



The Encourager

Church of Christ

140 West 15th Street

Front Royal Virginia 22630

540 635 2613

FrontRoyalChurchofChrist.com

SimpleBibleLessons.com

We Welcome Our Guest!

We are so glad you've come for worship today!

Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

September 16, 2018

Sunday Service's

Bible class 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class

11:00 am

Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Personal Bible Study

SimpleBibleLessons.com

Online

Correspondence

In Home

RSW Jail Ministry

Correspondence

2nd & 4th In House

Food Pantry

By Appointment

Minister

John Stephen Smith

540-635-2613

ministerfrcoc@gmail.com

**"Everyone ... who
acknowledges me
before others,
I also
will acknowledge
before my Father
in heaven."**

Matthew 10:32



Hazel Clark, moving to
Lynn Care #242 rehab.
Adam Selby
Michael Michelucci
Kim Wines
Remi Wines
Mary Steele
Ceann Collier
Ella Sullivan
Anita Farris, for continue
healing of knee.
Cathy Meadows
Kelly Clark
Sammy Campbell
Donna Couto, Anita's
mother.
Liddy Brewer
Gloria Van Arsdall,
Brookside, new room #122A.
Rick Steele
Jeff Robbins
Bobby Jo Henderson
Philip (Pop) Funk in Lynn
Care, room #221B.
Ray Stelzl
Tim Gunter
Kenny Henderson Jr.
Ruth Brooks

Prayer Works



Sharon Jenkins
Jamie Shell
Marty Jones
Jamie James
Scott McCool
Jaden Turner
Doris & Donald Jones
Carol & Doug Ritenour
Dolores Williams
RSW Jail Ministry
Our nation and lawmakers
The Lord's church
Military men and women
First Responders
Our missionaries

- ♦ **Our Homebound**
Audrey Herring
John Woodall
Nancy Barnes
- ♦ **Cancer Diagnosis**
Janet Jenkins
Jerry Eubanks
C.R. Newlin
Priscilla L
Philip Funk Jr.
Jackie Barbe
Frank Couto
Ryan Denharat
Sandy Holzhauser
Vita Torres
Jeff Pingley
Wendy Willoughby
Elaine Appleton
Robert Jenkins

*Names On This Page Will Periodically be removed.
Please Keep Tenia Informed as to there Condition & or Status*

The Cracked Acorn



Changing Times
September 16, 2018
c.r. van arsdall

If you haven't noticed, times have really changed in many ways. One big change is in our food. I did not realize this till I had watched one of the hour FOOD series on PBS. I am a farm raised person & remember my mother prepared three big meals a day. When we retired at night all those calories, fats and sugars had been burned up to fill a full day of farming activities. Every meal started with my father saying "grace" and then there were occasional reminders: never take more than you can eat, don't eat too fast, chew slowly, don't try to talk with your mouth full, don't interrupt the adults, save room for dessert and ask for permission to leave the table. Our summer fare was usually iced tea, beans, fried chicken and corn bread.

Today, Americans live in a mobile society. Breakfast and lunch can be taken "on the run" and eaten in the car. You could have the enormous breakfast omelet and later the double whopper and at the evening meal try the all-u-can-eat COUNTRY COOKIN. Our nation is paying the price for fast food and convenience. Doctors warn us the life expectancy rate could spiral down in the coming years. It is too much of a good thing.

In the days, when Jesus was among us, His people ate mostly cereal grains with some fish. The wealthy had access to different meats and baked breads. The Romans had ice houses to preserve some items for several weeks. The Romans were probably the first

ones to eat out a lot. Apartments were small and did not have kitchens. Food was available from many shops. The Egyptians may have fared even better due to the fertile areas along the Nile River. Dates, fruits and gardens supplied much of the common food consumed by the general population.

