



“Taking the Turnaround”

Have you ever gotten turned around while driving? You think you are going the right way, and then you realize you were driving in the opposite direction. Going the correct direction is obviously important in getting to your destination. Thankfully, when you drive, there are warning signs to alert you: Wrong Way, One Way, Do Not Enter, Turn Around. These signs are meant to alert you and tell you something important.

There is also a correct road we want to be on spiritually speaking. At times, we get off the right path and need to take a course correction; we need to take the turnaround. To repent means to change direction, to go a different path. The problem is that pride often gets in the way. It is hard to admit that the road we are on is the wrong one. You have to humble yourself to admit you are going the wrong way and that you need to turn around. There are some times that the direction you are on feels natural. The Bible tell us: “There is a way that seems right, but in the end it leads to death” (Proverbs 14:12). The path may feel right and be popular so it feels unnatural to go a different direction.

A change of direction is important, and it happens over time. There is a theological word for this change of direction in our lives. It is called sanctification, which is the process of becoming more like Jesus. We are all on this journey of being sanctified, being made more like Christ. Paul wrote to the Philippians: “...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (1:6). We are on a journey of becoming complete in Christ. This doesn’t mean that once you become a follower of Jesus you won’t mess up. There are times you have to repent, to take the exit ramp and get back going in the right direction.

Paul told the Ephesian church: “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (4:22-24). You don’t typically put clean clothes over the top of dirty clothes. You make a change of clothes. Sometimes we try to put the new over the old, but the smell just keeps coming through the new. Paul says to be made new in your mind.

A big problem that keeps people from making a course direction is wanting everything to be perfect. But even if you make a resolution to not do something again, at times we blow it. For some people if they can’t do it perfectly, then they might as well not do it at all. But the Christian life is not about perfection, but progress. Paul stated, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Philippians 3:12). Live one day at a time with Jesus. Jesus said to take up your cross daily. Don’t worry about tomorrow and don’t live in the past.

The good news of the gospel is that it is never too late for a turnaround. There is an exit ramp you can take today to head in the right direction. Trust your life to Jesus and let him prune you. Jesus is the master gardener, and he is able to cut away the old to prepare you for new growth as you become his disciple.

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Find us on: Arlington Friends
Arlington Church of Christ Youth Group

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
Jan. 6	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	177	\$4,756

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Michael Chumas is home recovering from surgery on his broken ankle; 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; Janie Johnson's mother; David Hunter; Joyce Sanders' dad; the Werkheisers; Mark's friend, Troy Butler; Jalen Green; David Price's boss, Gary Gray; Jean McQuaig's niece, Karen Derry; Laura Owens' cousin.

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 is TODAY. Forms and fees are both due for all attendees.*
- **Small groups**, today at 6 p.m.
- **Hope Central**, tomorrow, Jan. 14, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Men will meet at Shoney's** for breakfast this Thurs., Jan. 17, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Ladies brunch/prayer group**, this Sat., Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m.
- **YPYF game night**, this Sat., Jan. 19, 5-8 p.m.
- **Connection Night**, next Sun., Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. We will get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share.
- **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.



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Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Making Things New

Lesson 2: Taking the Turnaround

Sunday Night:

Home Church 6 pm

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jacob Shannon, Bill Pruett

Bill Langley, Paul Cooke

Noah Brackney, Bob Campbell

Pat Ramsey

Opening Prayer: Steve Cooke

Preside at Table: Gregg Summers

Greeters: B Pruett & D Chapman

Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price

Security: R Weldon & P Ramsey



BIRTHDAYS

Jan 13 Marge Percell

Jan 15 Bella Snowden

Jan 17 John Burka

Jan 17 David Giles



Happy Birthday!!

50 Years of Arlington Family Pages DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the first *Arlington Messenger* was published December 24, 1967 with then minister, Oliver C. Cunningham, as editor. It included an "Origin of Christmas" article written by John Burka.

Family Matters

New
to Our
Family

Please welcome
Allen & Carly Rollings to our
Arlington family and add
their info to your directory:

2113 Pleasant View Lane
Knoxville, TN 37914 Ph: 865-296-5020
Birthdays: Allen Aug 7
Carly April 28

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.

