
The Sower

Arthur Church of Christ

415 West 4th Street
Arthur, IL 61911

Times of Worship

Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.



Ron Bartanen, Minister

WELCOME to today's Bible class and/or worship assembly. If you are a VISITOR, we especially appreciate your decision to meet with us. It is our hope that you will return at every opportunity.

Have you visited our website lately?
(www.arthurchurchofchrist.com)

Be sure to check out the "Christian Evidences"/"Apologetics Press" links Now in both English and Spanish.

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ALL NEED IT

A man and his wife visited an orphanage where they hoped to adopt a child. In an interview with the boy they wanted, they told him in glowing terms about the many things they could give him. To their amazement, the little fellow said, "If you have nothing to offer except a good home, clothes, toys, and the other things that most kids have – why – I would just as soon stay here.

"What on earth could you want besides those things?" the woman asked.

"I just want someone to love me," said the little boy.

Even little boys know that you are not supposed to live by bread alone!

As Christian brethren, we too need the love of one another. Jesus said that we are to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22:39). Paul said, "In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). John taught, "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death" (1 John 3:14).

Perhaps the greatest reason for this is seen in the words of Jesus, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

--Tom Moore, Malvern, Ark., submitted by Paul Kent, Georgetown, IL

Something to Think About

- Truth is the only safe ground to stand on.
- It is never too late to become better.
- The will of God never takes us where the grace of God will not protect us.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

--Submitted by Bill Williams

SENIOR CITIZENS are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others. However, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizen who took:

The melody out of music
The pride out of appearance.
The courtesy out of driving.
The romance out of love,
The commitment out of marriage.
The responsibility out of parenthood.
The togetherness out of the family.
The learning out of education.
The service out of patriotism.

The Golden Rule from rulers.
The nativity scene out of cities.
The civility out of behavior.
The refinement out of language.
The dedication out of employment.
The prudence out of spending.
The ambition out of achievement, or
God out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!!

We do understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country. Does anyone under the age of 50 know the lyrics to the STAR SPANGLED BANNER?

What about the last verse of *My Country 'tis of Thee*?

*“Our fathers’ God to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom’s holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God our King.”*

Just look at the seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts as they stand at attention
With their hand over their hearts!

--Thanks to whoever sent this to me

“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness” (Proverbs 16:31, NKJV).

“I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope” (Psalms 16:8-9).

- **WELCOME** to today’s Bible class and/or worship assembly. We are thankful that you have chosen to assemble with us today in worship and study of God’s word. If you are a VISITOR, your presence is especially appreciated. We hope you will return at every opportunity.
- *“Jesus—Friend of Sinners”* will be this morning’s message, with Luke 11:16-19 as the reading. This being the last Sunday of the month, our evening service will be our monthly *Song*

Service. I am open to suggestions for songs, new or old.

- **NEXT SUNDAY morning’s** lesson will be the first in a series on Paul’s letter to the Ephesian believers. Unlike some of Paul’s letters, this one did not involve controversies so much as practical lessons for Christian living in a perverted and hostile world. The first message in this series will be, *“The Present Exalted Position of Christians,”* with Ephesians 1:3-14 as the reading
- **DORIS AND I** plan to be leaving for the **Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship** at Henderson, Tenn. next Sunday afternoon. (Of course this depends upon weather conditions.) Howard has agreed to speak in my absence that Sunday night. We will likely stop somewhere on the way to spend the night, and continue Monday morning

so that the trip won't be so tiring. Obviously neither will we be able to be with you Wednesday, Feb. 6. We plan to begin our journey home that Friday, but possibly may not be back before Saturday. We will not be putting out *The Sower* for Feb. 10.

- **BIBLE CLASSES:** Wednesday evening's study will begin with "xxvi. – 15" in our study-outline on the history of the church, as we continue to look at the work of the "Reformers." I hope to have the next lesson sheet available by then. Current and past sheets are on the literature table. **Next Sunday**, we should be about the middle of Acts 15, depending on this morning's progress. We hope you'll join us for these studies.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Paul continues to have both good days, in which he makes some progress, and bad days in which little, if any, progress is seen. He has been able to sit up some, and is in some ways responsive. He is in St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. *** Woody is doing well following his surgery, but has not yet received the results of his biopsy. *** Carol's arm is healing nicely. She is to begin therapy soon. *** Boyd may be facing surgery on one of his lips. *** Rodger has been having back problems. *** Continue to remember Inez, Dean, Lester, Mary Taylor, Tina & Jason's son (Jay), Boyd's brother (Vic), Charles Moore (Tex.), Lewis Carter (Ind.), our service men and women, and our nation's and world's leaders as they seek a way for peace. Most of all, pray that more will seek and find Him who is the Prince of Peace.

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