

The Encourager

June 4 - 10, 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 School10 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study7 p.m.

Troy Postlethwait, Minister

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Publicity and the Gospel

By Kevin Cauley

"There's no such thing as bad publicity" is a saying attributed to P.T. Barnum and his famous circus. He had a lot of critics, but people kept coming to see what he was peddling, and it worked too. Oscar Wilde once famously said, "The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about." Apathy is the lukewarm killer. It seems that even Jesus agreed with these sentiments. He once said, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot" (Revelation 3:15). It was better to be absolutely for or absolutely against Jesus than to be lukewarm!

Sometimes I hear people say, "I don't know how to teach the lost. I'm not a good evangelist." That does not matter. What matters is whether you try. You will make mistakes, and that is okay. Some will say, "But I don't want my friends getting a negative impression." Please. Jesus himself made a negative impression frequently even though he was sinless. You cannot please everyone all the time! Sinners hate the truth. Give it to them anyway.

Jesus also said, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). We are not intentionally trying to alienate anyone, but if speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) gives someone a negative impression, then we will just have to live with it. That is better than not saying anything at all! Jesus gags when we are lukewarm. "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Are we more like Jesus? Or the church in Laodicea? Silence is inexcusable.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Men's Class

Starting June 7th, the Wednesday night class will be studying the book of Revelation.

Ladies' Class

The ladies are having a class on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall for those who wish to attend. The Tuesday morning ladies class is on hiatus for the summer. It will resume on September 5.

Friday Night Bible Study

The Friday night bible study has been put on hold until further notice.

Church Directory

All new information for the new directory should be given to Mike McCool.

Birthdays

Juanita Tewalt 6/2

Debbie Martin 6/4

Art Candenuist 6/19

Olivia Edwards 6/20

Reminder

No food or drinks allowed in auditorium.

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

*Please check the bulletin board for events going on at other congregations.

Serving Today

Song Leader:

Eugene Tewalt

Opening Prayer:

Liam Edwards

Lord's Table:

David Born, Cyric Edwards,
Joseph Agyenim, Nate Edwards

Scripture Reading:

Art Candenuist

Closing Prayer:

Joel Hope

PM Song Leader:

David Born

Serving Next Sunday

Song Leader:

Tim Tewalt

Opening Prayer:

Joel Hope

Lord's Table:

Eugene Tewalt, Mike McCool,
David Mayberry, Bill Adams

Scripture Reading:

Art Candenuist

Closing Prayer:

Joseph Agyenim

PM Song Leader:

Eugene Tewalt

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

The Cracked Acorn

by Carson Van Arsdall

Green

“a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey” (Exodus 3:8)

It was a fortunate experience for me during my years with Army Map Service (Defense Department) that on a returning African work assignment the flight at 10,000 feet took us up Suez corridor, heading north with the Sinai Peninsula (east) and Egypt (west).

The Sinai is totally desert, believe me; there is nothing that is green. A study of ancient history might go to show that 3 thousand years ago it was forested and that the trees were cut for charcoal for Egypt, so learned scholars have noted.

Our lives depend on the color green. A few inches of topsoil is our bread of life. “Farm land lost is gone forever” so says a bumper sticker. This may pose a problem for the future if flatland is used more and more for shopping centers, etc... Now:

Looking back through the years when there were more small family farms, I learned early that the color green was very important. The green grass is necessary for livestock and green grass holds the soil together.

Every year our family farm was a mystery weather-wise, we did not know if the rain would come at the right time for the corn, wheat and pastures, the future all depended on the ‘promise of the coming green.’

Lots of green meant that there was shopping prior to the Christmas holidays, maybe some new clothes and shoes, a short vacation across State lines, and a chance to put more into the church basket, and to stop the bank from telephoning that the checking account was short.

Above all, we should pray as our Wimpy did for good weather and rain, and add green to that prayer long or short.

The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
NUMBERS 6

Two Saber-toothed tigers (Ralph & Roy) were relaxing under a Catalpa tree, and off in the distance two cave men were strolling and eating berries from leafy green bushes. This was all very interesting to watch by the tigers.

“Hey! Ralph, Do you see those two cavemen?”

“Yeah, and did you notice that they have stopped eating berries and now have clubs and are creeping towards us!”

“I do see that, Roy, and I think that their intentions towards us are not honorable. We’ll let them get closer and then we’ll let out a big roar.”

“RRROOOAAARRR! !!”

“Ralph, what are they doing now?”

“They are back to eating berries in those green bushes”

and last: (Tom Jones,1966)

Yes, they’ll all come to meet me

Arms reaching, smiling sweetly

It’s good to touch the green, green grass of home

Yes, they’ll all come to see me

In the shade of that old oak tree

As they lay me

‘Neath the green, green grass of home.

