

The Encourager

Front Royal Church of Christ
140 W. 15th St. Front Royal, VA. 22630

Date: March 19, 2017



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Welcome Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! You are our honored guest and we will not request you to do anything in the services except worship God with us. Please fill out one of the visitor's card and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member here. **If you would be interested in receiving our bulletin online please state that on your card today.** Also, don't forget to sign our guest book in the foyer. Let us know if we can be of help to you in any way. God Bless You!!



<u>Sunday Service Times</u>	<u>Wednesday Evening Service Time</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sunday Bible class 10:00 am		Stephen Smith
Sunday Worship 11:00 am	7:00 pm	540-635-2613
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm	<u>SimpleBibleLessons.com</u>	ministerfrcoc@gmail.com



Sharon Derflinger, in Heritage Hall, **Address for cards:** #104 A, 440 W. Strasburg Rd., Front Royal, VA. 22630

Anita Farris, is home. **Address for cards:** 168 Virginia St, Strasburg, VA 22657

Gloria Van Arsdall, is in Rehab. Doing well. **Address for cards:** Brookside Rehab & Nursing Center, 614 Hastings Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186

Mrs. Amy Hartley, stage 4 colon cancer. **Address to send cards:** c/o Warren County High School 155 Westminster Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630

Tommy Stickler, 93 years old with heart issues. **Address for cards:** Heritage Hall, 400 W. Strasburg Rd, Front Royal, VA. 22603, room 304.

Our nation and lawmakers.

Russell Hamilton successful open heart surgery recovering at home. Neighbor of Janet and Joel.

Address to send cards: 10 Casa Tres, Amissville, VA 20106

Condolences to: Ruth Younk on the passing of her husband, Pat.

Sharon Derflinger's brother, **Kenny Proffitt**, going to Rehab, after having stroke.

Connie Jenkins, sister of Patty Ridenhour, needing prayers for healing.

• **Those that are homebound :**

Larry & Audrey Herring
John Woodall.

• **Those battling with cancer:**

Nancy Barnes,
Luanne Kibler,
Ryan Denharat,
Sandy Holzhauser
Vita Torres
Roger Himelright
Viola Menefee
Jeff Pingley
Betty Martin

• **Continue to pray for:**

Bobby Jo Henderson
Pop Funk

Kimberly Wines
Kenny Henderson Jr.
Lee Mynard
Tylor Evans
Ruth Martin
Hayden Johnson
Hazel Clark
Ruth Brooks
Our **missionaries**
Heather Dawn
Scott McCool
Diana Wines
Ella Sullivan
Irene Garrett
Mason Langlais
Danielle Wren
Sharon Jenkins
Gary Dawson
Gabby Galvin,
Bonnie Kerns,

If a name or names on our Continued prayer list has been in the bulletin for more than 3 months. That name or names will be removed unless asked to keep them in the bulletin. If change has occurred in the situation or condition of the person or persons, please let Tenia know. Only the homebound and battling cancer names will stay.

Josie Steed in Afghanistan

Travis Bost on USS George H.W. Bush

For all branches of the Military. All law enforcement officers and all first responders.



March 19th Ladies Meeting
after Sunday AM. Services.

Check out the **front** and **back**
bulletin boards for *new*
information on events and
happenings.

Adopt a Soldier

Program got off to a good start
yesterday. If you want to help
with this endeavor? The list
for items to send our two
adopted soldier's can be
located on the table in the
foyer. Pick one up and let's
support our soldiers! Tote for
items will be marked for this!

P.M. Fellowship Meal will be: **Soup &
Sandwiches** Come and enjoy the fellowship.



Relay For Life
items please leave in **Blue
Tote** in **Front Foyer.**

**Aluminum Cans , Ink
Cartridge, Plastic Cola Caps or Pull Taps**
in Plastic bags.

If anyone is
interested in
going to the
Ladies Day on
March 25th.
Please let Tenia
know!



Food Pantry Item

Canned Fruit

Canned Potatoes



March's Birthdays

Linda Adams 3/6,
Janet Jones 3/11
Mason Diaz 3/15,
Karol Derflinger 3/24 ,
Bob Baleskie 3/25
Cindy Callaway 3/27,
Nancy Barnes 3/31



I'll Think About It!

Philippians 4: 4-8

Finally brethren think
on these things . . .

