

ARLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.*
 Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Class 7:00 p.m.

*Sermon posted on our website

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GROWING UP

A baby sits in the carrier for a period of time before being able to roll themselves over when placed on the floor. Then they learn to raise themselves to their hands and knees and discover the crawling motion requirements. After searching out their surroundings, they discover something to 'pull-up' on and then move on to walking with support and finally the ability to walk without support. While in some respects, it seems that these events occur quickly – we understand that each of these stages takes time and practice. We are pleased as the child progresses and praise them for their growth. Sometimes the movement from one stage to the next is slow and at other times it comes in a spurt.

As adults, we forget that this is also the way spiritual growth occurs. We begin as babes in Christ, and must move through the stages of learning and growing in Him in order to be able to 'stand' against the wiles of the devil. We must not be content with our knowledge and understanding or we will fail to progress towards maturity. If we are content to simply crawl, then we will never learn to walk. If we are content to simply 'warm a pew', we will never learn to deal with the challenge of the daily walk with Christ in a world that is hostile to Him. We cannot be content with simply being a child of God, we must strive to become like Him - Eph 5:1 "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children" - our goal must be to be like Him!

To be successful as a Christian in this life we need to reach the 'walking stage' in Christ - 1 John 2:6 "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." We will be required to deal with problems (John 16:33) and persecution (2Tim 3:12). We live in a world marred by sin and must face health issues, accidents, consequences of others sins that affect us, and dealing with death. When they occur, we must be able to stand - Matt 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." The one who stands firmly grounded in Christ and His word will be able to weather the inevitable storms of life and deal with them in a way that shows our faith and trust in God.

We all need to grow in the Lord - Eph 4:14-15 "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." And in 2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The growth we desire comes from studying his word, and making it the rule of our lives. 1 Peter 2:2-3 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." When we put being like Him as our priority, then we will be able to face whatever comes with courage and the knowledge that He will always be with us both now and throughout eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING

Aug. 16	Ps. 105, 106	Rom. 15:1-20
Aug. 17	Ps. 107, 108	Rom. 15:21-33
Aug. 18	Ps. 109-111	Rom. 16
Aug. 19	Ps. 112-115	1Cor. 1
Aug. 20	Ps. 116-118	1Cor. 2
Aug. 21	Ps. 119:1-48	1Cor. 3
Aug. 22	Ps. 119:49-104	1Cor. 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the prayer and caring card lists on our website: www.arlingtoncoc.com "Members" password is on bulletin board in the foyer.

This Members page contains a link to the Directory. Please double check your information and let us know if a correction or addition is needed.

BIRTHDAYS

8/23	Ashley Williams
9/5	Heather Weaver
9/10	Cathy Gordon
9/18	AB Campbell
9/19	Jeff Nauman
9/5	Heather Weaver
9/30	Kyra Manske
10/3	Ila Slater

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/5 MWCH Community Work Day. Registration Open

9/25 MWCH Golf Tournament 9:00 am start at Majestic Springs

9/27 Friend Day/Fellowship Meal following morning service

ANNIVERSARIES

9/2 Walker & Renee Slater

9/3 John & Terri Bauer

MEN TO SERVE**8/16****8/23**

	AM	PM (Zoom Only)	AM	PM (Zoom Only)
Announcements	Jeff McCollum		Jeff McCollum	
Song Leader	Jeff McCollum		Jeff McCollum	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Jeff Nauman		Jeff McCollum	
Lord's Table	Walker Slater		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table Assistant	Landon McCollum		Matt Williams	
Closing Prayer	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wed. Announcements	(8/19) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM	(8/26) Joe McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(8/19) Joe McCollum	ONLY	(8/26) Jeff McCollum	ONLY

OUTREACH

PreBorn is a pro-life, Christian non-profit organization. Its mission is to reduce abortions by funding ultrasound machines in clinics, providing free ultrasounds to women, and to evangelize and counsel women in need.

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*God has
you in
the palm
of His
hand.*

ISAIAH 40:10

PANTRY NEEDS

Over the counter medicines/aspirin
Canned meats and canned veggies
Boxed Potatoes
Peanut butter and Jelly
Breakfast Cereal
Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc.
Small- Flour and Sugar
Laundry detergent, soap, & shampoo
Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels