



Searching for God's Will (reprint)

In searching for God's will for your life, remember that God has made His moral will crystal clear. Jesus said, "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). We want to do the will of our Father. Paul said, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25). We want to keep in step with the Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

The fruit of the Spirit is God's will for the Christian's life. We don't need a fortune teller or diviner to tell us to be more patient with our wives and kids or to be more respectful to those who disagree with us. The Spirit lets us know.

But how do you make good and wise choices about life? First, consult the Word of God. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). God's Word is the first place to go when determining God's will for your life.

Second, use your mind (Hebrews 11:17-19). The follower of Jesus is not asked to park his or her brain. So when a door is opened before you by God, use your mind. Take out a piece of paper and make a list of pros and cons about staying put or going forward with this option before you. This also will help keep you from experiencing what has been labeled as buyer's regret.

Third, listen to the inner promptings of your emotions. In and of themselves, emotions are not trustworthy. Our emotions go up and down. But God can use those emotions to call us to His will (2 Cor. 7:9-11).

Fourth, take note of what is happening to your body. King David talks about the Lord's hand being heavy on him. Physical suffering drove him to the Lord (Psalm 32:3-5).

Fifth, God talks to us through our memory (Psalm 32:3-5). God reminds us of situations or individuals that we need to pray for.

Sixth, God uses events to guide us (1 Cor. 16:6-7). God closes and opens doors for us. God will use happenings in our lives to point us in a certain direction.

Seventh, God uses people. Seek out the wise counsel of others in helping make important decisions (Proverbs 1:5; 11:14; 13:10; 19:20). Make sure you are seeking advice from godly people. God can and does speak through their experiences and wisdom. Remember that God's moral will supersedes all of these steps. Let us always desire to do God's will for our lives.

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Our Mission: Connecting People to Jesus and one Another

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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

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| | weekly budget | \$4,062 |
| | <u>attendance</u> | <u>contribution</u> |
| May 6 | 148 | \$5,927 |

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, May 13, 2018

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Betty Weaver; 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: David Giles' mother recovering from hip surgery; 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

- **Happy Mothers' Day!**
- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table.
- **Small groups**, tonight at 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, this Thursday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.
- **Hope Central family retreat**, May 18-20.
- **Connection Sunday**, May 20, 5 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall to learn about three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, May 27, following morning worship. Please bring food to share. Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch.



Teenage Christian Camp

We have received our first information for the 2018 edition of Teenage Christian Camp (TCC). The application process is all on-line this year so they will not be mailing paper applications as in past years. There are six weeks of camp this year for all ages. And you can register and pay in advance to receive a discount on the weekly fee. See the teen board for additional information and/or go to www.teenagechristiancamp.org for details.

Family News

Sermon Topics Today Sunday Morning:

Philemon-Part 2 Tommy Drinnen

Sunday Night:

Small Groups 6 p.m.

(Brackney group will not meet at their home)

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jedidiah Cavin, Bruce McQuaig
Jonathan Brackney, Joshua Brackney
Kevin Gillispie, John David Potter

Opening Prayer: David Tiller

Preside at Table: Dann Chapman

Greeters: B Pruet & D Chapman

Nursery: Lisa Potter & Rebecca Riggs

Security: R Weldon & P Ramsey

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

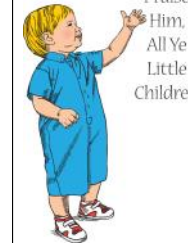
May 13 Connie Case
May 13 Meg Austin
May 14 Lacey Estes
May 16 Faith Cooke



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