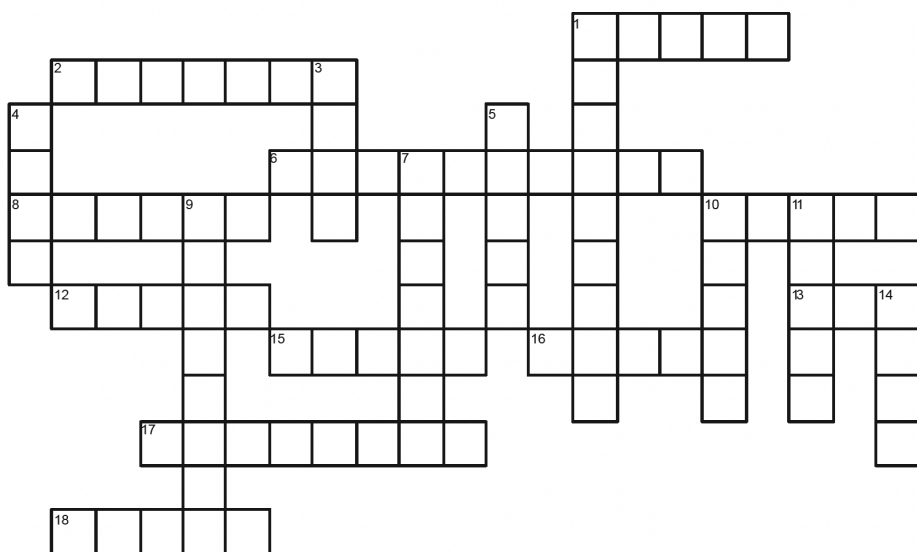
- Robert & Mary Martin
- Jane McCool
- The McKeever family
- Vickie Petrow
- Kenny Proffitt (Sharon's brother)
- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- Jamie Tewalt
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Paige & Jeff (Laura Bollhorst's sister and brother-in-law)
- Sharon Derflinger is in Room 230 at Lynn Care
- Bob Baleskie has been moved to Camp Hill, PA  
Bob's Address: Holy Spirit Hospital, Room 519  
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- 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.

# Moses and the Burning Bush - Part 2

## Exodus 4



### DOWN

- When Moses and Aaron went to Egypt, told the people all the words of the Lord, and did the signs in the presence of the people, the people responded by \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 4:31)
- Moses' fourth excuse was: "I am \_\_\_\_\_ of speech." (Ex. 4:10)
- God said, "Aaron can speak \_\_\_\_\_." (Ex. 4:14)
- What did God give to Moses to convince the Israelites he had been sent by God? (Ex. 4:1-9)
- Moses' final excuse was, "Oh, Lord, send \_\_\_\_\_ else." (Ex. 4:13)
- Moses' fourth excuse was: "I am not \_\_\_\_\_." (Ex. 4:10)
- How many signs did God give Moses to convince the Israelites he had been sent by God? (Ex. 4:1-9)
- What was God's reaction to all of Moses' excuses? (Ex. 4:14)
- Why did the Lord tell Moses to return to Egypt, for the men who sought his life was \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 4:31)

### ACROSS

- Moses again approached the Lord: "If the people do not believe these two signs, then Moses shall pour water upon dry land and it will become what?" (Ex. 4:9)
- In the second sign, Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, he became \_\_\_\_\_ like snow. (Ex. 4:6)
- When Moses and Aaron went to Egypt, told the people all the words of the Lord, and did the signs in the presence of the people, the people responded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Moses said the Israelites will not believe me or \_\_\_\_\_ to me, because they will say the Lord has not appeared to me. (Ex. 4:1)
- Now go ...and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you what you shall say" (Ex. 4:11-12)
- Who was Moses' brother? (Ex. 4:14)
- Who said: "I will be your mouth?" (Ex. 4:11-12)
- Since Moses made excuses for not being bold when speaking to Pharaoh, who would be Moses' spokesman? (Ex. 4:14-16)
- In the first sign, Moses cast his rod to the ground and it became a \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 4:3)
- In the second sign, after Moses put his hand into his cloak pulling to out it became leprous, but after he placed his hand back into the cloak and pulled it out a second time, it became \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 4:7)
- God said, "Now go and I will be your \_\_\_\_\_." (Ex. 4:11-12)

### Answers to last week's puzzle

