



## “Life and Death Matters”

There is not much detail given about life after death in the Old Testament. Israel was left to their own experience and speculation. What they experienced left them the idea that death was final. The body is placed in the tomb and it stays there. Everything accumulated or achieved in this life is left behind and fades with time because we all die. Their speculation and hope said something else though. They thought perhaps there was life after *sheol* – the Hebrew word for “grave”. *Sheol* was a shadowy existence with not much substance. The Hebrews thought there might be a place where the faithful continue to serve God, but they were not sure.

With such unknowns, the Hebrews and other ancient cultures tried to find a measure of immortality in their children and their reputations. Many modern people try to do the same thing. We want our children to carry on our name after we are gone. But truly, how many of us know our great-great-grandmother’s maiden names? After two or three generations, we will be forgotten. We might try to gain immortality through a statue or monument. There might be a grant or scholarship in our name at the local university or college. There might even be a book written about your life or some one-liners on your tombstone. But over time, books become outdated, tombstone writing fades, and at some point you will be forgotten. I just hope they remember me at least through dessert at the funeral dinner.

But despite the Hebrews’ ignorance about the afterlife, they were still following God. They had great faith. We like them may say though, “Who knows what will happen when we die?” Well, let me tell you a secret – we know! Unlike those who lived during the history of the Old Testament, we live after the cross. The two on the road to Emmaus were sad and their hopes dashed. They said, “We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel” (Luke 24:21). They thought Jesus was the one, but they knew death was final. Even when they heard news of the empty tomb they did not believe. Even walking alongside Jesus for several miles did not change their minds. They didn’t recognize Jesus until he blessed the bread. Once he did that their eyes were opened.

Then there was Saul of Tarsus. Saul made it his mission to stamp out this growing sect who followed this Nazarene. He was on his way to Damascus to imprison some of the followers of Jesus when a bright light engulfed him. And whose voice did he hear? It was that of Jesus. He was alive. He was who he said he was. Years later, the Corinthians wrote a letter to Paul wondering about what happens after death. They trusted their experience and began to believe death was final. Paul tells them that if death is final, then we are worse off than those around us with no hope. We are worse off than those who lived during the Old Testament days who knew nothing of the afterlife (I Corinthians 15:12-19). Paul, like the writer of Ecclesiastes (3:18-21), agreed that if death is the end, our faith is useless. But we don’t have to worry about being deceived. Our faith is not just wishful thinking. “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (I Corinthians 15:20). He is alive!

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
June 3	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	146	\$5,483

## Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God  
**Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**Elders:** Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376  
Leland Price Ph: 925-4424  
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Wayne Shannon Ph: 742-0517  
Gregg Summers Ph: 223-4515  
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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; Danny Rider; Ben Cavin will have surgery Monday, June 11; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen.

**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. 
- **Senior Singles Luncheon** today after morning services in the fellowship hall.
- **Small groups**, tonight at 6 p.m. Check with an elder to determine which group is the best fit for you. 
- **Senior Servants** will take a break over the summer and start back in the fall.
- **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 -  
"Life and Death Matters" Ecc. 3:21*

**Sunday Night:**  
*Small Groups 6 p.m.*

### **SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:**

#### **Serve @ Table:**

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

**Opening Prayer:** W Holloway  
**Preside at Table:** Steve Cooke  
**Greeters:** S Galbreath & C Wallace  
**Nursery:** Cathy & Meredith Norris  
**Security:** T Mallicoat & C Coomer

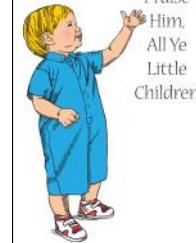
**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS WEEK**

June 11 April Estes  
June 11 Niki Price  
June 12 Lydia Cooke  
June 13 Bernice Borg  
June 14 Anna Mae Arwine  
June 14 Danny Jones  
June 17 Jonathan Brackney

**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  
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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*