



“A Time for Everything”

Whether it be sports, business, or personal relationships – timing is everything. If we had a crystal ball and knew when to act, we would be much relieved. We could all be wealthy, prosperous, and spiritually strong if we only knew when and what to do with our lives. The author of Ecclesiastes knows the value of timing. There are people who have never read the Bible who are familiar with Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, due to one of the songs of a 60's rock group called the Byrds. They put these words to music with the song: “Turn, Turn, Turn.”

All of the major moments in life are mentioned in this text. Each of these fourteen lines gives an opposite pair of actions: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

What time is it now? The writer tells us, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God had done from beginning to end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). In order to have a good life, we think we need to know God’s timetable, for God has made everything beautiful in its time. But the problem with this is that we can’t know God’s timetable. We can’t know the right time for everything. This passage shows our inability to figure out God’s timing.

The word translated “eternity” is the key word. God has placed in our hearts a longing to understand the big picture. We want to know things like: What more is there for me to do with my life? When do I act on this important decision? We don’t always know. God is the only one who knows, but it doesn’t appear that he is letting us in on the secret. We are not alone. The disciples wondered about timing: “Then they gathered around him and asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority’” (Acts 1:6-7). Job wondered: “Why does the Almighty not set times for judgment? Why must those who know him look in vain for such days?” (Job 24:1). God never gave a direct answer to Job. Instead God showed his power. God basically says: “I’m God, and you’re not. My ways are greater than your understanding. Trust me.”

This passage in Ecclesiastes is not meant to direct us to knowing the exact timing to act in these various ways. The timing and consequences of our actions is unknown, but we should not despair. God is in control. But we struggle wanting to be like God, just like what happened in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. We want to see eternity as God sees it. We want to know the time. So we eat from our own trees of knowledge, attempting to try and understand life and manipulate it. We need to let go and trust God and his timing, knowing that God is the one who holds the past, present, and future.

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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 27	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	157	\$3,686

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, June 3, 2018

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Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley - WEI
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Betty Weaver; Danny Rider; Ben Cavin will have surgery Monday, June 11; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Garry & Karla Loftis.

Friends and Loved ones: Diana Yarborough's grandfather; Sara Sykes' brother, Ted Fields; David Giles' mother recovering from hip surgery; Hoyt Box's friend, Bill Hadder; Mark's dad, Jerry Brackney; Laura Owens' dad; Carolyn Stark's brother-in-law, Gary McEwan; Gordon Norman is starting a new cancer treatment; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Edith Weldon's friend, Linda Graybeal; Missy Es-sary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa Dyer; Faith Tindell; 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.
- **Hope church**, today at the YMCA on 5th Avenue at 3:30 p.m.
- **YPYF small group** meets today at 5 p.m. We are studying I Corinthians 5. We will meet at Kelly & Lilianna Hunter's home(3810 Fairmont Blvd, 37917.
- **Knoxville work camp**, tonight thru Thurs., June 3-7. See Mark for details.
- **Small groups**, Sun., June 10, 6 p.m.
- **Senior Singles Luncheon**, Sunday, June 10, after morning services in the fellowship hall. Sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend.
- **Senior Servants** study and lunch, Tues., June 12, 11 a.m.
- **YPYF hike** up Mount LeConte, Sat., June 16. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the church building to carpool.
- **Baby dedication** Sunday, June 17.
- **Connection Night**, Sunday, June 17, 5 p.m. We will get to know three more Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share.
- **Men will meet for breakfast** at Shoney's, Thurs., June 21, 8:30 a.m.
- **YPYF camping trip** to Frozen Head State Park, June 22-24. See Jason McDougal to sign up and for details.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, June 24. Please bring food to share. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today Sunday Morning:

*Study in Ecclesiastes continued -
"A Time for Everything" Ecc. 3:1*

Sunday Night:
No evening services

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Jay Estes
Preside at Table: Alan Groves

Greeters: John & Laura Burka
Nursery: R Brackney & L Cooke
Security: J McDougal & G Loftis

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

June 4 Lauren Long
June 5 Jonathon Cavin
June 6 Kira McDougal
June 6 A.V. Debusk
June 6 Henry Debusk



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