



The Lord's Provision

I must admit, when I see the national debt, it makes me concerned not only for the economy in the near future, but the future my children are going to have. The idea of just printing more money and constantly raising the debt ceiling, well, that ceiling is going to come crashing down one day in the form of a great depression or recession. What can we do about it? One way is by being full of fear, fear of financial ruin.

For those of us with faith in God, it is good news that something coming in the future is better than anything this world offers. But the majority of people today live for the here and now. This reminds us of the story Jesus told about the wealthy homeowner. This man placed all of his faith in his possessions. Then one night he heard these words: "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" (Luke 12:20).

The problem is thinking that our home, property, cars, bank accounts, and possessions is everything we have. God would remind us that these are least important of what we have. Material things have one advantage: they can be held, touched, seen. On the flip side, the most important things to God are things like faith, hope, love, joy, peace, and patience. Dr. David Jeremiah points out that when the tangible, but temporal, blocks out our perception of the intangible, but eternal, we lose our perspective on what is truly of value.

Henry David Thoreau, the Enlightenment philosopher, understood this principle. I remember in high school reading his book, *Walden*, where he observed that people who accumulated stuff had to dust it all the time. They constantly talked about their stuff and let their lives revolve around their material possessions. When these people died, other people gathered up all their stuff, carted it to the town square, and auctioned it off to other people who would spend their lives dusting it.

This is not to say that physical things are not to be enjoyed. All the things of this life were created by God and can be used for good (Genesis 1:31). All of us probably have more stuff than we need. Our attics, garages, closets, and storage-units reveal this fact. Everywhere you turn you find more storage-unit businesses going up because we have so much stuff and no place to keep it. Even though many of us have more than what we need, we still don't like the thought of it being carted down to the town square or to the dump. Does the Bible have anything to say that will help alleviate or deal with the fear of loss?

A great place to turn is Psalm 37. David wrote this psalm when he was an older man, reflecting on life. David is told to respond in faith to God's faithfulness. When David was anointed king at a young age, he had to wait many years before he became the acting king of Israel. Life was very difficult for David as he hid in the wilderness from King Saul. But eventually Saul died and David became king. He could attest to the fact that God keeps His promises. David just needed to remain patient. Do you trust God to be faithful and do what He says He will do? Are you patient with God's timing? Impatience is a symptom of the real problem—trust. Trust the Lord's provision for your life.

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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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 6 P.M. UNTIL 8 P.M. ENTRY IS FREE!
ACTIVITIES AND GAMES

Trunk or Treat Chili Cook-off Face Painting Hayride
Photo Booth Silent Auction Bonfire Cakewalk
Needle in a Haystack Candy Corn Ring Toss
Balloon Pop Football Toss Pumpkin Bowling
Pumpkin Ping Pong Toss Blue and White Basketball Game (7 p.m.)

**All proceeds from the silent auction and cash donations will
go toward updating and purchasing new AED machines



Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Elders

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Bud Norris - Worship Participants
Keith Tatum - Education/Picture Board/Family Camp
Ronnie Weldon - Attendance/Communion Prep/Bldg

Minister: Mark Brackney Ph: 523-1764
Associate Minister: Tommy Drinnen

Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley - WEI

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY @10:30

Opening Prayer	George Sanders
Communion	Randy Riggs
Security	Mark Harper
"	Ronnie Weldon

Happy Birthday!!

Oct 25 Peggy Taylor
Oct 25 Dave Rowland
Oct 25 Tyler Norris
Oct 25 Caleb Brackney
Oct 26 Diana Yarborough
Oct 26 Taylor Giles



Family Matters



We continue to have our
Online Bible Study
Sunday Night Connections
at 6 p.m. and
Wednesday Night Bible
study at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

We are now offering **Bible classes**
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We will
have one combined adult class and sev-
eral children classes. We will meet for
worship at 10:30 a.m. Mask wearing will
be a personal choice. The adult Bible
class and the worship service will be live
streamed.

Wednesday night Bible study has
started back at 7 p.m. The adult Bible
class will also be accessible by Zoom.

We will be limiting our group
social gatherings outside of
worship due to the increase of
COVID. We hope to resume
home church, get-togethers,
and Fourth Sunday fellowship
soon. We will have Zoom
Bible study tonight at 6.

KCS Fall Festival Friday,
Oct. 29, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Entry is FREE!

Trunk or Treat, Sun., Oct. 31,
6-7 p.m. We will have food and
games. Please decorate the trunk
of your vehicle and pass out candy.
If weather is bad,
we will move into
the fellowship hall.



Arlington Family:

We rejoice that **Michael Ramsey** was
baptized into Christ on Wednesday. Please
keep Michael in your prayers as he begins
this new journey.

The Potter family continues to recover from
COVID

George Sanders has several cracked vertebra
Ben Cavin is home now recovering

Teresa Heinz is home from the hospital

Gayle Brown is recovering from a fall

John and Laura Burka

Sue Childers is continuing to have ongoing
health problems

Danny & Deborah Davis are dealing with on-
going health problems

Tom Drinnen

Laurie Duncan

David Giles

Becky Johnson

Marge Percell

Mark & Heather Percell are dealing with on-
going health issues

Danny Rider

Sheila Riggs

Clovis Taylor

Shirley Waggoner

Missionaries:

Tom & Angie Langley

Shut Ins:

Rosaline Davis Katheryn Norman

Lynda Elliott Bill Pruett

Doris Hightower

Faith Tindell will be having major back sur-
gery November 11 where they will be put-
ting rods in her back

Friends and Family

Stan Johnson's friend, Keith Frye, is awaiting a
heart transplant

Rebecca Brackney's friend, Katy Chapman, is
recovering from a car accident

Janie Johnson's friend, Greg Comer, has been
diagnosed with cancer

Ronnie Weldon's uncle and aunt, Marion and
Joyce Record, are recovering from COVID

Susan Collins' niece, Lyndsay (Brad's daughter)
and her husband, Brian, and daughters, Lilly
and Ella, all have COVID

Doris Hightower's sister, Mary, is going into
Beverly Park Nursing Home for rehab

Susan Collins' daughter-in-law, Meagan
Collins, has COVID

Caroline Stanton-Hill's brother, Earl Werk-
heiser, has been diagnosed with a reoccur-
rence of cancer. He will start radiation soon.

Betty Smith's 5 year old great niece, River
Folan, is battling cancer

Allen Rollings' 10 yr old cousin, Jesse Bradford,
has been diagnosed with cancer

Kim and Danny Jones' friend, Pam Baltrip, has
been diagnosed with metastatic ovarian
cancer

Marge Percell's nephew, Dean Percell, has
been diagnosed with cancer

Diana Yarborough's friend, Janie Watkins, is
battling cancer

Aleta Esau's brother, Glenn Barber, has been
diagnosed with Lymphoma and has started
Chemo therapy

Teresa Combs' and Charlotte Giles' mother,
Claudette Terry, is having kidney problems

Tests show that Hoyt Box's cousin, Amy Cole-
man, has a new lymph node that is growing
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