

“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth: (John 1:14).

And the Word became flesh. Somewhere in the definition and meaning of the word “flesh,” we see the Son of God living here on earth as a man, who was very extraordinary. Not because of His physical beauty, not because of degrees He may have received from a prestigious university, not because He was one of the top ten millionaires of His time, but because of His love. He “so loved the world” that He gave Himself to provide mankind salvation from sin and a promise of eternal life with the Heavenly Father. He became flesh to meet and satisfy the needs of the inner man.

Truly, as we think of His love, compared to ours, we must say that our love needs to be converted. A great example of this need was the apostle Peter. Jesus confronted Peter three times with the question, “Do you love me?” After the third time Jesus added, “follow me” (John 21:15-19). The true test of our love for the Savior is to follow Him.

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THE REMINDER

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.10:00 A. M.
Worship.11:00 A. M.
Afternoon. 1:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class. 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY

Bible Class. 6:30 P. M.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME
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NEWS ANDNOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor’s card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael, Kyle and Brad Young—health, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart and cancer, also John & Dorothy Callahan, their care givers. Sandra has requested prayers for the following: Mark Faulk (heart), Johnny Sanchez (her father), Ross Collins (heart surgery), Becky Sanchez (her mother), Mary Mikkelson (cancer), Brittany Brannon, Joy Morris, Billy Chadburn.

COUNT DOWN: Only13 until our Gospel Meeting.

PRAY FOR OUR VETERANS, OUR COUNTRY AND THE PRESIDENT, AND OUR FALL MEETING.

JUST FOR THE RECORD	Last Week	Last Year
SUNDAY		
Bible Class	22	11
Worship	34	20
Evening	12	12
THURSDAY EVENING		
Bible Study	10	9
CONTRIBUTION	\$908.00	\$744.00

WORDS OF WISDOM

Memory is what makes you wonder what you forgot to do.

Reasons that sound good aren’t always good, sound reason.

The blood of Christ makes us safe; the Word of God makes us sure that we are safe.

I KNOW YOUR WORKS

If someone should ask you to describe the Arenas Valley church of Christ, what would you say? Where would you start?

When John penned the book of Revelation, Jesus described all of the seven churches of Asia and told them how to get their “act” together. These seven churches are typical or characteristic of churches of Christ today. Which, of these churches would best describe the Arenas Valley church of Christ?

I pray that it would not be characteristic of the church of Laodicea, commonly known as the “lukewarm church.” The message of Jesus to this church begins, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Rev. 3:15-16).

The problem with the church in Laodicea is described in verse 17, “Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and do you not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.” What an indictment! Perhaps we do not consider ourselves rich or wealthy, but certainly we are comfortable in that which we possess. We become so comfortable with our physical possessions that we forget about our spiritual possessions—rich in goods but poor in possessing God.

We may have the right doctrine, our lives may be without blame; but we should not be complacent to the mission of the church. In our efforts to provide a comfortable place in which to worship, we sometimes forget what our real purpose is.

Someone has said “the church that has ceased to be evangelistic has forfeited the right to existence.” As our Gospel Meeting is about to begin, I pray our congregation will not be “lukewarm” or indifferent about it. Make a sincere effort to be present for each lesson and encourage others to come with you.

Please note, that in this context that Jesus pleads, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me” (Rev. 3:20).

--Floyd