



### “There is Nothing New”

Have you noticed how quickly the newness of something wears off? You get a new pair of shoes, wallet, purse, car, or landscaping and your heart skips a beat. We love new things. In fact, our country was born out of a new idea – out of kings and parliaments. We pride ourselves in having the latest technology. We look forward to new music and new TV shows. But even with hundreds of channels, we flip all the way through them and mutter, “There is nothing on.”

We want things new. In grade school, if the hit off the bat was lousy we could shout “do-over.” If in golf we sliced the shot, we could shout “Mulligan.” If only life were that easy. There are many job situations, relationships, and parenting issues that we would shout “mulligan” if we could.

But life is not that easy. We realize that nothing is really new. The writer of Ecclesiastes has the money and time to try everything there was and in the end he wrote, “There is nothing new under the sun” (2:11). At one level we laugh at that statement. Of course there are new things today compared to three thousand years ago. But what about the nature of people? If we were able to hop into a time machine and head back to ancient Greece or Rome and visit their homes, would it really be that different? Like us, they would be concerned with taking care of their families. They had concerns about making a living and wondered what they would do if they lost their job. They would be mindful of how quickly time passes. They would contemplate growing older and wonder about the purpose of life. They questioned about life and death like we do.

Truth be known, universal human concerns do not change with time. As sophisticated as we are and as much history has elapsed since the creation of the world and the recording of that history, we still murder each other and commit violent crimes. We still lie, hate, and steal. The disease of sin is still with us and will be until the end of time.

Ecclesiastes challenges our desire for new and improved. The human condition shows us that we have not changed for the better. There is nothing new under the sun. While this sounds pessimistic, it is actually realistic. For all the human progress and invention, nothing earthly speaking is going to help us get out of the mess we find ourselves in.

So is there not any hope? If our hope is in something we can do, no, there is no hope. We cannot find ultimate happiness in what we try to do. But, there is good news. The new solution comes from God, not from us. God has promised something new: forgiveness of sin, knowledge of the Lord, a law written on our hearts, a personal relationship with a real God (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Our human actions will not accomplish this. According to Isaiah, God will do “new things, hidden things that you have not known” (Isaiah 66:22). God will give us a new name (Isaiah 62:2). Things will be radically changed.

We want the right kind of change, the change God does. This world is God’s, not ours. God is the one recreating the world to make all things new. The greatest change that occurred was when Jesus entered this world as a human. He came in the flesh and changed everything. And now we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1).

**Mark**

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# Arlington Church of Christ



### Our Mission: Connecting People to Jesus and one Another

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### 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	\$4,062
Apr. 22	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	163	\$4,308

## Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God  
Sunday, April 29, 2018

**Elders:** Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376  
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**Deacons:** Bud Norris - *Worship Participants*  
Charles Owens - *Bldg & Grounds/Security/Treasurer*  
Keith Tatum - *Education/Picture Board/Family Camp*  
Ronnie Weldon - *Attendance/Communion Prep/Bldg*

**Minister:** Mark Brackney Ph: 523-1764

**Secretaries:** Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

**Missionaries:** Tom & Angie Langley - WEI  
Tommy Drinnen - Hope Central

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:** Betty Weaver with infected toe; Sharon Galbreath and family; Danny Rider; Ben Cavin; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Ben and Heather Ream; Mark & Sammie French; Garry & Karla Loftis.

**Friends and Loved ones:** Hoyt Box's friend, Bill Hadder; Laura Owens' dad; Carolyn Stark's brother-in-law, Gary McEwan, in kidney failure; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Edith Weldon's cousin; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa 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; Sheila Riggs co-worker, Amy Smith; Tracey Hart, Betty Weaver's daughter; Brad Owens undergoing tests.

**Shut-ins:** Lynda Elliott; 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.
- **Teachers Training**, today from 2 to 5 p.m. Tommy Drinnen will lead us in another session to help us as we teach and study the Bible. The focus will be: *"The Story of the World."* All are invited to attend. We will meet in the auditorium.
- **Final Kingdom Kids for this school year** tomorrow, April 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington.
- **Knoxville Christian School Fund-raiser**, Friday, May 4th, 7:45 p.m. Speaker: ESPN and NASCAR Great, Dr. Jerry Punch. Tickets are \$15 at the door or online at Knoxvillechristianschool.org.
- **Hope church at the Hope House**, Sunday, May 6, 3:30 p.m., 1944 Woodbine Ave.
- **YPYF small group**, Sunday, May 6, 5 p.m., church building.
- **Senior Servants study and lunch**, Tuesday, May 8, 11 a.m. The group will meet at the Tiller's home.
- **Small groups**, Sunday, May 13, 6 p.m. The Brackney group will not meet at their home. They are invited to join one of the other groups.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's, Thursday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.



## Family News

**Sermon Topics Today**  
**Sunday Morning:**  
*There is Nothing New*

**Sunday Night:**  
**NO SERVICES**  
**TONIGHT**

### SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

#### Serve @ Table:

Colby Coleman, Jacob Shannon  
Ronnie Weldon, David Giles  
Larry Yarborough, Bill Langley

**Opening Prayer:** David Price

**Preside at Table:** Wayne Shannon

**Greeters:** B Floyd & G Thompson

**Nursery:** R Riggs & P Snowden

**Security:** B DeWitt & B Pruett

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS  
THIS WEEK

April 30 Terri Trent  
May 1 Bud Norris  
May 3 Randy Riggs  
May 3 John David Potter  
May 4 Rebecca Brackney  
May 5 Grace Ostdiek

Happy Birthday!!



## Family Matters



Praise  
Him,  
All Ye  
Little  
Children

**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.

### 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