



“Fixing Our Broken Souls”

At the first of the year, it is a great time to think about changes we want to make for the better. But before we do that, what was one of the biggest regrets you had in 2018? For some of you, you will know the answer to that question quickly. For others, there may be a number of things you could choose from. There is one word that tends to bring our regrets together. It is the word “not”. Regrets seem to be about opportunities not taken, words not spoken, decisions not made, resolutions not kept. Regrets remind us of our brokenness.

As we come to Luke 5, the earthly ministry of Jesus is just beginning. He has yet to call his disciples and he is preaching by the Sea of Galilee. People are having a hard time hearing him so he asks a fisherman, Simon, to row him out from the shore. Peter and Jesus already know each other. Jesus sits in the boat and uses the natural acoustics of the water for people to hear him (Luke 5:2-4).

Jesus asks Peter, the veteran fisherman, to go back fishing, even though he had already been out all night and caught nothing. Have you been in a position that you are an expert in a certain area and somebody comes along and starts to try to give you advice? Maybe it’s even a manager over you who tries to tell you what to do, but they don’t have a clue what your job is. It is frustrating.

We have that “who are you to tell me” moments. Well, Peter may have been feeling this way. I know about fishing, you know about preaching – don’t interfere with my job. Jesus, I love you on weekends, but don’t interfere with my relationships or my entertainment choices. Jesus, you are great and have good teaching points, but I don’t really need any help over here.

But Peter listens to Jesus and goes back out to fish (Luke 5:5-7). It was a good decision to go back out fishing again. Imagine the joy and the fishing story they would have to share the rest of their lives. I wish I had a great fishing story to share with you, but for me, fishing is not my life. It is something relaxing to do, but for these guys, it was their livelihood. They needed to catch fish. It would be like working a commission job for hours and hours with no sales. So, these guys were disappointed – not one fish caught after fishing all night. They did all they could and it didn’t work. But now Jesus comes and everything changes. They used the same boat, nets, and lake, but the difference was Jesus’ presence.

In 2018, maybe you made some resolutions of things you wanted to do different but to no avail. You worked at it hard. You put your time in but it didn’t work. So how can you make a difference in 2019? Here are four words Peter used: “Because you say so.” Peter likely didn’t think he would catch fish. If he was in charge, there was no way he would go out fishing again. Jesus knew they were tired, that they had just cleaned their nets and wanted to go to bed. But Jesus also knew what he was about to do. Because Jesus said so, Peter would do it. The result was a boat full of fish. Peter repents and acknowledges the power of Jesus (Luke 5:8). He is now ready to be a follower of Jesus.

A great motto for 2019 would be: “Because you say so, Jesus.” Don’t try to make changes on your own. Let Jesus help you. Trust him and take him at his word. Repent and let God repair the damage, regrets, and pain in your life.

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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

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| | weekly budget | \$4,062 |
| Dec. 30 | <u>attendance</u> | <u>contribution</u> |
| | 165 | \$3,997 |

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, January 6, 2019

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Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley - WEI
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Michael Chumas fell and broke his ankle; Ada Shannon and family; Liliana Burbano; Ben Ream; 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; Tim Howell.

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

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

- **Winterfest** is February 15-17, 2019. *The deadline for turning in registration forms has been extended to next Sun., January 13, when forms and fees are due for all attendees.*
- **YPYF Small group** today at 5 pm
- **Deacons meeting**, this Mon., Jan. 7, 7 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** will meet for study and lunch this Tues., Jan. 8, 11 a.m.
- Sharon Galbreath will begin a **Ladies Bible class** studying the book of Ephesians this Wed., Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
- **Small groups**, Sun., Jan. 13, 6 p.m.
- **Hope Central**, Mon., Jan. 14, 3:30 to 5:30 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. Location TBA.
- **YPYF game night**, Sat., Jan. 19, 5-8 p.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sun., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal**, Sun., Jan. 27. Please bring food to share.
- **Baby shower** for Liliana Burbano, Sun., Jan. 27, 2 to 4 p.m. She is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target.
- **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:
Making Things New
Lesson 1: Fixing Our Broken Souls
Sunday Night:
NO Services this evening

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jacob Shannon, Bill Pruet
Bill Langley, Paul Cooke
Noah Brackney, Bob Campbell
Pat Ramsey

Opening Prayer: Kelly Hunter
Preside at Table: Alan Groves

Greeters: Tim & Paige Mallicoat

Nursery: Bernice Borg & Sue Bivens

Security: B DeWitt & B Pruet



BIRTHDAYS

Jan 6 Maddie DeWitt
Jan 7 Davis Rider
Jan 7 Pierce Owens
Jan 8 George Sanders
Jan 10 Ellen Griffin
Jan 10 Tim Borg
Jan 11 Frank Combs
Jan 12 Ashley Gillispie
Jan 13 Marge Percell

Family Matters



Thank you all for your kind financial gift for our family. We look forward to another year of serving others with our Arlington family. We appreciate you. With Love, the Brackneys

We now have **Online Giving!**

Online Giving is so much more than just online! Our giving tools provide the ability to further the work of God through the Arlington family with a donation on our website or from a link on your phone or tablet. And you have options that range from giving a one-time donation to scheduling a series of donations directly from your checking account or debit or credit card. For more information as well as detailed instructions visit our website: arlingtonchurchofchrist.org and click **Give Online** from the menu. See Danny Rider if you have questions.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Jay Estes is building a database of Arlington members with special talents and skills that would be useful to other members. Send an email to: helpinghandsarlington@gmail.com with your talent(s) or your needs. Jay will then be working to connect our talents with our needs. See Jay for more details.