Truth, Honesty,
Purity, Loveliness,
Justice, and Good
Reputation

Servers for March 19th

If you are **unable to serve**, it is your
responsibility to find a replacement.

Wilson Diaz

Jacob Litchliter

Donnie Farris

David Born

Song Leader

Peter Diaz A M

Eugene Tewalt P M

Should American Christians Be Against Refugees?

Or Be For Building a Border wall?

(This will be a 2 Part series, next week, the answers to the questions by using the Bible for clarity!)

Who is our neighbor? Who is the stranger? What do we do *for* and *about* the ones that just want peace and want to live in a place that doesn't restrict the right to be human. That just want to make a living and raise a family in safety. To have freedoms that isn't offered in any other country! Is all immigrants evil? Is all refugee's evil?

Out of all the reports and social media's views and thoughts about what is happening in our world today, are we American Christians really thinking these issues thoroughly through? What does the Bible (God's Word) tell us about our neighbor and the stranger? Are we letting **fear** vs. **faith** lead us? What about following the law of the land? What about family first in security? Are we being too suspicious and judgmental towards people different than we are?

Where does the Church as a whole stand on dealing with issues of this nature? What about the hurting and vulnerable soul? When do we as the body of Christ say, who should walk through the doors of the church building?

Please be praying about these questions and let's us not grow weary in doing the will of God.

Answers to last weeks questions

1. Peter; 2. Ananias; 3. Philip; 4. The Apostles); 5. Stephen; 6. Esaias (Isaiah); 7. Barnabas;
8. The Spirit of the Lord; 9. Saul; 10. Simon



Doves



1. _____ Who sent a dove to see if the water had dried off the earth, Genesis 8:6-8?
2. _____ What did the dove return with the second time it was sent out, Genesis 8:11?
3. _____ The third time the dove was sent out, what happened, Genesis 8:12?
4. _____ Why did the psalmist want wings like a dove, Psalm 55:6?
5. _____ Who said he mourned like a dove and his eyes failed with looking upward, Isaiah 38:9-14?
6. _____ Whom did Jeremiah tell to dwell in the rocks and be like the dove, Jeremiah 48:28?
7. _____ Who said that the Israelites who escaped would be like doves, mourning for their iniquities, Ezekiel 7:16?
8. _____ Whom did Hosea say was like a silly dove, Hosea 7:11?
9. _____ At his baptism, who saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, Matthew 3:16?
10. _____ Whom did Jesus tell to go out as harmless doves, Matthew 10:5,16?

The Cracked Acorn



Persons
March 19, 2017
c.r. van arsdall

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

There was a Friday newspaper that covered these news items: Stella Oselaw, 78, had to leave New Orleans because of Hurricane Katrina and then had to leave her host home because of out-of-town relatives. Louis Farrakhan was quoted, "If you don't have a desire to help yourself, nobody will help you." Taylor Behl, 17, was buried. She was trying to find new friends online. Cyndi Lauper is alive still singing - "Girls just want to have fun!" Gloria Estefan stopped singing long enough to write a book for kids about her bulldog, Noelle. Queen Elizabeth II is still around at 90 years of age. Saudi Arabia's King is in town assuring us that oil will still flow to us from the land of "milk and honey." Charles Ramsey of the D.C. Police warned us about driving after drinking-there's a zero tolerance if you are stopped with a measurable amount of blood alcohol level.

Have you heard of any of these people-Ho Chi Minh, Winston Churchill, Mohandas Gandhi, Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Adolf Hitler, Martin Luther King, Ayatullah Ruhollah Khomeini, V.I. Lenin, Pope John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Teddy Roosevelt, Margaret Thatcher, Margaret Sanger, Lech Walesa, Mao Zedong. (If you recognized any of these you are probably near 50 years or older. These people shaped the last century.)

How about these! Condoleezza Rice, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama. Bill Frist, Donald Rumsfeld, Mark Malloch Brown, Gordon Brown, Ali Husanin Sistani, Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi, Hu Jintao, Kim Jong II, Manmohan Singh, Thabo Mbeki, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Ariel Sharon,

Javier Solana, John Howard, Chen Shui-bian and Hugo Chavez. (You may have scored higher on these personalities. They are shaped today's world and the years of the next generation.)