These societies had to endure bad crop years, famine, locusts, thieves and even starvation. This happened in Genesis 41:53 where Joseph became Pharaoh's man to store grain and stave off the bad years of famine in Egypt. This was all part of God's plan to save Joseph and his brethren. When the children of Israel left the bondage of Egypt, they depended upon the LORD to provide their food. (Exodus 16:15). The book of Leviticus provided the Israelites with the dietary laws necessary to give them good health in their journey to the land "flowing with milk and honey." It is interesting to note pork was not on the list for many reasons. Seth was an Egyptian god that took the form of a black pig. God's people had been immersed in this idol worshipping society for hundreds of years and they did not need any reminders.

Meat was difficult to come by in Paul's time & usually came from the temples from offerings made to idols. This was one of the rare times poor people could purchase meat. Paul in Romans 14, plainly states brethren were not to look down upon those who were trying to feed their families the best they could.

Over the Counter

"I would like vitamins for my son," a mother said. "Vitamin A, B or C?" the pharmacist asked. "It doesn't matter," the mother replied. "He can't read yet."

Not on the Same Page

A little girl had just started kindergarten. After a few days, she came home and said, "Grandpa, I learned the slide rule today." Grandpa was happy to hear that she was learning something new and really pleased it was about math. He asked her to explain it, and she said, "Only one kid on the slide at a time."



Bible Quiz:

1. How did God speak through David? Describe the way David said that a person should rule over others? 2 Samuel 23:2-3
2. What did David say concerning Araunah giving him the threshing floor and other items for the burnt offerings? 2 Samuel 24:22-24
3. In his prayer in Gethsemane, what did Jesus plead of His Father? Mark 14:35-36
4. Above which piece of tabernacle furniture did God say He would meet with the Israelites? Describe the appearance of the ark. Exodus 25:10-22
5. Name the first priests. Why was Aaron to have a special garment? Describe the high priest's garment: (a) a breast plate, (b) an ephod, (c) a robe, (d) a woven tunic, (e) a sash, and (f) undergarments. What were the purpose of the Urim and Thummin? Exodus 28
6. How was Moses to ordain Aaron and his sons as priest? Which part of a peace offering was to be given Aaron and his sons? Exodus 29:1-28
7. God told Moses that He would blot the names of what people out of His book? Exodus 32:11-14
8. What was the "tent of meeting"? Who stayed there? How was it used? Exodus 33:7-11
9. Yes or no, were the Israelites permitted to cook on the Sabbath? Exodus 35:3
10. How many precious stones were mounted on the breastplate of the high priest? Why? Exodus 39:10-14

According to the Dictionary: Offerings: (1) burnt offerings—entire sacrifice was consumed on the altar signifying the offer's complete consecration. (2) peace offering—was voluntary. Any animal *except* a bird could be offered. The fat portions were burned and other portions were to be eaten by the offerer in a meal, which represented communion and fellowship between man and God. (3) sin offering—for "Thou shalt not..." sins and the offerings varied according to the individual. The very poor could substitute a pair of turtle-doves or pigeons or fine flour. The fat portions were burned and other portions were eaten by the priests. (4) trespass (guilty) offering—needed when a person had neglected God's or a person's rights or property. The offender paid back 6/5 of the neglected dues and sacrificed a ram for forgiveness. The fat portions were burned and the other portions eaten by priest. (5) grain offerings—the only sacrifice which did not require the life of an animal but of the fruits of man's labors from the soil, thus signifying the dedication of his gifts to God. A portion was burned and the remainder eaten by the priests.

