



### "The Value of Friendship"

Ecclesiastes tells us, "Two are better than one" (4:9). What does this mean? What is the biblical meaning of friendship? This verse has nothing to do with a number. We don't pursue ungodly relationships just to have more friends. It also does not mean we simply pursue more acquaintances. Most of us have more of them than real friends. A true friend, though, is someone who shares our interests. It is someone who has similar goals or dreams. It is someone who will be there in both the good and bad days. They will tell the truth, even if it hurts. A biblical friend is one who encourages you in your walk with Jesus, not one who will push you away from that path. It is a blessing to have someone like that, one that at times might be closer than a brother or sister, one who understands us completely.

As I reflect on what a real friend looks like, I am reminded of the lyrics to a song that was written and performed by Geoff Moore many years ago. It is entitled, "A Friend like You."

Lone ranger and tonto  
 Laurel and hardy  
 Batman and robin  
 There was snoopy and charlie  
 Friends through thick n' thin  
 Friends to the very end  
 I think you would agree  
 That's how it is for you and me

I-I-I want you to know  
 I need you  
 I-I-I want you to know, it's true  
 There's no-no-no way I'd make it without you  
 It's so good to know, I've got a friend like you

I tell you it's black  
 But you see it white  
 You say go left  
 But I know it's right  
 No matter where we go  
 Be it through the highs and lows  
 I will be by your side  
 'cuz you and I are friends for life

Through all of the laughter and tears  
 Through all of the questions and fears  
 Through all of the winning and losing and trying  
 I will be by your side  
 'cuz you and I are friends for life

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 is a poem that shows four of the great values of friendship: sharing, support, warmth, and strength. Whether you have many or few friends in this life, there is truly one friendship that really matters. Jesus said, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15). As we draw close to Jesus, we learn what it means to be a friend to others.

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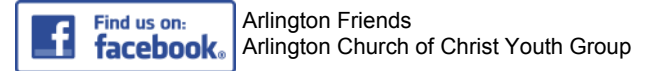
# Arlington Church of Christ



## 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
	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
June 24	146	\$2,967

## Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God  
Sunday, July 1, 2018

**Elders:** Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376  
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**Secretaries:** Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

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





**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:** Ronnie Weldon recovering from surgery; Andrea James; Ben Cavin; Danny Davis; Danny Rider; Frances Maples; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen.

**Friends and Loved ones:** 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; Edith Weldon's friend, Linda Graybeal; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa Dyer; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; Olivia Britt; David Hunter; Sheila Riggs co-worker, Amy Smith; Tracy Hart; Brad Owens; Claudia Wilson; Ben Ream's friend, Alice Bowen, battling cancer; Anita Drinnen's brother-in-law, Chuck Floyd; Teresa Combs friend, Susan Russell.

**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. 
- **VBS planning meeting**, today at the front of the auditorium after morning worship. 
- **YPYF small group**, today at 5 p.m. We are studying I Corinthians.
- **Small groups**, Sunday, July 8, p.m.
- **Connection night**, Sunday, July 15, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share after our gathering in the auditorium.
- **Men's breakfast at Shoney's**, Thurs., July 19, 8:30 a.m. -----
- **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**. We will be having VBS at the nearby Kiwanis Fresh Air Camp just north of the Zoo Knoxville on Prosser Road that will facilitate outdoor activities. Please sign up on the board for a place to serve. You can also pick up a registration form and information flier in the lobby to register you child or take some to pass out to friends.   


## Family News

### Sermon Topics Today Sunday Morning:

*Study in Ecclesiastes continued -  
"The Value of Friendship" Ecc. 4:9-12*

**Sunday Night:** Fourth Sunday  
*No Services Tonight*

### SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

#### Serve @ Table:

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

**Opening Prayer:** Kelly Hunter

**Preside at Table:** Alan Groves

**Greeters:** John & Laura Burka

**Nursery:** B Borg & S Bivens

**Security:** B DeWitt & B Pruett

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS  
THIS WEEK

July 1 Joddi Thomley  
July 1 Clovis Taylor  
July 4 Jennifer Tatum  
July 6 Sandy DeWitt



Happy  
Birthday!!



## Family Matters

*Mark  
your  
calendar*

- **Fifth Sunday Celebration of the Arts**, July 29, 6 p.m. Come for a night of singing your favorite song, reading spiritual poetry, or sharing a work of art or picture you took. God gave us the arts to glorify Him and encourage others.
- Dr. Joe Beam will be presenting a weekend seminar titled: **Love, Sex and Marriage** at the Hardin Valley Church of Christ on August 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and August 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early registration fee is \$20 per couple by July 18th. Late fee is \$30. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Register at: [hvcocmarriage.eventbrite.com](http://hvcocmarriage.eventbrite.com). Also, sign up on the board so we know who is going and can possibly carpool.
- **Prison Ministry Conference** at Hardin Valley Church of Christ on Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a free conference to discuss methods of expanding/coordinating inmate/prison ministries. See board for more details.