These people by faith were certain of what they hoped for and sure of what they could not see: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses, and Joshua.³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets,³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11

These predictions may come true in less than 100 years: human technology will bring about "artificial" life, medical procedures will be performed by computers and scientists will be able to explain the images on the Shroud of Turin, computer viruses will develop "intelligence", there will be one world currency, most countries will have a 4-day work week, extraterrestrial intelligence will be found and confirmed, and schools in USA and Europe will require classes in defending against, not the students, but drone attacks.

Take care and arm yourself with the sword of love!

AS A MOTHER...

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.
-ISAIAH 66:13 NIV

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Our Lord has blessed us with a host of blessings in this life. So many we sometimes take for granted they will always be here.

Let us examine on such often overlooked blessing.

*The H_____ of serving God.
Romans 10:15*

The S_____ of a L_____ well Lived.

John 17:20

2 Timothy 2:2

Joys of P_____

1 Timothy 1:1

Titus 1:4

Philemon 10

3 John 4

*Personal G_____ & M_____
Hebrews 5:12*

*I_____ in E_____
Matthew 6:19-20
Luke 12:16-21*

Steve's Stuff

“Personal Evangelism” -

To evangelize means to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Christ. One may understand Personal to mean from one person (or persons) to another person or group of persons.

Therefore, personal evangelism is usually employed more in an individual or family as opposed to the proclamation of the gospel from a pulpit.

With personal evangelism defined we all to often find it in very little use today. Christians understand the need for and realize the command to preach the gospel into all the world. Yet many never seem to get around to it.

Here is usually the point most expect to find the list of reasons to share the gospel with the world. But our message today will take a very different tack.

So many Christians fail to fully understand the true joy in sharing the Gospel. Explaining it is very difficult. Like explaining the feeling one has when he/she just hit a home run to someone who never has. Or the joy of having a baby, or finally accomplishing that life long task you worked so hard to complete.

While these & perhaps many other things produce similar feelings none compare with joy of life of personal evangelism.

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Bible Quiz

- 1) When Jesus returns, how will he come? Mat 24:30
- 2) What land did God promise Abraham, Isaac & Jacob? How did God tell Moses the Israelites would know the Lord? Exo 6:2-7
- 3) Describe the sign performed when Aaron threw down his staff & the one when Moses struck the Nile Rives with his staff. Exo 7:10, 15-17 Discuss the final results of each sign. Exo 7:12, 21, 24
- 4) What promises did God make to Jacob in dream of angels on ladder to heaven? Gen 28:13-15
- 5) Why did Laban say he had given Leah to Jacob as a wife rather than Rachel? Gen 29:24
- 6) After receiving Leah as a wife, what did Jacob do to earn his beloved Rachel? Name Rachel's maid. Gen 29:29-30
- 7) Describe Rachel's feelings after Leah had born children and she had not. Gen 30:1 Since Rachel had born no children, what did she do to provide herself with a child? Gen 30:3-4
- 8) When Leah saw that she was no longer bearing children, what did she do to provide herself with more children? Gen, 30:9 Yes or No Leah had earlier born four sons. Did she have any other sons of daughters? I so how many? Gen 30:17-21
- 9) Yes or No Did Leah & Rachel leave Paddan Aram willinly with Jacob? Gen 31:16 Did Jacob tell Laban he was leaving? Gen 31:20
- 10) Jacob told Laban he had been in his house ___ years & Laban had changed his wages ___ times. Gen 31:41

Bible Quiz Answer L#137

1. according to his own ability
2. from the foundation of the world
3. To hold a feast to God/Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice
4. Jacob/Isaac trembled
5. Esau married his father's niece
6. a tenth
7. Rolled stone from well to water Laban sheep.
8. Rachel his younger daughter
9. Joseph
10. Laban's animal culls/his sons/ 3 days away

Additional Scriptures

1. Children are a reward from God. Psalm 127:3
2. Report on Jacob's wrestling with the angel, Hosea 12:2-5
3. God said no one could see His face and live. Exo 33:20
4. Joseph was buried on land bought by Jacob at Shechem. Josh 24:32
5. Abraham had also built an altar at Shechem. Gen 12:6-7

