



“Wise Guy”

As a nation, we have stressed academic excellence. Our schools now get report cards, to show what kind of progress the children are making. This puts much pressure of teachers who have limited resources and often little help from parents at home. But we want our kids to achieve. As Americans we have a high regard for learning. We push kids to go to college or technical and trade schools.

Yet in some ways we should be critical of scholars. Some professors feel superior to others due to their expertise. While there definitely are proud scholars, there are just as many proud janitors, mechanics, bankers, and doctors. We need to not so quickly categorize people. Just because someone may know Greek and Hebrew doesn't mean they are out of touch with life today. While knowing Greek doesn't mean you know the Lord, just because you don't know Greek doesn't mean you know the Lord either.

There is a type of smart that is good. We are not talking about “smartalics.” We are talking about wisdom. This type of smart includes both the head and the heart. Wisdom does involve knowledge, but it is knowledge of a special kind. It is more of know “how” than know “what”. Wisdom is not knowing a bunch of facts. It is learning how to handle life. This often happens through experience, like dealing with pain. It can also be learned from watching the failures and successes of others around us or those who went before us. If we don't learn from our experiences or those of others, the Bible calls that person a “fool.”

One of the purposes God had for families was to teach lessons on wisdom. It was mom and dad's role to teach their children the lessons they learned from life, whether from their own experience or from what they observed in others. This is called vicarious learning. It is amazing to me what parents will sacrifice to give their children a good education so they can get out in the world and get a good paying job, yet so many do not give their children the most important education – a spiritual one. A college degree or multiple degrees and making lots of money somewhere is of no significance if you don't know Jesus and make Him Lord.

This places a great responsibility on parents. We are to teach wisdom for it is a way of life. Proverbs says that the way of wisdom is the way of humility, hard work, self-control, and right relationships. These are the things we must be praying for our children and discussing with them.

So where do we begin in learning wisdom? “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 1:7). Our ability to make it through life comes from God alone and we get to know God through the Bible. But just because you know the Bible does not make one spiritually wise. I have known ministers who have a firm handle on the Word of God in their head, but not their heart. He is the one who is to take preeminence in all aspects of our life. One of the great encouragements for us to grow in spiritual wisdom is to look at the role models around us. I believe the way we treat the older generation reveals our heart for wisdom. They have so much to teach us about wisdom, life experiences, and commitment to God. Let us ask God for spiritual wisdom and to know the difference between being a wise person and a wise guy.

Mark

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Arlington Friends
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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
May 20	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	130	\$4,165

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, May 27, 2018

Elders: Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376
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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; Danny Rider; Ben Cavin; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Ben and Heather Ream; Garry & Karla Loftis.

Friends and Loved ones: Sara Sykes' brother, Ted Fields; David Giles' mother recovering from hip surgery; Hoyt Box's friend, Bill Hadder; Laura Owens' dad; Carolyn Stark's brother-in-law, Gary McEwan; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Edith Weldon's friend, Linda Graybeal; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa Dyer; Heather Ream's mother, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; Olivia Britt; 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.
- Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, is today following morning worship. Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- YPYF small group**, Sunday, June 3, 5 p.m. We are studying I Corinthians 5. We will meet in the misfits classroom.
- Knoxville work camp**, Sunday night through Thursday night, June 3-7. See Mark for details.
- Senior Singles Luncheon**, Sunday, June 10, after morning services in the fellowship hall. Sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.
- YPYF hike** up Mount Leconte, Saturday, June 16. More details to come.



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Jessica's cell - 865-235-5815

	Birthdays
Jessica	Aug 10
Kaitlyn	April 7
Sandy	Aug 21

Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:

*Study in Ecclesiastes continued -
"Spiritual Wisdom"*

Sunday Night:
No evening services

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Will Simon
Preside at Table: Leland Price
Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson
Nursery: A Riggs & M Shannon
Security: K Tatum & D Jones

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

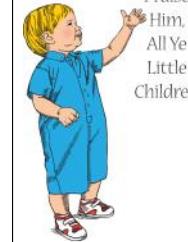
May 27	Dave Dewitt
May 28	Bill Gilliam
May 29	Janie Johnson
June 2	Ariana Shannon



Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters



Praise
Him,
All Ye
Little
Children

**Optional
children's worship...**

is available for ages
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worship. Children will be
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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