



## “Dealing with Temptation”

We are all tempted every day with evil. These temptations come in many different ways. It might be in the form of eating too much or something you shouldn't have eaten. It could be a substance like drugs or alcohol. It could be a sexual temptation. It could be stealing or lying. It might be in the form of laziness. We each have different temptations. Paul told the Corinthian believers: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (I Corinthians 10:13). God, thankfully, has provided a way out of your temptations.

The story of Joseph gives us a good case study in how to deal with temptation. For Joseph, his temptation came in the form of his master's wife. Joseph captured her eye (Genesis 39:6-9) and she pursued Joseph like an aggressive cougar. Satan no doubt whispered reasons why Joseph should give in to her demands: She will make you complete, nobody will find out, your God abandoned you to a foreign land where you are now a slave, after all you have been through you deserve a little fun, if you don't sleep with her she could make your life difficult. Thankfully, Joseph does not give in to her demands. His commitment to God is greater than the enticement of this woman. I love his response to her advances: “How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God.”

One of the ways to overcome temptation is not to focus on temptation, but on God. When you put your desire on pleasing God, you will resist the temptation because you don't want to hurt the relationship. When we give in to sin, we really are saying we don't value our relationship with God. This is what took place in Genesis 3 with Adam and Eve. God told them they could eat anything in the garden with the exception of the fruit from one tree. But their desire for the forbidden fruit was greater than their desire to honor and please God. In similar manner, Joseph was given full reign over everything in his master Potiphar's home with the exception of one thing, his wife. Unlike Adam and Eve, Joseph resisted temptation.

We might expect all to turn out well in the story of Joseph after he ran from the advances of Potiphar's wife, but it did not turn out this way (Genesis 39:10-20). Joseph was falsely accused of rape by this scornful woman and he ended up in a prison cell. Sometimes our obedience to God is not rewarded the way we would expect or wish. But God wants our eyes fixed on him in both the good and bad times. Admittedly, when we are treated unjustly or painful things occur in our lives, it is hard to not get upset and even blame God. Imagine how Joseph is feeling. Yet none of this caught God by surprise nor did he ever leave Joseph. God was present in both the good and the bad.

As followers of Jesus today, we have the Spirit of God with us. Together, we can take on any temptation because we have a power source to resist and flee. We are blessed to have the Bible that is filled with story after story of God intervening in the lives of people. Remind yourself daily that God will never leave you or forsake you.

Mark

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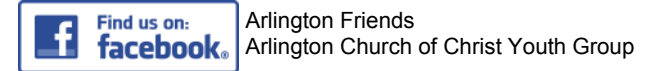
# Arlington Church of Christ



## Our Mission: Connecting People to Jesus and one Another

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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
Feb. 3	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	168	\$5,405

# Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**

## Elders

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Jay Estes - *Helping Hands Ministry*  
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Bud Norris - *Worship Participants*  
Charles Owens - *Bldg & Grounds/Security/Treasurer*  
Keith Tatum - *Education/Picture Board/Family Camp*  
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**Secretaries:** Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

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



**See our new prayer request insert for the most current prayer list. Please contact the office for updates, changes, and/or deletions.**

Please take a moment to pick up a card (or two) to mail this week from the **Caring Cards Ministry Table**



### 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



# Coming Up...

- **Mandatory Winterfest meeting** for parents and attendees, today in the auditorium, immediately following morning worship.
- **Baby shower** for Carly Rollings, today from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. She is registered at Target.
- **Small groups**, this evening at 6 p.m.
- **Hope Central**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Winterfest**, February 15-17.
- **Ladies brunch/prayer group**, Sat., Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sunday, Feb. 17, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **Men will meet at Shoney's** for breakfast, Thurs., Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m.
- **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 Corporate Meeting of the Arlington Church of Christ** Sun., Feb. 24, immediately following morning worship.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal**, Sun., Feb. 24.
- **Men's Retreat** with the Laurel Church of Christ, March 1 and 2, Carson Spring Conference Center at Newport, TN. Please sign up on the board.



# Family Matters

## Sermon Topics Today

### Sunday Morning:

*Lessons From the Life of Joseph*  
# *Dealing With Temptation*

### Sunday Night:

*Home Church 6 pm*

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

### Serve @ Table:

Bruce McQuaig, Colby Coleman  
Joe Croteau, Casey Owens  
Kevin Gillispie, Zach Shannon  
Joshua Brackney

**Opening Prayer:** John Potter

**Preside at Table:** Eli Griffin

**Greeters:** B Pruett & D Chapman

**Nursery:** L Potter & P Snowden

**Security:** J McDougal & J Turnbull



## BIRTHDAYS

Feb 12 Bailey Giles  
Feb 15 Barbara Hoff  
Feb 17 Dorothy Langley



Happy  
Birthday!!



# Family News

## To the Arlington Membership - Notice of Annual Meeting

The elders/trustees call an annual meeting of the corporation, the Arlington Church of Christ, on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. EST, in the building auditorium at 2206 Tecoma Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917.

PROXY: The elders encourage and request the attendance of all members. However, if you are unable to attend, the elders request your support by giving your proxy to one of the elders. Your proxy will be voted by one of the Elders/Trustees unless you indicate otherwise.

Proxy Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_