According to the Dictionary

1. Who was Jacob, Esau, Laban, Abraham, Isaac, Isreal, Leah & Rachel?
2. Mount Seir, the mountains of Edom located south of the Dead Sea & were the land inheritance of Esau.
3. Israel, the 12 tribes of Jacob were called "Israelites"
4. Jabbok River, flowed into the east side of the Jordan River.
5. Shechem, was called Sychar at the time of Jesus John 4:1-26

Questions

1. Jacob was a) Happy b) afraid of meeting Esau again. How did Jacob try to protect his family & possessions from Esau? Gen 32:7-8
2. In prayer, Jacob said when leaving Canaan, he has crossed the Jordan with only a _____ & on his return he had become two ____ Gen 32:10
3. What did Jacob send as presents ahead of himself to ty to appease Esau? Gen 32:13-20
4. How did Jacob get the name "Israel?" Gen 32:24-28 How did the man from God hurt Jacob? Gen 32:25-31
5. When Jacob saw Esau coming, who did he place in the very back so they would be Safe? Gen 33:1-2
6. How did Esau greet Jacob? How did Jacob greet Esau? Gen 33:3-5
7. What did Jacob build at Shechem? Gen 33:20

Application— Children are given parents by God, Gen 33:5b.

Bible Quiz

- 1) When Jesus comes & all nations are gathered before Him, He will put the sheep on His _____ side, and the goats on His _____ side. Mat 25:33
- 2) When was Jesus' kingdom prepared? Mat 25:34
- 3) After the plagues of frogs, gnats & Insects, why did Pharaoh decide not to let the Israelites leave Egypt? Exo 8:8-15, 19, 28-32
- 4) Describe the appearance of Leah & Rachel. Which girl did he love? Gen 29:17-18
- 5) The more feeble of the flock belonged to _____ and the stronger ones belonged to _____ Gen 30:43
- 6) The wealth which Jacob had accumulated in Mesopotamia included a) large flocks, b) Female and Male servants, c) camels, d) donkeys. Gen 30:43
- 7) Yes or No Did Laban's attitude toward Jacob remain friendly after Jacob became wealthy? Gen 31:1-2
- 8) What was God's warning to Laban concerning his treatment of the fleeing Jacob? Gen 31:24
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Bible Quiz Answer L#138

1. on the clouds of heaven with power & great glory
2. Canaan/He brought them out of Egypt
3. Staff turned to Serpant/ Water turned to blood.
4. Land/Many descendants/ personal blessings.
5. She was oldest
6. Work 7 more years/Bilhah
7. Envy/had Bilhah children
8. Gave Zilpha to Abraham/ Yes
9. Yes/No
- 10.20/10

Additional Scriptures

1. Certainty of God's love for a Christian, Rom 8:38-39
2. Twenty year before, Jacob had seen a ladder to heaven at Bethel. Gen 28:10-19
3. Jacob remembered Simeon & Levi's cruelty to the people of Shechem in his death-bed predictions, Gen 49:5-7
4. Abraham at Shechem, Gen 12:6
5. Dinah Gen 30:21, 46:15
6. Danger of woman going out alone among Egyptians & Canaanites. Gen 12:5, 20:2, 26:7
7. Hebrew law of compensation for seducing a virgin. Exo 22:16-17
8. Covenant of circumcision between God and Abraham, Gen 17:10
9. Circumcision was a legal institution for Jews. Lev 12:3
10. Rachel had taken household gods from her home in Paddan-Aram, Gen 31:19, 30, 32:35
11. Jacob's name was changed to Israel, Gen 32:28
12. For his sin, Jacob withdrew Ruben's birthright and gave it to the two sons of Joseph, Gen 49:4 1 Chro 5:1
13. Rebekah traveled to Canaan with her nurse. Gen 24:59
14. Amalekites were the first to attack the Israelites on their flight from Egyptian slavery Exo 17:8-16

Questions

1. When Jacob returned to Canaan, did his family possess foreign gods? Gen 35:2-4
2. On his return to Canaan, what did Jacob do at Bethel? Gen 35:3-7
3. What was the occasion of Rachel's death? Gen 35:16-19
4. Judah was the son of a) Rachel b) Zilpah c) Leah d) Bilhah Gen 35:23
5. Name Rachel's two sons, Gen 35:24
6. Who buried Isaac? Gen 35:29
7. What group of people were descendants of Exau? Gen 36:9

Application— God's Care Gen 35:3.