

“Ministry in Ephesus”

The majority of the apostle Paul’s third missionary journey took place in Ephesus. While there, he spent time identifying, training, and encouraging church leaders. We are told that Paul taught in Tyrannus’s “lecture hall.” In Greek, the word for lecture hall is *schole*. From this comes words like school and scholar. You could say that Paul started the first recorded Christian school or seminary in Ephesus.

We are also told that God performed extraordinary miracles through Paul (Acts 19:11-17) like we find happening in the ministry of Jesus. We find both Jesus and Paul having absolute authority over a medical condition or unclean spirits/demons. In the first century, spirits were thought to have been the causes of everything from fevers to infertility to epilepsy. Evil spirits were seen as afflictions and not the modern image of horror movies that conjure up terror. In ancient times, people hoped by calling upon the gods and saying the right combination of words, the evil spirits would flee and release the victim from its power. Jews in the first century thought they could exorcise demons by calling on God’s name.

While there were no doubt actual unclean spirits present, it does seem probable that many of the causes of physical afflictions people suffered from were not unclean spirits, but physiological, psychological, or spiritual infirmities that went undiagnosed. Jesus and Paul did not think it was important to distinguish or explain if a condition was the cause of epilepsy or an evil spirit, they just healed the condition completely.

After Jesus performed a healing, he often said, “Your faith has made you well.” At other times Jesus forgave the sins of the person who had been sick. This would imply that some of the infirmities healed by Jesus and later by Paul were psychological or spiritual in nature. The healings started with the heart and mind of the person, which led to an alleviation of the physical symptoms. An example of this would be people with anxiety or panic attacks. The symptoms can mimic a heart attack. The solution may involve medication and counseling, but a person’s faith can also play a role in the healing.

During Paul’s day in Ephesus, small scrolls with various incantations meant to unleash healing power were for sale. Lots of money was made by selling these incantations. If you were sick with some disease, or if you needed your crops to grow, you might well spend the money to buy the scroll with the potential healing power. But Paul came preaching and teaching that it was Jesus, not incantations that broke the power of evil spirits to heal. There were so many people coming to faith in Christ that it was cutting on the businesses that sold these scrolls (Acts 19:18-20). The believers brought their worthless scrolls and burned them – a value of around five million dollars if you estimate the average day wage in American being \$100. This shows the power of the gospel over false hopes.

What scrolls do you have in your life – things that you trust or things that attempt to offer security and hope: lottery tickets, bank accounts, horoscopes, drugs, IRA statements? Put your hope in that which will endure into eternity – the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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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
Oct. 21	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	150	\$4,582

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Paige Mallicoat; Tina Childress; Rick Case; Ben Cavin; Carolyn Starks; Danny Davis; Danny Rider; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Billie Bayles; Jerry Fittro.

Friends and Loved ones: Jerry Tallman recovering from surgery; John Potter's sister, Maria Hoyt; Danny Davis' grandson, John Kazewell; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; Jason McDougal's grandfather; Ted Fields; Jerry Brackney; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Lisa Potter's sister, Radha Smith; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; Janie Johnson's mother; David Hunter; Brad Owens; Joyce Sanders' dad; the Wurtheisers; Sue Nipper; Diane Elliot recovering from a stroke; Becky Nix; the Summers' 4 yr. old neighbor, Gage Carenas, recovering from a car accident.

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.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship meal**, is today after our morning worship. All our visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- **Hope Central - Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30.
- **Trunk or Treat**, Wed., Oct. 31, 6 to 7 p.m. Please decorate your trunk and bring some candy to hand out to our kids and the kids in the neighborhood. We will use the side parking lot for this event.



Trunk
or
Treat



- **Ladies Prayer Group**, Thursday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. Location will be announced.
- **Daylight Savings Time ends** Sunday, Nov. 4. at 2 a.m.
- **Hope Church**, Sunday, Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA.
- **YPYF small group**, Sunday, Nov. 4, 5 p.m.
- **Small groups**, Sun., Nov. 11, 6 p.m.
- **Men will meet at Shoney's**, Thurs., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.
- **Ladies brunch/prayer group**, Thurs., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. Location will be announced.
- **Connection Night**, Sun., Nov. 18, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share after we get to know three more of our Arlington members better.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Paul's Third Missionary Journey
"Ministry in Ephesus"

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday
No Services

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Carroll Coomer

Preside at Table: Leland Price

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Potter & M Shannon

Security: Bud & Tyler Norris

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK

Nov 1 Missy Turnbull

Nov 4 Allison Thomas



Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters

Mark
your
Calendar

- **Ray Vander Laan** will be speaking in Maryville, TN, Nov. 9-11. You can register for all or part of the conference at:
<https://www.fairviewumcorg/rvl/>
- There will be **NO fourth Sunday fellowship** in November or December.
- **Thanksgiving Devotional**, Wed., Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
- **Happy Thanksgiving!** Nov. 22.
- **Christmas banquet** will be on Sat., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.



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