Questions:

1. What was the purpose of the burnt offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 1:4-17; 6:8-13
2. How often was the fire on the altar to burn? Leviticus 6:12-13
3. What was the purpose of the peace offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-34
4. What was the purpose of the sin offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 4:1-5; 6:24-30
5. What was the trespass offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-7
6. What was the grain offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23
7. Why did God send fire to consume Nadab and Abihu? Later that same day, why were Eleazar, Ithmar and Aaron excused even though they did not follow perfectly the sin offering? Leviticus 10:1, 16-20

Application: on respecting the holiness of God—Leviticus 10:3

Bible Quiz:

1. Yes or no, did David have a plan of the temple and its utensils to give Solomon? Where did David get the ideas for the plan? 1 Chronicles 28:11-19
2. Why did the Sanhedrin want to find false evidence against Jesus? Matthew 26:59 Who was the chief person of the Sanhedrin? Matthew 26:57; John 18:4
3. Describe the three incidents in which Peter denied Jesus. When did Peter realize his denial of Jesus? Matthew 26:69-75
4. How was the tabernacle and all its furnishings and priests made “most holy”? Exodus 30:22-23
5. What part of God did Moses see Exodus 33:22-23
6. Describe Moses’ second trip up Mount Sinai to meet God and his face when he returned. Exodus 34
7. Why were Bezalel and Oholiab quality skilled craftsmen and able to teach others? Exodus 35:30-35
8. Did the Israelites construct every portion of the tabernacle as God had commanded? Exodus 39:32-32
9. What was the trespass (quilt) offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-7
10. What was the grain (meal) offering? Briefly describe it. Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23

According to the Dictionary:

1. Seventh month included:—first day was the Feast of Trumpets; tenth day was the Day of Atonement; fourteenth day began the one week Feast of Tabernacles.
2. Feast of Trumpets—was the beginning of the civil year and included the blowing of trumpets. Possibly was a preparation for the Day of Atonement, 10 days later. The lesson which the Israelites were reminded during the festival was the birth and sacrifice of Isaac. Genesis 21:1-34; 22:1-24
3. Day of Atonement—was regarded as a “Sabbath” no matter which day it fell.
4. Seven—was a symbol of completeness

Questions:

1. When could Aaron enter the Most Holy Place? Who could be inside the Most Holy Places with Aaron? Leviticus 16:2, 17, 34
2. For whom did Aaron make atonement? Leviticus 16:17
3. How did Aaron choose which of the two goats was for the Lord and which for the scapegoat? Leviticus 16:8
4. What did Aaron do when he went into the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:12-15
5. Describe the function of the scapegoat on the Day of Atonement. Leviticus 16:10, 20-22
6. On the Day of Atonement what was to be done with the portions of the bull and goat that were not used in the burnt offering? Leviticus 16:27
7. How often were the Israelites to observe the Day of Atonement? When? How? Why? Leviticus 16:29-34



SEPTEMBER

Serving Today

Bob Baleskie
David Born
Bill Adams
Danny Derflinger

Song Service

George Diaz
Jacob Lichliter

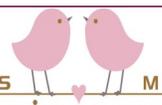
Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist



THIS MONTH'S birthdays

Tabith Anderson 9/2
Nellie Evans 9/6
Madelynn Derflinger
9/23
Eliza Anderson 9/24
Mason Clark 9/28



THIS MONTH'S anniversaries

Jacob & Abby 9/2
The Callaways 9/30



Ladies retreat

Where: Camp WAMAVA

When: September 21-22

Contact: Jenny Herrion to **RSVP by the 18th.** 540-471-0156

Beginning time of programs: Friday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 9:00 am.

Cost: \$40 for 2 days, \$20 for 1 if staying at campgrounds.

Hosted by: Ladies from Waynesboro and South Side, Churches of Christ.



FOOD pantry

Dry Cereal and
Microwave
Popcorn



Lord Fairfax Community College.

This is for "special needs" classrooms.

Here is the list of items needed:

umbrella's, ear buds, Lemon Lime Blossoms Lysol wipes, large size Command utility hooks , as well as Subway gift cards. Monetary contribution also welcome. See Deborah Baleskie if giving money or gift cards. **Through out the school year these items will be subject to change as needs change.**

Charles Town, Church of Christ 6th
Annual Ladies Day

September 29th, starts at 9:00



Where: Sherando Park
(Sandy Shelter)
255 Lakeview Circle, in
Stephens City

Date: October 13

Time: 11:00 am.

