



Asking For Help (reprint)

A statement often heard by pastors and preachers is: "It's too late for me." It's too late to fix the broken relationship. It's too late to start taking my job seriously as a parent. It's too late to start making preparations for retirement. It's too late to get help for the addiction. Satan tells us every time we think about making a change, "it is too late."

There is a great story found in John 5:1-11 about the healing of a man who had been crippled for thirty-eight years. For many years this guy sat by the pool of Bethesda, just outside the Sheep Gate on the northern side of the Temple Mount. A footnote in your Bible states in verse four that from time to time an angel would come down and stir up the waters and the first person in the pool after this happened would be cured. This verse is not found in the original manuscripts but added later by a scribe to explain the local custom and why so many people were there at this pool for healing.

We don't know the background of this crippled man, but at some point he gave up hope of ever being cured. At one point in time he probably believed he would get healed. But days turned into months, and months into years. He became a regular visitor at the pool, and he probably had resigned himself to the life of a cripple.

Jesus comes along and asks what appears to be a strange question: "Do you want to get well?" Of course he wants to get well. But actually it is an important question. There are many people who hang out at the pool but don't want to get healed. Think of all the people who go to church but don't want to change. Many people will talk about spiritual things, but they don't care about doing anything different. Why is this the case?

There are many different reasons people don't want to be healed. For some, if you are healed, it means your life will change. Some people, while life is difficult, it is comfortable and there are things we fear we could lose if life changes. For others, they struggle with even admitting something is wrong with their life. At first, they probably recognized a sin problem, but to admit it, that is something different. We would rather keep the problem hidden. It is easier to say it is too late to get help than admit a problem. Also, when you ask for help, it will require some action on your part. You can't lay by the pool anymore. Jesus gives the man three action verbs: "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" (John 5:8).

Thankfully, the man heeds Jesus' words and walks. But as soon as he does so, he gets in trouble with the religious leaders. He picked the wrong day to be healed, the Sabbath. The religious leaders should have rejoiced, but they offer discouraging words. There will be many voices talking in your ear. You have got to listen to Jesus above all the other voices. It's not too late to ask Jesus for help. **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 30	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	142	\$3,755

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, October 7, 2018

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

Our Sympathy is Extended to: Paige Mallicoat and her family in the sudden death of her father, Bill Bowers. Please keep the Mallicoats and the Bowers in your prayers.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Jean McQuaig is home from the hospital; 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 Es-sary; 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. 
- We will **worship with Hope Church** today at 3:30 p.m. They meet at the Cansler YMCA. 
- **YPYF Bible study**, this afternoon at 5 p.m. We will meet at the building. We are studying 1 Corinthians.
- **Hope Central - Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30.
- **Senior Servants**, this 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. 
- **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. 

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

Sunday Night: No Services this evening

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

John David Potter, Zach Shannon,
Kevin Gillispie, Jonathan Brackney
Bruce McQuaig, Joshua Brackney
Danny Davis

Opening Prayer: Kelly Hunter

Preside at Table: Alan Groves

Greeters: John & Laura Burka

Nursery: Cathy & Meredith Norris

Security: J McDougal & J Turnbull

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Oct 8 Leah Tatum
Oct 12 Garry Loftis
Oct 13 Bill Pruett
Oct 14 Dee Randall
Oct 14 Betty Smith

Happy
Birthday!!  

Family Matters

- 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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