

Churches of Christ Upcoming Events 2020

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

ALL EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED for the year 2020

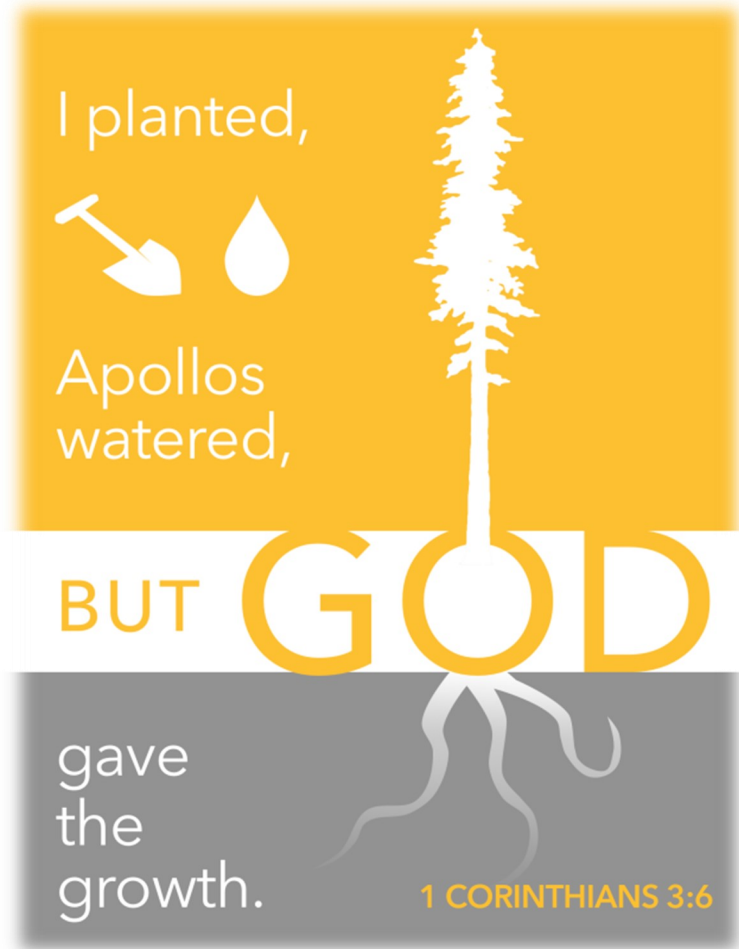
Beltway Church of Christ

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Camp Springs, MD 20746

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The Messenger



Sunday, September 27, 2020

Welcome Visitors

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

Please stop by our visitor table in the foyer.

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Zone 4 (S-Z)
(info forthcoming)



"BUILDING UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE"
"CHOSEN PRECIOUS"
1 PETER 2:5

Is Religion Going To The Dogs? *by Wayne Jackson*

David Pharr is a respected minister and writer who lives in South Carolina. He edits an excellent monthly journal, Carolina Messenger.

In the April '04 issue, David had a fascinating article based upon a recent piece that appeared in the **Wall Street Journal**. Among other things, the **Journal** article stated: "With pews hard to fill, a small number of otherwise-traditional clergy are welcoming animals into the flock." The author then mentioned "pet-friendly" services, house calls for sick pets, and pet funerals. (next page)

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One Episcopal church in Connecticut has even had a “communion service” in which both cats and dogs were granted the privilege of partaking of a “host” bread (a dog biscuit, we assume; or perhaps Meow Mix). Some churches and synagogues are inviting members to bring their cats, dogs, guinea pigs, and even pet snakes. One Jewish synagogue has a song in which a “pet prayer” is offered in these words: “May God always shield you from fleas.” What about the fleas? Aren’t they God’s creatures too? This is intolerable “flea discrimination.” Surely there must be a passage somewhere that admonishes, “Flee flea-fighters.”

Sound ridiculous? It does indeed. But when folks no longer find solid Bible teaching sufficient, they seem to become desperate to find *something* that will appeal to the world. We constantly are being told that if we don’t have some kind of “song and dance” routine to entice the “baby boomers” and “yuppies,” they will migrate to the “community churches” where drama presentations and gymnasiums have become the modern “Pied Pipers.”

If it is the case that man may become a “law unto himself,” and simply “make up” the rules as he goes along, why not incorporate our pets into the services? Perhaps we could have some “yuppie puppies.” Once you have gotten over the “hang up” about the need for Bible authority for what you practice in religious activity, “anything goes” becomes the name of the game. And a deadly “game” it is! Think about the following.

