



“Dealing with Discouragement”

We all have to overcome the discouragements of life. We think life will be one way and it turns out differently. Our case study for how to deal with various obstacles of life centers around the life of Joseph. Life had not turned out the way Joseph thought it was going to. At age ten, his mother Rachel died while giving birth to his brother Benjamin. From that point on he grew up without the encouragement of a mom. All his half-brothers were jealous of him and tried to tear him down. At age seventeen, Joseph was sold into slavery and he ended up being sold to an official in Egypt. His dad, Jacob, thought Joseph was dead having received the ornamented robe of Joseph that had been dipped in blood and Jacob the deceiver was deceived by his own children in believing Joseph had been torn apart by some wild animal. But God was with Joseph.

Joseph was put in charge of Potiphar’s household. Potiphar’s wife took notice of Joseph and she made sexual advances to him. Joseph had to deal with sexual temptation. We learned that Joseph loved God more than he loved the temporary pleasure of his flesh. He did not want to sin against God or his master by sleeping with his wife. Joseph did his best to not even be in the same room with her, but one day she grabbed him and he fled. She literally tore his cloak off of him. She accused Joseph of making sport with her and as a slave, he had no rights or defense. It was his word against hers. He had worked hard to get to this place in life and now it is all taken away. He ends up being thrown into prison. This is a prison unlike the ones we have today. There is no electricity, no appeal process, or release date. He is left there to die. If you put your hope in your situation, Joseph had every reason to be discouraged.

While in prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two of Pharaoh’s officers, the baker the cup bearer. The interpretations Joseph gave of the dreams come true. Joseph asked the cup bearer to remember him (Genesis 40:1-15), but the cup bearer did not remember Joseph and he was still left in prison. Talk about discouragement. You have to wonder if Joseph was starting to say to himself: “It could not get much worse. I am forgotten by everybody. Has God even forgotten me?” But what we find in the text is the same phrase being repeated four different times: “The Lord was with Joseph.” It is as if the writer knew that as we read the text we would wonder if God was still with him. Yes, he was. Joseph was never alone.

When you feel alone and discouraged, a good thing to say is: “The Lord is with me.” Claim that truth each day. God is in us and that hope won’t disappoint us. Remind yourself of this again and again and again. Some people are so discouraged, they can’t see anything good and basically give up on life, but Joseph does not give up. He takes advantage of opportunities around him, even in prison. He looks at the needs of others around him. He steps up as a leader and is given more and more responsibility. We see God at work in his life.

Something we notice about God is that he is more concerned about what is happening in us than what is happening to us. God is doing something in Joseph before something can happen to Joseph. God is working it out in his time.

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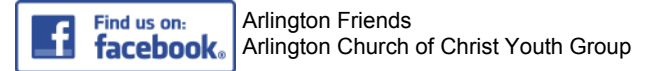
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Welcome

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. 10	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	163	\$3,822

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Elders

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Bud Norris - *Worship Participants*
Charles Owens - *Bldg & Grounds/Security/Treasurer*
Keith Tatum - *Education/Picture Board/Family Camp*
Ronnie Weldon - *Attendance/Communion Prep/Bldg*

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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


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Coming Up...

- **Connection Night**, tonight at 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **NO Hope Central**, tomorrow due to Knox County Schools holiday.
- **Men will meet at Shoney's** for breakfast this 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.
- **Deacons/Elders meeting**, Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.



 Please add to your directory as we welcome back: **Karen and Zack Johnson, Tony & Nickolas Swymer**. 242 Dogwood Lane, Maynardville, TN 37807, 865-745-1780 h, 540-748-5910 (Karen cell), 540-603-6742 (Zack cell) Birthdays: Karen 3/31, Zack 10/29, Tony 8/17, Nick 4/28 email: primmpetgroomergal@gmail.com

Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

*Lessons From the Life of Joseph
Dealing With Discouragement*

Sunday Night:

Connection Night 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Ray Buttrey

Preside at Table: David Tiller

Greeters: Mark & Sammie French

Nursery: Lori Tiller & Sara Sykes

Security: S Cooke & H Box



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 17 Dorothy Langley
Feb 18 Sharon Galbreath
Feb 21 Bettie Floyd
Feb 21 Stan Johnson
Feb 21 Jacob Shannon
Feb 22 Sammie DeWitt
Feb 24 Noah Brackney



Happy Birthday!!

Family News

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.