Prayer Requests

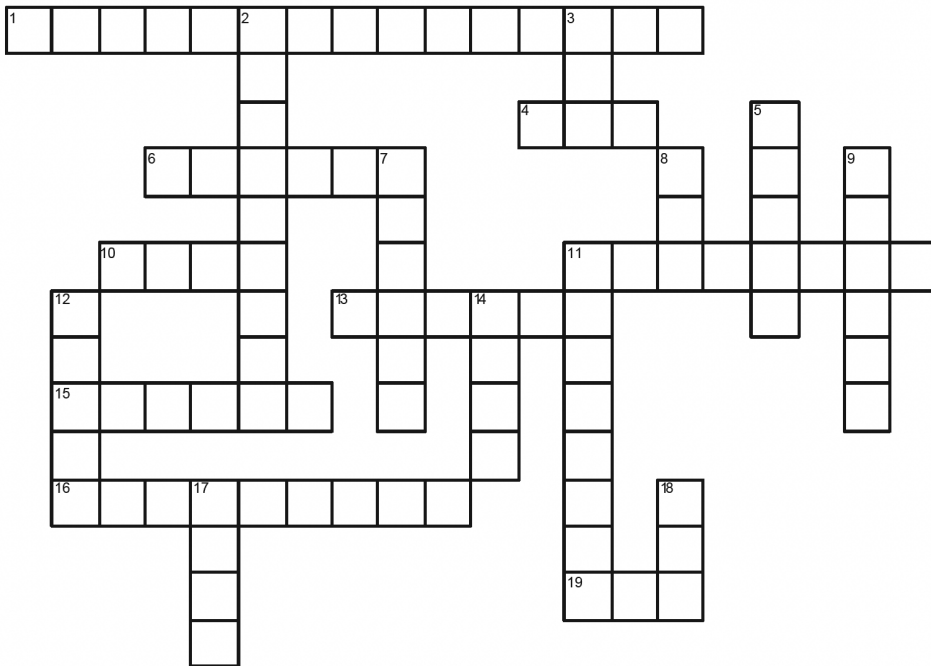
- Linda and Bill Adams
- Deborah Baleskie
- The Baleskie Family
- Eddie Benfit
- Laura Bollhorst
- David and Brenda Born
- John Bost
- Ruth Brooks
- Paula Clark (Carson's sister)
- Pat Derflinger
- Sharon and Danny Derflinger
- Tommy Derflinger
- Jim Foster (Lori Gunter's boyfriend)
- Lori Petrow Gunter
- Bobby Jo Henderson
- Kenny Henderson Jr.
- Phyllis Henry
- Janet Jones
- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Debbie Martin
- Maria Martin
- Robert & Mary Martin
- Kera Michelucci (Debbie Martin's granddaughter)
- Jane McCool
- The McKeever family
- Vickie Petrow
- Patty Ritenour
- Paul Sullivan (Linda's son)
- Jamie Tewalt
- Shirley Williams
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Sharon Derflinger is in room 230 at Lynn Care

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 Birth of Samuel

I Samuel 1



ACROSS

- 1 Hannah told Eli she was the woman who prayed to the Lord for a child, and the Lord granted her request. Therefore, she gave Samuel to the Lord for how long? (1 Sa. 1:26-28) five words
- 4 How many wives did Elkanah have? (1 Sa. 1:1-2)
- 6 Name one of the wives of Elkanah? (1 Sa. 1:2)
- 10 The Lord blessed Hannah and gave her how many more children? (1 Sa. 2:21)
- 11 Name one of the wives of Elkanah? (1 Sa. 1:1-2)
- 13 Where did Eli serve as priest? (1 Sa. 1:3)
- 15 Sometime after Elkanah and his family returned home, Hannah had a son and called him _____. (1 Sa. 1:20)
- 16 Elkanah went to Shiloh yearly to perform the _____. (1 Sa. 1:3)
- 19 Hannah went her way and was no longer _____. (1 Sa. 1:18)

DOWN

- 2 When Hannah assured Eli that she was praying, Eli said to her: "_____." (1 Sa. 1:17) three words
- 3 Hannah prayed and made a _____ for the Lord to give her a son. She vowed to give her son back to the Lord. (1 Sa. 1:11, 17)
- 5 When she prayed, her lips moved but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was _____. (1 Sa. 1:12-13)
- 7 Name one of the sons of Eli. (1 Sa. 1:3)
- 8 The child Samuel grew and increased in favor with _____. (1 Sa. 2:26)
- 9 When Elkanah and his household went to offer the yearly sacrifice the next time, Hannah hold her husband she would not go until Samuel would be _____. (1 Sa. 1:21-22)
- 11 Name one of the sons of Eli. (1 Sa. 1:3)
- 12 What other child is described as growing and increasing in favor with God and man? (Lk. 2:52)
- 14 The child Samuel grew and increased in favor with the _____. (1 Sa. 2:26)
- 17 What did Hannah bring to Samuel when she came for the yearly sacrifice? (1 Sa. 2:18-19)
- 18 Since Hannah did not have any children, she was very _____. (1 Sa. 1:9-10)

Answers to last week's puzzle

