

**DIRECTORY CHANGES??:**

Karen will be printing a new directory soon. If you have any information you want added, deleted or changed from the current directory, please let her know this week.

**CHILDREN'S HOME PICKUP IS NEXT MONDAY:**

Supplies requested for the January 18, 2021 pickup are Dishwashing detergent (Dawn, e.g.), Non-aerosol deodorant, HE Laundry Detergent, Instant Rice, Muffin Mixes and Pickles.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

The Arnold church of Christ is hosting a Creation Seminar, January 15-17. See the full schedule at <https://arnoldcoc.org/event/creation/> or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Attend in person or watch on Arnold's Facebook page.

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL :** Also check out the flyers from WBS regarding the Bibles for Millions campaign and the new social network for Christians called Mathetis. This also provides availability to a 13-week Bible curriculum to equip Christians to reach the lost.



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## SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays on Channel 9 (Fox 23)

“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays

“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: [Collegechurchofchrist.org](http://Collegechurchofchrist.org)

(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

## Servants of the Word

There's an interesting phrase in the beginning of the Gospel of Luke. Though many others had undertaken it before, it was Luke's goal, guided by the Holy Spirit, to write an account of the "things that have been fulfilled among us" (**Luke 1.1**), meaning a carefully researched and orderly account of the story of Jesus (**Luke 1.3**). Where do you begin such a project? Luke began with the first eyewitnesses of Jesus (**Luke 1.2**). These eyewitnesses were "from the beginning" (**ESV**) or "from the first" (**NIV**) and handed down the details of Jesus' life.

But in addition to that, Luke also describes these eyewitnesses as "servants of the word" (**Luke 1.2**). That's the phrase I find intriguing. No doubt there were many eyewitnesses of Jesus. Most of what Jesus did was out in the open for all to see and hear. But, as we know, not many became "servants of the word." Some followed Jesus to be healed; some followed him to be fed; some followed him out of curiosity; others followed him to find fault. As John would write, "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him" (**John 1.11**). So, not all who followed and listened to Jesus would be reliable resources on which to base an "orderly account" of Jesus' life.

What does it mean to be a "servant of the word"? As we mull that over a bit there are some things that come to mind. Servants of the word are not passive about the message of Jesus, the Word. They are not hearers only (**James 1.22**). Instead, they listen intently to the word of God, and continue to study it. They are passionate learners and doers. They are not forgetful hearers, but actively, purposefully and wisely put it into practice (**James 1.25; Matthew 7.24-27**). From a human standpoint, for Luke to be as accurate as possible about the story of Jesus he needed to hear the eyewitness accounts of those who were serious about Jesus and his message. So serious about his words that they were called "servants of the word."

Today's world desperately needs to hear from "servants of the word." We cannot give eyewitnesses accounts of Jesus, but we can be just as serious about what he said as were the Apostles and others who went everywhere "preaching the word" (**Acts 8.4**). Today's world is just as spiritually lost as the 1<sup>st</sup> century world was. Today's world is just as religiously confused as was the 1<sup>st</sup> century world. Today's world needs to hear the pure gospel message as did the 1<sup>st</sup> century world. Today's world desperately needs you and me to be "servants of the word" so they can see and hear about Jesus.

The challenge is before us. Let's be more than daily Bible readers, as important as that is. Let's be more that students who sit in churches listening to teachers and preachers, as important as that is. Let's resolve to be "servants of the word."

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## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord, Helen Coburn was able to be with us last week. Hank Sessoms' father, Henry, is in the hospital on a ventilator but at this writing, he was being weaned off of it and physical therapy was to begin so he could regain some strength. Please pray that he continues to improve. Continue to remember Mark in your prayers along with our shut ins.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Helen Coburn (LifeCare Ctr)	Betty Allen (hospice)	Sunday a.m. Worship: 38
Joan England (Life Care Ctr)	Donna Barnes (cancer)	Contributions: \$3,135.00
David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr)	Tom & Mary Bollman	Budget: \$3,059.12
Mark McAllister (glioblastoma)	Michele Campbell (back)	Family First: \$0
Carson Pitman III	Liam Clark	
Pat Smart (stroke/fall)	Angie Northern Fabing	Please remember to leave
Betty Tanner (shut-in)	Scott Hartline	your contribution in the tray
Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Karen Hubbs (brain cancer)	on the table at the back of the
	Chris Hutson	auditorium.
	Suzanne Meert (cancer)	
	Kevin Plemons (brain tumor)	
	Barry Tate (stroke)	
	Scott Taylor (cancer)	
	Donna Thieman (cancer)	
	Tony Wells	

## WEDDING RECEPTION

There will be a come-and-go wedding reception next Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 p.m. in the Fellowship room for Jarod and Audrey Farnham who were recently married. Come visit for a while and wish them happiness in their new lives together. Your presence is the only gift requested.

## OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Calvin Box, whose brother, James recently passed away. Please be praying for God to give comfort to the Box family.

<u>Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>	
Jan. 12 – Helen Coburn	Jan. 13 – Austin Dow