Each family is encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Contact: Patrick McCary if planning to attend.

Ofc. Phone: 540 667 7511

email: Patrick.McCary@cocSouthside.org



The Moral Decline in America

Part II

God has blessed no nation in more ways than America. It has unbounded beauty, unlimited resources, unparalleled opportunities, and unfettered freedom.

Will God continue to bless America is the question? God expects nations to maintain a level of righteousness. A nation's strength lies not in the power of its military, the wealth of its citizens, the magnificence of its capital, or the progress of its science, but in the goodness of its people! It is dangerous to forget God, *Psalms 50:22, 23*.

A Nation in Moral Decline, where does America stand on this continuum of righteousness?

How did the founders' feel about homosexuality? Homosexuality was treated as a criminal offense in all thirteen colonies and, eventually, all 50 states (Dave Miller, www.apologetics.org). As early as 1610, Virginia had a law against sodomy. Maryland, based on English law, was next. Plymouth adopted one in 1636. Similar laws were made in Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire, & Rhode Island. It was punishable by death in at least four states—Connecticut, New York, Vermont, and South Carolina. Jefferson advocated “dismemberment” in Virginia.

The Sexual Revolution and the Beginning of the New Morality (1960s-70s).

Moving forward 200 years,

American morals began to change. Up to this time, each school day started with the pledge to the flag and a prayer. Graduations opened with prayer in the 1950s it was scandalous to show fully clothed married couple in bed.

This all began to change in the 1960s. The Hippie Movement popularized “free love.” On the “day America spurned God” (**June 17, 1963**), Atheist Madalyn Murray O’Hair won a landmark Supreme Court decision that ended prayer and mandatory Bible reading in school.

Morality further deteriorated in the 1970s. On **January 22, 1973**, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in *Roe v. Wade* that a right to privacy under the due-process clause of the 14th Amendment extended to women’s decisions to have abortions. From 1973 to the present **approximately 60 million babies have been killed**.

One child in three now dies from

abortion. This number of aborted deaths out number the military deaths of all US wars combined.

Y2k: From the Turn of the Century to Today.

The pace of moral change has quickened noticeably with the advent of the 21st century. The family’s current state is a good indicator, God’s plan for the home—man and woman married for life (*Gen. 2:18-24*)—has always worked best. Children from stable, two-parent homes become the best adjusted citizens.

The U.S. marriage rate has fallen to an all-time low. In the 50’s, 78% of households were married. In the 60’s, it was 72%. The marriage rate continues to decline through the decades. Today co-habitation is acceptable more so than marriage.

Part 3 next wk.

The Harmony of _____ v 16

The Harmony of _____ v 18

The Harmony of _____ v17

The Harmony of _____ v19

What Arnold Palmer Learned The Hard Way.



It was the final hole of the 1961 Masters Tournament, and golf legend Arnold Palmer had a one-stroke lead and had just hit a very satisfying tee shot. He felt he was in pretty good shape. As he approached his ball, he saw an old friend standing at the edge of the gallery. The friend motioned him over, stuck out his hand and said, "Congratulations." Arnold later said, "I took his hand and shook it, but as soon as I did, I knew I had lost my focus." On his next two shots, he hit the ball into a sand trap, then put it

over the edge of the green. He missed the putt and lost the Master's because he had first lost his focus (Carol Mann, *The 19th Hole*, quoted in *Reader's Digest*).

Many people forget what their purpose in life is. Many more never knew. What is our over-riding, number one goal? The Bible tells us: "We make it our goal to please [God]" (2 Corinthians 5:9). Said another way: "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Our number one goal in life is to honor and please the Lord. This takes an obedient serving heart. It takes a heart that wants to worship God in his church. But the entire focus is to please Him.

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX