

## Churches of Christ Upcoming Events 2021

(Please see the yellow book for additional information and out of the area churches events)

### Sister's Event:

**Jan. 30, 2021; 10am—1pm** Arlington Church of Christ Sister to Sister Lectureship Retreat; register for your zoom link [www.cocsistertosister.org](http://www.cocsistertosister.org)

**March 4—6, 2021** Ladies of Virtue Celebrating 10 years, register free today [www.virtueinChrist.org](http://www.virtueinChrist.org). have questions call 202-390-3456 and email [info@virtueinChrist.org](mailto:info@virtueinChrist.org); THEME "Getting Back to Church: A Journey of Faith"



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# The Messenger

Sunday, January 10, 2021

### Welcome Visitors

*We are honored that you  
have chosen to worship  
with us today.*

*Please stop by our visitor  
table in the foyer.*



***Nothing Shall Separate Us From  
the Love of God***  
Romans 8:33-39

**Don't Get Old!**  
*by Wayne Jackson*

From time to time I have spoken of William Barclay. He was a Scottish scholar who was exceptionally liberal in many of his theological views; nonetheless, one may profit from some of his writings.

In one of his books, Barclay tells of being in London on a certain occasion. As he prepared to cross a busy street, an elderly woman, quite frail, took hold of his arm and asked: "Will you help me across the street?" After they had made the short trek, she sighed, "**Never grow old.**"

Could we think about this admonition for a moment?

**First**, growing old and facing death are the inevitable consequences of human rebellion (Rom 5:12). With good habits, one may delay the step into eternity, but our final day on this earth is on the calendar somewhere. Thus, prepare your life, and your mind, for the rewards of heaven. Try to develop a healthy, sweet disposition about life so that such will carry you into those final years, and you will not be an additional burden to those who love you.  
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**Second**, don't attempt to deny the aging process with exaggerated efforts to cover it up, and thus make yourself look silly. There is nothing more pathetic than someone who obviously is quite elderly, but who desperately attempts to look decades younger. Remember that childhood rhyme about the old lady who generously applied "**powder and paint, to make herself look like what she ain't.**"

And it's not a passion restricted to the fairer sex. I recently read of a prominent, aging actor who has had so many plastic surgeries, that he cannot fully close his eyes at night. I believe it was Phyllis Diller who once quipped that she had undergone so many face-lifts that when she smiled, it pulled up her hose! It is possible to be neat, and fashionable, without looking ridiculous.

**Third**, learn to appreciate your years and what they can mean to others. Robert Browning's lyrics, "**Grow old with me, the best is yet to be,**" contain a gold mine of wisdom. By the time we reach the "elderly" state, we should have accumulated a degree of wisdom. We have matriculated through the "University of Hard-Knocks," and ought to be in a position to pass along wisdom.

There are numerous teens, the young married, etc., who could greatly benefit from what you've learned. Make yourself available for counsel to those who are relatively young, and who are struggling with changing and frightful times in their lives.

**Fourth**, as we grow older we should better be able to discern what is really important in life, versus the trivial. It is a sad commentary on one's life when, as he grows older, he looks forward to the time when he can retire and just "play." Such is a tragic commentary on how one has assessed his "purpose" on this planet.

**Fifth**, as we age we ought to learn how to be more patient with others. When one assesses his years of experiences "in the flesh," he will cringe at the memories of his blunders, and try to be more patient with the younger who are struggling in their own lives. Sometimes we think, "Why are they acting so stupidly?" Why did we? Don't "curse the darkness," "light a candle." Be compassionate and help others along life's difficult road.

**Sixth**, maturing in age ought to magnify our appreciation for the love and favor of God. Paul once agonized over the weaknesses of his own body. He failed to do his best on occasion; he acknowledged that sin sometimes had control over him. In a fitful moment of anguish he exclaimed: "Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me out of this body of death?" (see Rom 7:14-24). The only consolation was the grace of Christ.

If we are spiritually sensitive, we will be tormented because of our weaknesses as long as we live. But what a glorious day it will be when we are released from the flesh to sin no more!

Growing old is more a matter of attitude than chronology. I know people of four score or more years who have more life, zest, and happiness than those half their age. There may yet be time for you to groom yourself to be happily aged!

**NOTES..... website:** www.beltwaycoc.org      **email:** info@beltwaycoc.org

**Assisted listening devices** ..Assisted listening devices are available during service. Please bring your earbuds from your phone, ipod or tape recorder. Earbuds can be provided; if necessary.

**God Loves a Cheerful Giver** —In order to introduce the importance of giving to our youth, we are asking that **ALL YOUTH** come prepared every Sunday to donate a can good during worship service.

**FACEBOOK**—"Beltway Church of Christ at Camp Springs MD" We encourage ever member to like our new page, and to "check-in" on Sunday mornings at the new page.

**To ensure that funds** are available to meet the church's financial obligations, members are requested to leave their offerings prior to travel. **Please put cash contributions in brown envelope. CONTRIBUTION** via PayPal... if you are having trouble getting a check or money order for your contribution, there are other alternatives. You can submit your contribution via PayPal (send the money to [lay\\_by@beltwaycoc.org](mailto:lay_by@beltwaycoc.org)) or through your bank's Bill Pay option. Please contact Henry Abel or Theodore Jordan if you have any questions."

