

# 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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## DEALING WITH SETBACKS

How do you react to a setbacks? What happens when you get sick or experience a loss? Does it draw you closer to God, or do you get depressed and question God?

The scene at Mount Sinai was amazing. There was thunder, fire, smoke, and a loud trumpet blast as God made Himself known to the Israelites. This came on top of the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea and God supplying their needs as they traveled in the wilderness. But the generations changed and by Elijah's times, the people had forgotten what God had done and were just following the lead of their king so far as to what or who to worship. In chapter 18 of 1 Kings, we read about the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. This was a test that could not be ignored – one bull for Baal, one for the Lord – both put on an altar and left untouched – the people awaiting fire from heaven to show who is really God. When the Lord sent fire and burnt up the sacrifice, altar, stones, and even the water that had drenched the altar made by Elijah – the people seemed to have learned the lesson. Maybe all that they had been through would give them a new heart and a new direction in life.

But then, another setback – Jezebel tells Elijah that he is a dead man, and Elijah takes off running. He runs to Beersheba, then into the desert asking God to kill him. God gives him food, ignores his complaints, and sends him forty days further into the wilderness. Elijah was a man who was faithful to God, yet frightened by setbacks. Instead of seeing the setback as an opportunity to demonstrate his faith in God, he expresses his fears in 1 Kings 19:10 he had seen the awesome power of God at Mount Carmel, but this time God doesn't speak to Elijah as he had expected. 1 Kings 19:11-12 Instead of the power being shown in a mighty wind, an earthquake, or a blazing fire – the Lord speaks to Elijah in a gentle whisper. That is the way the Lord works with us. We want spectacular wonders and signs, but we get whispers. We need to listen closely as we hear His word preached or as we read the scriptures. We need to be attuned to hear the gentle voice speaking to us.

Then God gave Elijah a job – go and put three new people in places of authority. These new people would affect society and the world in ways that Elijah could not have imagined. God now tells us in Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” We read verses like that and may expect that we should never have to suffer a problem or a setback – that God should just make everything come up roses for us. But keep in mind verses like Romans 5: 3-5 where God says that difficulties will come but that He will be with us and will allow the lesson learned to be a benefit to us if we will put our faith and confidence in Him.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

|          |              |               |
|----------|--------------|---------------|
| Sept. 13 | Prov. 23, 24 | 2Cor. 5       |
| Sept. 14 | Prov. 25-27  | 2Cor. 6       |
| Sept. 15 | Prov. 28, 29 | 2Cor. 7       |
| Sept. 16 | Prov. 30, 31 | 2Cor. 8       |
| Sept. 17 | Eccles. 1-3  | 2Cor. 9       |
| Sept. 18 | Eccles 4-6   | 2Cor. 10      |
| Sept. 19 | Eccles. 7-9  | 2Cor. 11:1-15 |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please see the prayer and caring card lists on our website: [www.arlingtoncoc.com](http://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**

|       |                 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 9/18  | AB Campbell     |
| 9/19  | Jeff Nauman     |
| 9/5   | Heather Weaver  |
| 9/30  | Kyra Manske     |
| 10/3  | Ila Slater      |
| 10/20 | Toni Maddox     |
| 10/25 | Tyler Williams  |
| 11/4  | Janette Wendt   |
| 11/20 | Nikkie McCollum |

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

|      |                                                        |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 9/25 | MWCH Golf Tournament 9:00 am start at Majestic Springs |
| 9/27 | Friend Day/Fellowship Meal following morning service   |
| 10/4 | Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)               |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| 10/9  | Ron & Johan Hartman    |
| 10/23 | Matt & Kristi Williams |
| 11/8  | Cliff & Gayla Jacobs   |

**MEN TO SERVE****9/13****9/20**

|                        | AM                   | PM (Zoom Only) | AM                   | PM (Zoom Only) |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Announcements          | Jeff McCollum        |                | John Bauer           |                |
| Song Leader            | Jeff McCollum        |                | John Bauer           |                |
| Lesson                 | Joe McCollum         | Joe McCollum   | Joe McCollum         | Joe McCollum   |
| Opening Prayer         | Walker Slater        |                | Jeff Nauman          |                |
| Lord's Table           | John Bauer           |                | Jeff McCollum        |                |
| Lord's Table Assistant | Brad Rice            |                | Landon McCollum      |                |
| Closing Prayer         | Jeff McCollum        | Joe McCollum   | John Bauer           | Joe McCollum   |
| Greeters               | John & Terri Bauer   |                | Joe & Doris McCollum |                |
| Wed. Announcements     | (9/16) Jeff McCollum | ZOOM           | (9/23) John Bauer    | ZOOM           |
| Wed. Devotional        | (9/16) John Bauer    | ONLY           | (9/23) Jeff McCollum | ONLY           |

**OUTREACH**

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**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