



“Restoration after Separation”

Many people have experienced the heartbreak that comes with conflict and subsequent damage to a relationship. There are times the two parties cannot see eye to eye and end up splitting apart. The failure of close friendships, marriages, and business partners happen frequently. Just because two people follow Jesus does not mean there will not be times of disagreement and even a parting of ways. We find an example of this in the life of the apostle Paul and his friend and mentor Barnabas.

At the conclusion of Acts 15, we find Paul and Barnabas heading back to Syria Antioch with news of the decision at the council in Jerusalem. Sometime later, Paul said to Barnabas, “Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing” (Acts 15:36). The Second Missionary journey did not start off good though. We find some conflict coming up between two good friends (Acts 15:37-40).

Barnabas showed grace to his young cousin, John Mark, and perhaps had the desire to mentor him like he had Paul. But Paul did not forget about John Mark abandoning them on their first missionary journey. John Mark’s departure must have been a serious distraction for Paul. Keep in mind, Paul was not feeling well on that trip so this could have contributed to the stress of the situation.

One thing you will notice about spending time with people that you put on a pedestal is that they are flawed. Every leader I have ever met and that you will ever meet is not perfect. Leadership can expose weaknesses and provide temptations, particularly pride. Yet God uses imperfect people, like Paul.

That break-up of their mission team and parting of ways must have been devastating for both of them. They were a good team. They had led countless souls to Christ. They had seen the power of the Holy Spirit work in dramatic ways. They had witnessed the door open to the Gentiles and the planting of many churches. They prayed over these infant churches and appointed elders to aid their spiritual growth. They had traveled thousands of miles, slept next to each other under the stars, had sailed on ships, and walked dusty roads. They encouraged each other to not give up, even in the midst of physical illness and persecution. Yet now their journey together has come to an end over a disagreement in a traveling companion.

Even though Paul and Barnabas part company, Paul mentions Barnabas twice after this in his letters, and it is never with a negative tone. One of the times was during Paul’s second missionary journey where he mentioned Barnabas to the church at Corinth (I Corinthians 9:6). We even find out later that Mark becomes a trusted assistant of Paul in his ministry. Years later he would write to Timothy, “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11). What a beautiful example of letting time heal and not giving up on a relationship because of a bad experience.

So, Barnabas takes John Mark back to the Island of Cyprus, where Barnabas grew up, and Paul takes Silas with him to revisit the churches in Galatia and strengthen the churches. God continues to use both, and eventually their relationship is repaired. This is a great example for the healing of relationships.

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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
Sept 9	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	167	\$2,995

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, September 16, 2018

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Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

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

Our Sympathy is extended to: Rebekah Connelly and her family in the death of her grandmother, Josephine Farr.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Rick Case; Ben Cavin; Carolyn Starks; Danny Davis; Danny Rider; Frances Maples; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Billie Bayles.

Friends and Loved ones: those near the hurricane; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; John McDougal; Ted Fields; Jerry Brackney; Laura Owens' dad; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Missy Esary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa Dyer; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; David Hunter; Amy Smith; Brad Owens; Alice Bowen; Joyce Sanders' dad; Cheryl Cassidy; Marlene Turner; John Caswell; the Wurtheisers; Randy Toney with acute lung rejection.

Shut-ins: Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; Edna Hullender, at Tennova NHC; 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 Caring Cards Ministry table.
- **Connection night**, tonight at 5 p.m. We will get to know three more of our Arlington members; Laurie Duncan, Edith Weldon, and Jason McDougal. Please bring finger foods to share.
- **Hope Central Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30.
- **Fourth Sunday fellowship**, Sunday, Sept. 23, after our morning worship. Please bring food to share.
- **Radiant Girls Conference**, Sat., Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All girls from 6th to 12th grade, Hardin Valley Church, register online at: radiantconferenceknox.com
Cost is \$25 for early registration.
- **Fifth Sunday Celebration of the Arts**, Sept. 30, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. See Alan Groves if you have a gift/talent you would like to share.
- Mark your calendars for **Arlington Family Camp** at Hillbrook on Oct. 5th and 6th. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board. More details to follow.

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.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Paul's Second Missionary Journey-Part 1

Sunday Night:

Connection Night 5 pm

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Caleb Brackney, Pat Ramsey
Joe Croteau, David Giles, Bob DeWitt
Jonathan Cavin, Jedidiah Cavin

Opening Prayer: Danny Davis

Preside at Table: Dann Chapman

Greeters: Mark & Sammie French

Nursery: L Tiller & S Sykes

Security: K Tatum & D Jones

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

Sept 18 Katherine Norman
Sept 19 Jessie Rutherford
Sept 19 Mikaela Shannon
Sept 19 Casey Owens
Sept 19 Kaison Mullins
Sept 21 Cindy Wallace

Happy Birthday

Family Matters



You're Invited!

Please come to our WEI benefit dinner and give prayerful consideration to helping us teach thousands of more precious souls the TRUTH of God's word to students from EVERY country of the world. Hear about our obtainable "2020 VISION" to teach 290,000 Bible studies with 40,000 new students in the year 2020.

**Maryville Church of Christ
(Fellowship Hall)
Thursday evening, October 25th
6:30 to 8:00 pm**

For more information or to
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