

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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LATER

Procrastination – putting off or delaying something. ‘I’ll do it later, tomorrow, after a while’ are all things said to try to justify delaying what ought to be done now. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons for delay, but most of the time we procrastinate as a way of avoiding things, or responsibilities. For many it becomes their way of life and leads to regrets for what ‘could have been’ if they hadn’t delayed. This lifestyle of ‘putting off until later what you should do now’ is spoken of in the scriptures:

Procrastination is self-robbery. Delay often cuts a person off from opportunities to succeed that may only be open at this time. Proverbs 10:4-5 says “Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich”. The student who gets their homework done early, the salesman who goes out on a rainy day, the job-seeker who sends out resumes daily – these are the ones who find opportunities they would otherwise have missed. Procrastinators are poor because they missed their chances, started late, wasted opportunities that were available now, when the time was right.

Procrastination is laziness. They are full of excuses why they delayed or avoided doing what needed to be done Prov 20:4. And Prov 26:13 “The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!” A lazy person will use all kinds of excuses to avoid doing things or going about their business. A person is known by the choices they make – they may lie and cheat to get ahead or avoid responsibility for actions and gain the reputation as dishonest and untrustworthy people. They may put off hard choices, delay decisions and gain the reputation as underachievers, angry, and often depressed people. They may refuse to make an effort when faced with work or any kind of challenge, doing the easy things first and never getting around to the difficult and gain the reputation as lazy, unmotivated, and useless.

Procrastination is based on the assumption that there will always be time. The statement “There’s always tomorrow” shows a lack of understanding of the brevity of life - Prov 27:1. James 4:13-14 ‘Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.’ God is the one who controls time, not us. We have only a limited number of days -Ps 139:16 ‘All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.’ Paul was speaking to Felix in Acts 24 - Acts 24 -As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.” Felix was at the point where he knew what needed to be done, but he delayed. And after two more years of hearing and delaying, Felix was recalled to Rome and lost his opportunity for eternal life.

Is yours a lifestyle of procrastination? Make the decision now to change and ask for God’s help. Do the hard things first – make the effort to stop putting off what needs attention now. Don’t put off becoming a Christian – you have no guarantee that tomorrow you will have the chance to come to Christ – Do it today!

SCRIPTURE READING

Oct. 11	Isa. 45-47	Col. 3
Oct. 12	Isa. 48, 49	Col. 4
Oct. 13	Isa. 50-52	1Thess. 1
Oct. 14	Isa. 53-55	1Thess. 2
Oct. 15	Isa. 56-58	1Thess. 3
Oct. 16	Isa. 59-61	1Thess. 4
Oct. 17	Isa. 62-64	1Thess. 5

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

10/25	Tyler Williams
11/4	Janette Wendt
11/20	Nikkie McCollum
12/7	Forsythia Montesclaros
12/9	Madalyn Williams
12/10	Landon McCollum
12/19	David Bauer
12/24	Herminia Montesclaros

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/25 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
- 11/1 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 11/7 MWCH donor's brunch. More info and registration available online.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams
- 11/8 Cliff & Gayla Jacobs

MEN TO SERVE**10/11****10/18**

	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	(10/14) John Bauer	ZOOM	(10/21) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(10/14) Jeff McCollum	ONLY	(10/21) John Bauer	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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**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