



“When Is Enough, Enough?”

I remember hearing the story about a preaching conference and the topic was money. The man conducting the seminar asked the preachers how they knew if a house was too big for someone to live in. One guy who was brutally honest raised his hand and said, “When somebody has a home bigger than your own.”

We don't think we are rich. One person said, “Rich people live in three-story homes. We only live in a two story home.” No matter how much we may have, we can always find someone who has more than we do. So when we come to those difficult passages about money in the Bible, we can jump over them because they don't relate to us. Or do they? We actually know better. If we indeed are not rich, we would like to be. Have you ever been offered a raise and turned it down? I think most of us are like Teyve in “Fiddler on the Roof.” When told that riches are a curse, he honestly replied, “May God curse me and may I never recover!” The attraction of money is nothing new. The writer of Ecclesiastes gave some pointed words about money (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17).

I think most people would like to have more money. Even if you are rich, you want to be richer. With more money we could pay off some bills, save more for retirement, and give more to good causes. And don't think preachers don't get caught up in this. I'm reminded of the story of the billionaire who got stranded on a deserted island with a couple of buddies. His friends were all stressing out and wondering if they would ever be found. The billionaire had no concern at all. He was just relaxing on the beach while the others fretted and feared for their lives. Finally, they came up to the guy and asked why he was not worried. The billionaire replied, “I go to church regularly and tithe so my preacher won't rest until we are found.”

No matter what age you are, you are likely making more money now than at any point in your life. Are you happier? Are you more satisfied? How much money do you want? The answer is usually the same: we want more. If you don't have enough money, the teacher in Ecclesiastes calls you a lover of money. “Whoever loves money never has money enough” (Ecclesiastes 5:10). If you are not satisfied with your income, you are doomed to meaninglessness because you will never be satisfied. It is difficult to be content and satisfied because everything around us is telling us we need more, or we need this or that product to make us happier. But it is a lie. If you are not content now, you never will be. Shockingly, about 70 percent of people who win a lottery or get a big windfall actually end up broke in a few years, according to the National Endowment for Financial Education.

The interesting thing is that we not only worry when we don't have enough money, but also when we have lots of money. “The abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep” (Ecc. 5:12). We worry that we will lose what we have because sudden wealth can disappear as quickly as we get it. As one person said, “Funeral hearses don't have trailer hitches.” The writer of Ecclesiastes put it a different way, “Naked a man comes from his mother's womb,

and as he comes, so he departs” (Ecc. 5:15). You will die someday, as much as you might want to ignore this reality. What do you want to invest in that will really last?

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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 10	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	162	\$3,729

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, June 17, 2018

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Our Sympathy is extended to... Andrea James in the death of her father in Jamaica.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Ben Cavin at Fort Sanders Hosp. following surgery; Danny Davis; Danny Rider; Frances Maples with knee problems; 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; Mark's dad, Jerry Brackney; 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; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mother, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; Olivia Britt; David Hunter; Sheila Riggs co-worker, Amy Smith; Betty Weaver's daughter, Tracy Hart; Brad Owens; Claudia Wilson.

Shut-ins: Lynda Elliott; Edna Hullender; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table.
- **Connection Night**, tonight at 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, this Thurs., June 21, at 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.
- **White water rafting trip** on the Nantahala River, Friday, June 29. We will depart from Arlington at 8:30 a.m. And return at 5 p.m. Cost is \$33.85. Please sign up on the teen board or the board in the hallway. All are invited.
- **Vacation Bible School** will take place July 20th, 6 to 8 p.m. and July 21st, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme is: **God Pitched His Tent With Us**. More details to come but please mark your calendars.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

*Study in Ecclesiastes continued -
"When is Enough, Enough?" Ecc. 5:10*

Sunday Night:

Connection Night, 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Alan Groves

Preside at Table: Gregg Summers

Greeters: Tim & Paige Mallicoat

Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price

Security: S Cooke & H Box

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

June 17 Jonathan Brackney
June 20 Becky Gibson
June 21 Lilliana Burbano
June 22 Jayce Estes



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