1. If a church may dispense with the divine requirements of belief and repentance, as prerequisites for water baptism (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38), and administer baptism to dead fetuses (as Catholicism does), and baptize sinless babes “for the forgiveness of sins” (as many Protestants do), why might it not also be acceptable to initiate a “pet baptismal service”? A few years back, a well-known minister contended that his dog would be in heaven. Why not, then, have a “doggie baptism”? But would that imply that there is a “bad dog” or a “bad cat” hell?
2. If a church may disregard God’s marriage law, which stipulates that a marriage covenant can take place only between a man and a woman, and institute same-sex “marriages,” or “domestic partner” unions (with full spousal benefits buttressed by law) – as seems to be the growing fad – what is to prevent advocates of “human-pet marriages” from seeking legal sanction for their aberration? Will pet lovers be lining up at city hall in San Francisco before long? It seems that just about anything can get “legalized” in San Francisco. Tony Bennett left his “heart” in San Francisco; someone ought to leave his “brain” there. The “City by the Bay” seems to be a bit bereft of that commodity.

Is human reasoning-ability becoming virtually extinct? Has moral outrage taken on the status of an outmoded emotion that has died in the hearts of all except those who are deemed to be “radical, right-wing fundamentalists”? Have we lapsed into such an intellectual stupor that we have to send decisions of this nature to Washington, D.C. for nine divided and oft confused Justices to figure out?

If human beings can simply “make up” laws for social conduct, where is the termination point? These are frightening times. The people of God must let their voices be heard.

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) 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

DID YOU KNOW.....The benefits of exercise

- Enhanced mood
As quickly as 5 minutes into physical activity, individuals can notice an enhancement in their mood
Research shows that exercise can help alleviate mild to moderate long-term depression ([Exercise and Depression](#))
- o Reduced stress
Exercise can help release stress and increase relaxation
Regular exercise has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety ([Exercise for Stress and Anxiety](#))
- A boost in energy
- Improved health – decreases blood pressure and heart rate, controls weight, strengthens muscles and enhances immunity
- Better, more restful sleep

Psalm 72:6

The Lord is like
SHOWERS
that water
the earth



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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Dial by your location

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 882 7778 0555 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277780555>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Facebook: Beltway Church of Christ at Camp Springs MD,

Streaming church website www.beltwaycoc.org

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

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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!



Prayer List Sick and Shut-In

Grady Bradford

Velina Christian

Jerriel Ford

Elaine Floyd

Sherman Hicks

Patsy Maxwell

Helen Mitchell

Anthony Person

Bettie Sobers

Janice Tillery

Chris Ward

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, September 27, 2020

Called to Serve

Sunday Morning

Opening

Scripture and Prayer

Song Leaders

Prayer

Sermon

Markus Martin

Lord's Table and Contribution

Podium

Table

Benediction

Announcements

Edward Jefferies

Greeters

Ushers

Children's Church

Visitor's table

Nurse

Sunday school on zoom at 2pm

and
NO EVENING WORSHIP
and
Questions and Answers
Until further notice

Sunday Morning Worship

The BCOC 2020 Theme

I Peter 2:5

September 27, 2020

Building Up A Spiritual House

Plant and Water”

I Corinthians 3:4-7

Introduction

- A. If newly started or well established, NT churches founded on Christ succeed by planting and watering.
- B. The process of planting and watering are agricultural terms which express growth in the NT church.
- C. It would seem elementary to make such a statement, but with the reading the text, many Corinthians Christians of the first-century misunderstood planting and watering.
- D. Do twenty-first Christians understand how to grow the church through planting and watering today? Consider...

Sermon

I. One Plants – I Cor 3:6a

II. One Waters – I Cor 3:6b

III. But God Increases – I Cor 3:6c

Conclusion

- 1. One plants...
- 2. One waters...
- 3. But God increases...

Sunday Evening



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

Date	Questions
New dates coming soon	Why Did God change Polygamist Marriages to Monogamist Marriages in the New Testament?
	God was silent for 400 years “toward Israel.” During the silent years did God still have a hand in guiding Israel?

Members,
 We are trying to stay in contact with each member during this pandemic. However; if we cannot reach you, we need an emergency contact person(s). Two to three name and numbers. Please provide an emergency contact name and number through the church email.

**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
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8211549199?pwd=eWVEV1I3eVNncUd2a2dDY25rdVpoQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 154 9199
Password: 079566

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 Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/u/kPtKTbmiT>