



“Dealing with Success”

Over the last few weeks I have been looking at the life of Joseph and lessons we can gain from his life. Last week, I talked about dealing with discouragement, something none of us are exempt from. Today, our topic is dealing with success. While none of us look forward to times of discouragement, I think most of us would be more than happy to deal with success. “Bring it on, it’s about time, I have arrived, finally I have hit the jackpot.” We don’t think of success as something we need to overcome or deal with. But success can actually cause problems for your life. It can keep you from God’s dream for your life. Let’s first define success, because there are many definitions. For many people, success is defined as being able to do whatever you want because you have reached a certain level of status due to meeting your life goals.

When thinking of an example of success from the Bible, the example of the rich younger ruler in Luke 18 comes to mind. He is successful by anyone’s definition: rich and powerful. Jesus told him to sell everything and he walked away sad. Why was he sad? It was too much money, too much power to give up in order to follow Jesus. So, his definition of success got in the way of his relationship with Jesus. You need the right definition of success for your life.

Let’s take a look at how Joseph dealt with sudden success in his life. By way of recap, Joseph was sold by his brothers at age seventeen into slavery. He becomes a slave in foreign land – home of Potiphar. His wife makes unwanted advances at Joseph and he ends up in prison for something he didn’t do. While there he meets two high-ranking officials of Pharaoh. He interprets the dreams of the cup bearer and baker. He tells the cup bearer to remember him in three days when he is restored to his position (Gen. 40:23), but he is forgotten about. It was two additional years before he was remembered (Genesis 41:1). Now Joseph might have done better during this time if someone would have told him: “Hey bro, in just two years you are going to be remembered and it is going to be awesome. You are going to go from the prison to the palace. You will be second over all of Egypt, one of the most powerful nations in the world. Just hang in there. As long as you know there is going to be an ending, you can endure something.” But Joseph didn’t know. Joseph holds on to his faith even though others have let him down.

Pharaoh has two disturbing dreams. He calls on his wise men and magicians together, but none can interpret the dream. The cup bearer who is present then remembers about Joseph and his gift of dream interpretation (Gen. 41:9-14). Everything then changes for Joseph. Joseph knows what the dreams mean and could have used this moment to leverage his situation, but he doesn’t do that. He served faithfully by taking advantage of opportunities and leaving the rest to God. It is because of God’s goodness and grace that Joseph is used (Gen. 41:16). Joseph knew that God was at work. When you are humble as a leader and say “I can’t”, it creates space for God to demonstrate his power. Joseph did not feel entitled for this new position. He was thankful. He was going to stay faithful to God through the good and bad. Success for Joseph was defined as faithfulness to God. This should be the definition of success for our lives as well. **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
Feb. 17	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	151	\$3,224

Arlington Family Pages

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Sunday, February 24, 2019

Elders

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Leland Price Ph: 925-4424
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Deacons

Jay Estes - *Helping Hands Ministry*
Jason McDougal - *YPYF/Vacation Bible School*
Bud Norris - *Worship Participants*
Charles Owens - *Bldg & Grounds/Security/Treasurer*
Keith Tatum - *Education/Picture Board/Family Camp*
Ronnie Weldon - *Attendance/Communion Prep/Bldg*

Minister: Mark Brackney Ph: 523-1764

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

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Coming Up...

- **Annual Corporate Meeting of the Arlington Church of Christ** today immediately following morning worship.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal**, today. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- **Hope Central**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Teens devo and get together** to follow up from Winterfest, Sat., March 2. Details to come.
- **YPYF Bible study**, Sun., March 3, 5 p.m.
- **Deacons/Elders meeting**, Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.
- **Ladies Prayer group**, Thurs., March 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Daylight Savings time**, move your clock **forward** one hour Sunday, March 10, at midnight.
- **Home church**, Sun., March 10, 6 pm.
- **Senior Servants Bible study and lunch**, Tues., March 12, 11 a.m.
- **Ladies Brunch/Prayer Group**, Sat., March 16, 10:30 a.m.
- **Connection night**, Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **Area Wide Senior Rally** at the Karns Church of Christ, Sat., March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up on the hall board. Lunch is provided.
- **Celebration of the Arts**, Sunday, March 31, 5 p.m.



Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Lessons From the Life of Joseph
#5 Dealing With Success

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday
No evening services tonight

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Will Simon

Preside at Table: Ben Ream

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Burbano & H Monroe

Security: T Mallicoat & C Coomer



BIRTHDAYS

Feb	24	Noah Brackney
Feb	25	Bob Campbell
Feb	25	Joseph Newland
Feb	26	Bruce McQuaig
Feb	28	Piper Owens
Mar	2	Hannah Newland
Mar	3	Billie Bayles



Happy Birthday!!

Family News



We rejoice with **Chris Farris** as he was baptized into Christ last Sunday following Winterfest. Chris is a friend of the Estes family. Please keep Chris in your prayers as he begins his new walk in Christ.

Please add to your directory as we welcome back: **Karen and Zack Johnson, Tony & Nickolas Swymer.**

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(Karen cell), 540-603-6742 (Zack cell)
Birthdays: Karen 3/31, Zack 10/29, Tony 8/17, Nick 4/28
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primpmypetgroomergal@gmail.com



New to Our Family

We also welcome **Donna Pettitt** to our Arlington family. Donna is the mother of Kelly Hunter. She is currently looking for a new home but you can send mail temporarily to the Hunter's address. Her phone number is 432-756-7467 and her email is: djpettitt98@gmail.com.

WELCOME to the family, Donna!!