



“A Friend of Outcasts”

Jesus ministered to several types of outcasts. One of these groups was the lepers. In Bible times, leprosy was not quite the same as modern-day leprosy. Biblical leprosy referred to a wide range of skin disorders including: eczema, psoriasis, ringworm, boils, and other open sores. These conditions were thought to be infectious. According to the Law of Moses, if you were diagnosed with one of these skin conditions, you had to leave your home and your family and move outside of town until the condition got better. You were to keep distance from others so you did not spread the condition to them and if anyone came near, you had to shout out, “Unclean!” Lepers were forced to live outside of town in a colony until they were declared clean by a priest, something that might never happen. For all the fear someone with leprosy would bring upon others, Jesus was never afraid. He welcomed lepers and even touched them (Luke 5:12-13).

A second type of outcast in the days of Jesus was people considered unclean for other reasons. For example, they may have been of the wrong religion or a foreigner. One of the largest groups that met these criteria was the Samaritans. They were so despised, that Jews would travel many miles to bypass this region when travelling between Judea and Galilee. The hatred stemmed from eight centuries of conflict. It began during the Assyrian conquest of Israel. The ten northern tribes were decimated. Many were killed; others were led into captivity, while some were left behind who intermarried with other nationalities that the Assyrians brought in to settle the land (2 Kings 17). The offspring of this group were called Samaritans. The Jews considered the Samaritans half-breeds, even though they adopted many beliefs and traditions of the Jewish faith. They were not allowed to worship in the Temple at Jerusalem, so they built their own temple on Mount Gerizim in Samaria. The Jews viewed the Samaritans as unclean, but Jesus did not. One time Jesus was heading from Judea to Galilee (John 4:1-42) and we are told he “had to go through Samaria.” Actually, no one “had to go” through Samaria. Jews frequently went out of their way to avoid Samaria. But Jesus “had to go” through Samaria because he cared about the Samaritans and this woman. Jesus arrived to the town of Sychar at midday. He sent his disciples into town to buy food and waited outside, sitting near the town’s water source. It was and still is called Jacob’s well.

Women typically got water in the morning when it was cooler, but this woman shows up at midday. She was likely considered an outcast by the people of her own village. We are told that she had been married and divorced (or her husbands all died) five times, and she was currently living with someone who was not her husband. When they meet, Jesus asks her for a drink. Here is Jesus seeking out a woman who was considered an outcast even among the outcast Samaritans. She is a double outcast, but Jesus offers her life. Jesus gives her something that will fill her up. This amazing story ends with the woman returning to town and telling others that she had met the Messiah. Here we find a woman who lived a tragic life becoming the first missionary to the Samaritans. Followers of Jesus befriend outcasts. This is the way Jesus lived and the way we get to live.

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Find us on:
Arlington Friends
Arlington Church of Christ Youth Group

Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children’s worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

	weekly budget	\$4,064
Feb. 11	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	160	\$4,388

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Elders: Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376
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Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley - WEI
Tommy Drinnen - Hope Central

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: The Davis family; Ben Cavin in Willow Ridge in Maynardville; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Becky Johnson; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Garry & Karla Loftis.

Friends and Loved ones: Kathryn Norman's son, Gordon Norman; Bobby Cole's nephew, Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Kelly Hunter's dad, Buddy, in hospice; Laura Owens' uncle, Hoyt; Patricia Ramsey's father; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Edith Weldon's cousin; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg Dyer; Heather Ream's mother, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; Jason McDougal's mother & Tina's brother; Olivia Britt; Angie Langley's brother; David Hunter.

Shut-ins: Lynda Elliott; Fred Galbreath; Edna Hullender; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table. 
- **Connection Night**, tonight at 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share after we get to know three more of our Arlington family members.
- **NO Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, Feb. 19, as Knox Co Schools are closed for Presidents day.
- **Family basketball** this Wed., Feb. 21, 8 to 9:30 p.m. 
- **YPYF Cereal Bar, Cartoon, and Pajama party**, Sat., Feb. 24, 9 to 11 a.m. Sign up on the board to bring cereal/breakfast items. Everyone is invited. 
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, Feb. 25. Please bring food to share. All our visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- **Marriage Class** begins, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Register on the Arlington website. See Summers for details. Cost is \$100 but scholarships are available. 

Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:
Life of Jesus Series
Jesus' Ministry to Outcasts and the Poor

Sunday Night:
Connection Night 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Bill Langley, Colby Coleman
Jacob Shannon, Larry Yarborough
Zach Shannon, Bob Campbell

Opening Prayer: David Price
Preside at Table: Randy Riggs
Greeters: Mark & Sammie French
Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price
Security: Bud & Tyler Norris



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb 18 Sharon Galbreath
Feb 21 Betty Floyd
Feb 21 Stan Johnson
Feb 21 Jacob Shannon
Feb 22 Sammie Dewitt
Feb 24 Noah Brackney
Feb 25 Bob Campbell
Feb 25 Joseph Newland

Happy Birthday!!

Family Matters



Praise
Him,
All Ye
Little
Children

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Caring Cards Ministry

The Caring Cards Ministry provides cards for our sick and shut-ins, as well as friends and family members. Please see the information on the table in the hallway leading to the office for additional information. Your participation is needed to send cards as well as to provide information regarding those who would benefit from receiving cards. Please talk to John or Barbara Hoff for more details.



Caring Cards