## Auditorium ...

**Please no food or drinks (water only) in the auditorium.** Please remove your trash when you leave and return song books, fans, and bibles to their proper place.

## Building Fund Corner

"... offered willingly. And gave for the service of the house of God..."  
(1 Chronicles 29:6-7)

Please remember to give weekly towards the Building Fund.

**plan**  
**pray**  
**give**  
**build**

## Ladies Weekly Devotion and Prayer Fellowship

- Every Tuesday **12:00pm –12:30pm (ZOOM)**
- First and Third Tuesday—Devotion and Prayer
- Second and Fourth Tuesday—Prayer  
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8211549199pwd=eWVVEV113eVNncUd2a2dDY25rdVp0QT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 8211549199      **Password:** 079566
- Call in 301-715 8592 —**meeting ID and Password**

## Did you know..... Staying Healthy



## Meetings.... No scheduled meeting

### Beltway Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

**Topic:** BCOC Prayer Call and Mid-Week Bible Study

**Time:** This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

**Join Zoom Meeting (copy or click here)** Please mute yourself to minimize background noise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277780555>

**Call in from a phone** (Please mute yourself to minimize background noise) (\*6 mute or press mute on cell phones)

**(open 10 mins before 10am/close exactly 10am)**

Phone Number: **1-301-715-8592** Meeting ID: **882 7778 0555**

One tap mobile

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 882 7778 0555 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbJ3rIKt78>

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Facebook:** Beltway Church of Christ at Camp Springs MD,

**Streaming church website** [www.beltwaycoc.org](http://www.beltwaycoc.org)

**ZOOM phone calls only** 301 715 8592 meeting ID 882 7778 0555

**(please mute your phone to minimize the background noise)**

### Announcements for the Bulletin and Sunday morning

Members,

- To ensure that all announcements are in the bulletin and announced on Sunday mornings, please take the following steps:
- **Deadline:** submit by Thursday each week
- **Time:** 12:00 noon
- **Where:** Please send all announcements to the church's email – [info@beltwaycoc.org](mailto:info@beltwaycoc.org)



## Prayer List

### Sick and Shut-In

Grady Bradford

Velina Christian

Jerriel Ford

Elaine Floyd

Sherman Hicks

Patsy Maxwell

Helen Mitchell

Bettie Sobers

Janice Tillery

Lillie Vernon

Willa Williams

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

Worship 10:00 A.M.

Worship 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00P.M.

## Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel—Romans 10:17

Believe in Christ—Mark 16:16

Repent of Sins—Acts 2:38

Confess Faith—Matthew 10:32-33

Be Baptized—1 Peter 3:21

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Called to Serve

### Sunday Morning

Opening Nigel McPherson

Scripture and Prayer Michael Titre

Song Leader Don Moore

Prayer Michael Titre

Sermon Markus Martin

Lord's Table and Contribution

Podium Michael Titre

Table

Benediction Michael Titre

Announcements Nigel McPherson

**Greeters** Deborah Spear

Temperature check Willie Mae Flennaugh

Ushers Charles Mattocks

Nurse Bernice Jordan

Sunday school on zoom at 2pm

Sunday Evening  
Questions and Answers session

Time: 6pm

JOIN US ON ZOOM

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**January 10, 2021**

*The BCOC 2021 Theme*

Romans 8:33-39

*Nothing Shall Separate Us From the Love of God*

**Aged Men Living Christian Lives**

Titus 2:1-2

**Introduction**

- A. At some future date, if God says the same, like Paul, I will refer to myself as **“the aged.”**
- B. Aged according to the scriptures means **“an old man,”** by virtue of the number of years lived.
- C. If God allows me to become old, I want to be among the **“Aged Men Living Christian Lives.”** They’re...

**Sermon**

I. Sober

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II. Grave

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III. Temperate

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IV. Sound In Faith

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V. Sound In Love

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VI. Sound In Patience

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**Conclusion**

1. There’s no shame in aging, in fact, it’s a blessing!
2. How men age matters to God, for HIS word encourages aged men to live Christian lives!
3. Before anyone can, we must become, and then maintain THE Christian life!

**Sunday Evening**



The black box for Q/A is on the white desk in the foyer area

Date	Q/A
Jan. 10th	“It was sin for Noah’s son to see him naked. How does that relate to those who provide care for their sick, bed ridden parents today?”

**Zoom meeting invitation -  
Sunday School Bible weekly 2pm**

Saints,

We will have our first class for our children on this coming Sunday, at 2:00 PM. We will review 3 lessons. Please have your children attend. All teachers are asked to support the call. Our Theme requires the children to wear their masks.

If you have any questions regarding Zoom please contact Sis. Alicia on 240-416-6974.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**“YES”....Youth Empowered Servants**

We have a **“YES”....Youth Empowered Servants** for our youth in 2019 and beyond that attend Beltway to assist our Homebound members and strengthen our youth’s foundation at Beltway. This will include a youth empowerment forum with our youth coordinators. The Program will take place twice a month on the respective Saturdays. We are asking parents and youth (ages 8 years old to 18 years old) to sign-up and volunteer your time to this program. This program is to build our youth’s faith in the Lord. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bro. Markus. Thank you!