



Out With the Old, In With the New

This time of year is a great time to examine one's life for areas of fruitfulness, or lack of fruitfulness. At times it is easy to make excuses or defend our current circumstances that reveal changes needing to be made in our lives. You can be fruitful by God's grace. Here are some principles to help you grow this next year.

First, grow your relationship with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5 talks about the fruit of the Spirit. Fruitfulness is not what we do for God, but what God does for us. It is the power of the Spirit that fruit grows in our lives. Willpower only lasts so long and then runs out. This is why we need to tap into a power source that will last. A way to cultivate your relationship with the Holy Spirit is by spending time in God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit was directly involved in the process of getting us the sixty-six books of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). So when you pick up your Bible, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to meet you. If you just take about fifteen minutes a day, you can read the entire Bible this next year.

Second, measure production, not busyness. Some people are multi-taskers. They are busy, active, and rushed. They are not eating well or sleeping enough. They are so busy but not fruitful. Some of the most productive people are the ones who are relaxed and focused.

Third, learn from productive people. Maybe someone has a great marriage and you want to learn from them. Someone might be a great teacher and you want to learn from them. Someone has a good work ethic. Someone is patient in working with others. Someone has raised great kids. Someone demonstrates great compassion. Someone is a great organizer. Someone is good with finances and investments. Watch these people, meet with them, take notes, and then apply what they say.

Fourth, use pain, hardship, trial, and trauma to grow and help others. When difficulties come, we often look at God and say, "God, where are you? Don't you care what I am going through? Don't you love me? Why aren't you helping me out, even just a little bit?" God looks at you and says, "I know. I have allowed this because in the future this is going to grow you."

The best mentors or counselors for those who are going through a divorce are those who have been divorced. Who gives better counsel to someone struggling with cancer – someone who has never been sick or someone who has battled cancer themselves? How about someone dealing with depression or who is bi-polar? The one who has taken the same journey is qualified, has insights and wisdom. How about someone who is in jail or just getting out of jail? Who is the most qualified to be of support – someone who has been in jail. God takes things in our lives that are painful, hard, difficult, disappointing, maybe even embarrassing. Use your struggle to bring a harvest to God.

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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
Dec. 23	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	182	\$3,956

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, December 30, 2018

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Our Sympathy is extended to... Ada Shannon and family as they mourn the death of her brother, John Smith. Please keep this family in your prayers.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Ben Ream; Diana Yarborough; Ben Cavin; Rick Case; Ronnie Weldon; Carolyn Starks; Danny Rider; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Clovis Taylor; Jerry Fittro.

Friends and Loved ones: Jerry Tallman; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; Jerry Brackney; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Deb & Rob Colones; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; Janie Johnson's mother; David Hunter; Joyce Sanders' dad; the Werkheisers; Mark's friend, Troy Butler; Jalen Green; David Price's boss, Gary Gray; Lisa Potter's sister, Radha Smith.

Shut-ins: Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Coming Soon

- **Winterfest** is February 15-17, 2019. **Registration forms are due TODAY.** See Gregg or Delinda Summers for details.
- *There will be no services at the building this evening.*
- **Ladies prayer group**, this Thursday night, Jan. 3, 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced.
- **YPYF Small group**, Sun., January 6, 5 p.m.
- **Deacons meeting**, Mon., January 7, 7 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** will meet for study and lunch, Tues. Jan. 8, 11 a.m.
- Sharon Galbreath will begin a **Ladies Bible class** studying the book of Ephesians on Wed., Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
- **Small groups**, Sun., Jan. 13, 6 p.m.
- **Men will meet at Shoney's** for breakfast, Thurs., Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m.
- **Ladies brunch/prayer group**, Sat., Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sun., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
- **Fourth Sunday fellowship**, Sun., Jan. 27. Please bring food to share.
- **Baby Shower** for Liliana Burbano, Sun., Jan. 27, 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Marriage Workshop** - classes for 6 Sunday nights beginning Jan. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. Go to the Arlington website: Arlingtonchurchofchrist.org to register. See Gregg Summers for details or questions.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Guest Speaker

Brad Wilson

Sunday Night:

NO Services this evening

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: George Sanders

Preside at Table: Will Simon

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Burbano & H Monroe

Security: Bud & Tyler Norris



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!

Dec	30	Ann DeBusk
Jan	1	Gail Brown
Jan	1	David Tiller
Jan	3	Joyce Sanders
Jan	5	Betty Weaver
Jan	5	Joe Croteau
Jan	6	Maddie DeWitt

Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you...

Abstain from all appearance of evil.
(1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.
(James 4:10)

And He shall lift you up.
(James 4:10)

Pray without ceasing.
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Preach the word...in season, out of season.
(2 Timothy 4:2)

You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:14)

Now I pray to God that you do no evil.
(2 Corinthians 13:7)

Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith.
(2 Cor. 13:5)

Wherefore laying aside all malice and all guile...
(1 Peter 2:1)

You are the salt of the earth
(Matthew 5:13)

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit...
(Ephesians 4:3)

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
(Matthew 7:7)

Rejoice...for great is your reward in heaven.
(Matthew 5:12)