

**“Holy Spirit Power”**

Do you remember “show and tell” in school? Kids would come in with an object and talk about it. It might be a rock collection, a quilt, a baseball card, or a musical instrument. Some kids would talk as if they were an expert. I

had just started guitar lessons and I brought my guitar to class to share on “show and tell”. I told a friend on the bus that day that I was going to show off my guitar but I hoped no one asked me the names of the strings because I didn’t memorize them yet. Well, at the end of my presentation the teacher asked the class, “Does anyone have any questions for Mark?” Up went the hand of my friend, “Yes, could you please name the strings for us.” He threw me under the bus. I did my best to keep my composure and proceeded to name the strings. I had no clue what they were, but it sounded good and no one questioned me. I got away with it because I pretended to know.

Some people live their entire lives this way. They fake it till they make it. They live a life of pretending. I am afraid that we might do this at times with our spiritual life. On Sundays we show up to worship, but during the week we have been doing anything but worship with our lives. We claim to have the power of the Holy Spirit when we are around church folk, but have no evidence of that power when we walk out the doors of the church building. But if the “show and tell” is good enough, we think no one will really notice. This can happen in our social lives as well. We hope our posts on social media will convey that life is great, that my family has their act together, but really life is not going well.

If the Holy Spirit were to leave your life, would anyone notice? If the Holy Spirit were to leave where you gather to worship, would anyone notice? What we see in the early church is that they were totally dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit. It was not about the show, it was about the Spirit. We want the Spirit to be real and at work in our lives. We want to experience the Spirit in our lives.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven he said: “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8). The word for “power” in the Greek is the same word we have in English for “dynamite.” This is an explosive power and strength. The power of the Holy Spirit in Acts is tied to being a witness. The Spirit is not at work in our lives so we can show off, it is at work so we can be a witness to the power of the gospel. It is present so we can bless, love, and serve others.

When we try to live out our faith apart from the Holy Spirit, it is like trying to push a motor-cycle across the country, when all you have to do is start the engine and let it do the work. It doesn’t make sense to live life this way. With whatever challenge or struggle you may be dealing with, don’t turn to self-help, but Spirit help. We need to be more dependent on the Spirit.

Just before Jesus ascended back to heaven, he said: “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven” (Luke 24:49). Jesus told his disciples to not do anything until the Spirit came. Why? Because they couldn’t do what God needed them to do apart from the Spirit. Everything they were to do was to be dependent upon the power of the Spirit. Let that be our aim. **Mark**

# Arlington Church of Christ



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

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Arlington Friends  
Arlington Church of Christ Youth Group

**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 17	172	\$3,751

## Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God  
**Sunday, March 24, 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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Tommy Drinnen - Hope Central



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...

- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, today after morning worship. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch and we are excited to have the campus minister and several college students joining us from the UT Christian Student Center. There will be no evening assembly.
- **Teens and families will go bowling** after our fourth Sunday fellowship meal today. We will bowl down the road at Strike and Spare Fountain Lanes.
- **Hope Central/Just Lead**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Yoga**, this Tues., March 26, 7 to 9 p.m., fellowship hall, \$8 per week or \$32 for five weeks.
- **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.



HOPE  
CENTRAL



## Family Matters

### Sermon Topics Today

#### Sunday Morning:

*The Holy Spirit*

#3: *Holy Spirit Power*

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday

*No Assembly*

### SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

#### Serve @ Table:

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

**Opening Prayer:** David Price

**Preside at Table:** Charles Owens

**Greeters:** Mark & Sammie French

**Nursery:** L Potter & P Snowden

**Security:** B Gilliam & J Hoff

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 24 Jean McQuaig  
Mar 27 Sue Mink  
Mar 27 Katherine Howell  
Mar 30 Keith Tatum



Happy  
Birthday!!



## Family News

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

