

“Angels Among Us”

Have you ever encountered an angel, or at least wondered if you have? What does the Bible have to say about angels? Actually, there are more than three hundred references to angels in the Bible, but our modern conception about angels, influenced by both art and media, can lead us to wrong assumptions. I like what Francis Parr has to say about angels: “Mention the word angel and what do you visualize? In my mind’s eye, I see a beautiful woman with long, golden hair; a full, flowing, white robe; and lovely, shining wings that flutter gracefully, propelling this wonder along. Her voice is soft and gentle. Other times the picture is of a fat, pink baby with a crossbow and heart-shaped arrows, aiming at some hapless fellow who, unknown to him is the object of a girl’s affection. According to the Bible, both these images are almost totally inaccurate. But many people share these misleading mental pictures.”

Angels continue to fascinate us. Many movies and TV shows portray angels and their activity among us. There are currently four TV shows that feature angels. One of my favorite all-time movies features an angel trying to get his wings – Clarence in *It’s a Wonderful Life*. How accurate is this portrayal?

Well, angels are sent to minister and help humans (Hebrews 1:14). Angels rejoice when we repent of sin and turn to God (Luke 15:7, 10). Scripture says that when we die and go to heaven, we will be like them (Luke 20:36). We are told that we need to be people who practice hospitality because in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2). And when we take our final breath in this life, the righteous are escorted by angels to Abraham’s side, a euphemism for heaven (Luke 16:22).

The word, angel, can be translated “messenger.” Angels are spiritual beings that God created higher than humans. Some are obedient to God and carry out his will, while others disobeyed God. This means angels have free will. Those who disobeyed are referred to as demons who follow Satan, a powerful angel who at some point disobeyed God. Angels who disobey suffer consequences like humans (Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Peter 3:22).

Angels are called many names in the Bible: holy ones, sons of God, sons of the Mighty, ministering servants, mighty ones, heavenly beings, and messengers. God has a family and part of it is on earth and part of it is in heaven. Christians make up the part on earth and angels in heaven: “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name” (Eph. 3:14-15). Angels were in existence before the foundations of the earth were laid and they were created by the Lord (Job 38:4-7; John 1:1-3; Nehemiah 9:6; Hebrews 12:22-23; Colossians 1:15-17).

Angels are actually invisible to the unaided human eye. They are in essence of a spirit substance, yet they can be seen when God allows them to be seen. When angels do appear, they are capable of assuming any form that God chooses for them, but most often they appear as men. When they appear as men in the Bible, they are not winged, although the cherubim and seraphim are represented as winged creatures in Exodus 25:20. This seems to be a special class of angels, those closest to the throne room of God.

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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
attendance contribution
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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...

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Coming Up...

- **Today**, after the morning worship assembly, we will have a **VBS planning meeting** at the front of the auditorium. 
- **We will help teach** at the Central Church of Christ today at 3:30 p.m. See Mark or Tommy if you can help.
- **YPYF small group**, today at 5 p.m. 
- **Hope Central/Just Lead**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** study and lunch, this Tues., April 9, at 11 a.m.
- **Yoga**, this Tues., April 2, 7 to 9 p.m., fellowship hall, \$8 per week.
- A group is going to watch **UT baseball** this Friday night, April 12th, at 6:30 at Lindsey Nelson stadium. See Mark for details 
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, this Sat., April 13, 10 a.m. Please bring twelve candy-filled eggs per child. 
- **Teachers Appreciation Dinner**, this Sat., April 13, 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we have enough food. 
- **Small groups**, Sun., April 14, 6 p.m. The group that meets at the church building begins at 5 p.m.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's, Thurs., April 18, 8:30 a.m.
- **No Connection Night** this month due to Easter holiday.
- **Ladies prayer brunch**, Sat., April 27, 10:30 a.m. at Lori Tillers.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal**, April 28. Please bring food to share. There will be no evening assembly.

Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

Introduction to angels

Sunday Night:

No Evening Services

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jacob Shannon, Bill Pruett
Bill Langley, Paul Cooke
Noah Brackney, Bob Campbell
Pat Ramsey

Opening Prayer: Kelly Hunter

Preside at Table: Alan Groves

Greeters: Tim & Paige Mallicoat

Nursery: Bernice Borg & Sue Bivens

Security: R Riggs & B Campbell



BIRTHDAYS

Apr 7 Kaitlyn Toney
Apr 7 Dan Trent
Apr 8 Aleta Esau
Apr 8 Sheila Riggs
Apr 11 Alyssa Estes
Apr 13 Jeff Hodges
Apr 13 Kevin Gillispie

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
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:
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with your talent(s) or your needs. Jay will then be working to connect our talents with our needs. See Jay for more details.