

“Making God Known”

We learn much from Paul during his second missionary journey. Paul visits Athens, a town known for its Greek culture and philosophy. Its history was known all throughout the world. If you go to Athens today, you can see many of the ancient buildings, which were several hundred years old by the time Paul arrived. Its architecture served as a pattern for the temples and public squares across the Roman Empire. Located here was the Olympic stadium, which was the site of the Panathenaic games that were held once every four years for six hundred years by Paul’s time. I can’t help but think Paul took time to take a look around the famous stadium in Athens as he came into the city.

Paul made his way into the agora or public square of Athens. Located here were temples, a synagogue, markets, civic buildings, and open spaces in which people gathered for public discourse/debate. On the edge of the agora was an outcropping of rock dedicated to the god of war – Ares in Greek, Mars in Latin. The rock was called the Areopagus (Ares’s or Mars Hill). Court took place here.

Another famous feature of Athens is the Acropolis, almost five hundred feet above sea level. It towered over the city and on top were the Parthenon, Erechtheion, and other temples whose remnants still stand there to this day. Believe it or not, these buildings were built 450 years before Paul arrived. Most of the temples up there were dedicated to Athena, the virgin warrior goddess. The thirty-foot-high statue of Athena stood atop the Acropolis. Down below was the huge temple to Zeus, its columns still standing today.

The local synagogue has been discovered in the marketplace. Paul taught the Jews and God-fearing gentiles here, and then he went to reason with those in the public square where a group of philosophers began to argue with Paul. They took him to the Areopagus (Mars Hill), where some of the leaders asked Paul to explain his beliefs. Luke records for us a great speech that displays the oratorical skills Paul learned as a young man. We also get a feel for Paul’s approach when sharing Christ with those who worshiped Greco-Roman deities.

Paul begins by commending the people: “I see that you are very religious.” He also points out an altar to “an unknown God” they worship. Paul doesn’t put down or criticize them for their pagan beliefs. He connects with them. Paul then said this God was the maker of all things and does not live in temples made by human hands. Paul then noted that “God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and to find him, that God isn’t far away from any of us.” Paul is saying the unknown God wants to be found. This God came to reveal himself in the form of Jesus. After gaining solidarity, Paul next moves gently to critique the Athenians’ worship of deities made of gold, silver, and stone. Paul concludes by saying with the coming of Christ, God revealed himself to humanity and calls the human race to repent – to change their hearts and lives (Acts 17:22-31).

Growing up in Western Civilization, this “idol” language can be difficult for us to connect with. While we may not have pagan temples with idols made of gold, silver, and stone, they still exist. An idol is anything that vies for your allegiance and worship.

With the coming of Christ, what might you need to repent of? **Mark**

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Arlington Friends
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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 23	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	169	\$3,073

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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

Friends and Loved ones: Danny Davis' grandson, John Kazewell; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; John McDougal; Ted Fields; Jerry Brackney; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; David Hunter; Amy Smith; Brad Owens; Alice Bowen; Joyce Sanders' dad; Marlene Turner; the Wurtheisers; Sue Nipper.

Shut-ins: Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; 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.
- **Fifth Sunday Celebration of the Arts**, tonight at 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. See Alan Groves if you have a gift/talent you would like to share.
- **Hope Central Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30.
- **Arlington Family Camp** at Hillbrook next weekend, Oct. 5 and 6. Camp will open at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board by this Wed. for meal planning purposes. See Keith Tatum for more details.
- We will worship with **Hope Church** next Sunday, Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m. They meet at the Cansler YMCA.
- **YPYF Bible study**, next Sun., Oct. 7, 5 p.m. We will meet at the building. We are studying 1 Corinthians.
- **Senior Servants**, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. After Bible study we will go to lunch.
- **Church party at the Brackney's**, Sunday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m. Please bring food to share, a lawn chair, and drinks (water will be provided). We will have our annual corn hole tournament so if you have corn hole boards, please bring them.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Paul's Second Missionary Journey
"Making God Known"

Sunday Night: Fifth Sunday
Celebration of the Arts 5 pm

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: George Sanders

Preside at Table: Will Simon

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Burbano & H Monroe

Security: R Riggs & B Campbell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct 2 Joshua Brackney

Oct 3 Paige Mallicoat

Oct 4 Delinda Summers



Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters

- **Men will meet for breakfast** at Shoney's, Thurs., Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sunday, Oct. 21, 5 p.m. We will get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- There is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board for the **WEI fundraising dinner**. We would like to fill two tables so we need sixteen people. It will be a great night to learn more about WEI and to give our support to this important mission of ours as we support Tom and Angie Langley.
- **Trunk or Treat**, Wed., October 31, 6 to 7 p.m. Please decorate your trunk and bring some candy to hand out to kids in the neighborhood. We will use the side parking lot for this event.



*You're
Invited!*



Please come to our WEI benefit dinner and give prayerful consideration to helping us teach thousands of precious souls from EVERY country of the world the TRUTH of God's word. 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

Thurs night, October 25 6:30-8:00 pm

For more information or to RSVP
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