

“Our Promised Advocate”

On the night before Jesus was arrested, he told his disciples these words: “And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you” (John 14:16). The Greek word for “another” means another of the same kind – someone just like Jesus would come to them, the Holy Spirit. Jesus says the Holy Spirit will be in them. After his resurrection, Jesus spent forty days with his disciples and right before he ascended back to heaven, Jesus said the following words: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...” (Acts 1:8). Ten days later, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they spoke in unknown languages (tongues). Having the undivided attention of the thousands gathered, Peter began to preach to them (Acts 2:1-38) and three thousand of their number accepted Christ as their Lord, repented, and were baptized. We are told they received the gift of the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What is the evidence for the Holy Spirit in our lives today? Let’s look at two words: gift and fruit. We have a tendency when we talk about the manifestation of the Holy Spirit to look at the gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are supernatural and powerful. But it would seem that the fruit of the Holy Spirit, more than the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are evidence of a relationship with the Spirit.

In I Corinthians 12, we are given a list of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 13, we read about the fruits of the Spirit with the primary fruit of love being emphasized. In between talking about the gifts and the fruit we read the following: “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing” (I Cor. 13:1-2).

Paul says if I have the gifts of the Holy Spirit but don’t demonstrate the fruit of the Holy Spirit, then I have missed the point. I actually have nothing. Paul told the church in Galatia: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23). What a great list. Are these fruits evident in your life? Paul gives another list: acts of the sinful nature: “The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21).

It is always good to periodically do a heart check. Due to the personal relationship you have with the Spirit, you don’t want to bring sorrow upon him: “And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live” (Eph. 4:30). The next verse says: “Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, slander, along with every form of malice” (Eph. 4:31).

When the Spirit hears us speaking harshly to one another and acting ugly to those around us, it grieves him. Instead of grieving the Spirit, let’s let the Spirit direct us: “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25).

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Our Mission: Connecting People to Jesus and one Another

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Arlington Friends
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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>
Mar 10	175	\$3,275

Arlington Family Pages

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See our 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...

- **Connection night**, tonight at 5 p.m. We will get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. 
- **Hope Central/Just Lead**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's, this Thurs., March 21, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, March 24, after morning worship. Please bring extra food to share. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch and we will have the campus minister and several college students joining us from the UT Christian Student Center. 
- **Teens and families will go bowling** after our fourth Sunday fellowship meal, March 24. We will bowl down the road at Strike and Spare Fountain Lanes. 
- **Area Wide Senior Rally** at the Karns COC, Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up on the board. Lunch is provided.
- **Celebration of the Arts**, Sunday, March 31, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. Our theme: peace. Please let Alan Groves know if you can present something that night. 

Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

The Holy Spirit
#2: *Our Promised Advocate*

Sunday Night:

Connection Night 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jedidiah & Jonathan Cavin
Caleb Brackney, Pat Ramsey
Joe Croteau, David Giles
Bob DeWitt

Opening Prayer: Danny Davis
Preside at Table: Dann Chapman
Greeters: R Weldon & C Wallace
Nursery: Lori Tiller & Sara Sykes
Security: B DeWitt & B Pruett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAYS

Mar 17 Paula Buttrey
Mar 24 Jean McQuaig



Happy
Birthday!!



Family News



Please keep
Leland, Niki,
Lexi and Olivia Price
in your prayers as
Leland departs today
for Texas where
he will be staging
for several weeks
before
heading to Poland



Come join us for Yoga every
Tuesday night from 7 to 8
p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Cost is \$8 per session. See
Teresa Combs for details.



Sue Donaldson has a new
address. Please update
your directory:

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