



“Where God Wants You to Be”

Life has a tendency to throw us some curveballs. Some of the curveballs we deal with are things like disappointment, broken relationships, financial struggles, issues revolving forgiveness, areas of bitterness for things done to us in the past, jealousy, and arrogance or pride. What are we going to do with these things? Likely, there is something holding you back from what God wants you to be. Let’s look at the life of Joseph over the next few weeks to see how he was able to go forward due to his trust in God and God’s presence in his life.

One of the things that helped Joseph in his difficulties was to trust what God said about him, not what others said. In Genesis 37:1-4, Joseph tattles on his brothers. There is a difference between sharing information out of concern or sharing information to get someone in trouble. The dreams that God gave Joseph was not intended to feed his ego, even though this is what it did early on. What God showed Joseph was that he had a plan for his life that would be of great impact. God had special plans for him and he needed to trust what God said. What is said to us early and often carries a lot of weight in our lives as we grow older. For many of us, our dreams for the future, for better or worse, were impacted by what people said about us when we were younger. This is why we need to give our attention to what God says about us and not others. For example, if you were told as a child you were stupid by your dad or mom, you might believe this about yourself. If you were told you will never amount to anything, you might believe that is the script for your life. Notice what Jesus calls his followers: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:15). I believe Jesus would say this to us today. We are his friend. Think of the impact this would make for our future. God can use you more effectively if you are growing in relationship with others who are echoing God’s purpose in your life.

Joseph was also able to leverage his influence for Kingdom impact, not personal gain. In Genesis 37:5-9, Joseph shares this dream, and his family members did not think it was a great dream at all. Joseph seems to operate out of insecurity or pride when he shares this dream with his brothers. What Joseph is going to find out is that this big dream is not about him, but about other people being helped. If you can grasp this concept for your life now, that God’s big dream for you is about loving God and others, that will make all the difference. God wants you to be a blessing to others. So, God unfolded his will for Joseph slowly over time, and it gave Joseph what he needed to carry on and move forward despite significant setbacks and discouragement. In life, you may be tempted to give up. Keep the destination in mind. God was working in Joseph’s life despite his circumstances. Joseph will learn and we can learn that if the destination is worth getting to, then the journey is worth taking.

Joseph needed to trust God even when the dream is way off in the distance. Joseph models this in his life. Joseph sees over time that God is faithful to him. Trust God with the process even though it is long. The Bible talks to us about persevering one day at a time:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9). **Mark**

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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
	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
Jan. 20	145	\$2,901

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Elders:	Mark Brackney Leland Price Danny Rider Wayne Shannon Gregg Summers	Ph: 622-0376 Ph: 925-4424 Ph: 705-9713 Ph: 742-0517 Ph: 223-4515
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Missionaries:	Tom & Angie Langley - WEI Tommy Drinnen - Hope Central	

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Edith Weldon; Ben Cavin is recovering from an infection and dehydration; Michael Chumas; Liliana Burbano; Ben Ream; Rick Case; Ronnie Weldon; Carolyn Starks; Danny Rider; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Clovis Taylor; Jerry Fittro; Diana Yarborough.

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 Dery; 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

- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal** is today after services. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- **Baby shower** for Liliana Burbano, today from 2 to 4 p.m. She is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target.
- **Marriage Workshop** - classes for 6 Sunday nights beginning today from 4 to 6 p.m. Go to the Arlington website: Arlingtonchurchofchrist.org for more details.
- **Hope Central**, tomorrow, Jan. 28, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m..
- **YPYF group**, Sun., Feb. 3, 5 p.m. We will meet at the Brackney's for Bible study and then a super bowl party. Please bring finger foods and drinks to share.
- **Ladies prayer group**, Thurs., Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Baby shower** for Carly Rollings, Sun. Feb. 10, 2 to 4 p.m. She is registered at Target.
- **Small groups**, Sun., Feb 10, 6 p.m.
- **Winterfest**, February 15-17.
- **Seniors Appreciation - Mystery Dinner**, Sat., Feb. 23, 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board if you plan to attend. See Delinda Summers or Jennifer Tatum for questions (but don't assume they will be answered!).
- **Annual meeting of the corporation of the Arlington Church of Christ** Sun., Feb. 24, immediately following morning worship.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Lessons From the Life of Joseph
#1 "Where God Wants You to Be"

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday
No Services tonight

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Carroll Coomer

Preside at Table: Leland Price

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Burbano & H Monroe

Security: B Gilliam & J Hoff

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 27	Meredith Norris
Jan 28	Susan Collins
Feb 1	Lori Tiller
Feb 2	Sammie French
Feb 3	Ben Cavin



Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters

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 any 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.