

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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LIFE AT FIRST BREATH?

While the Word of God tells us that life begins at the moment of conception in plain scriptures like:

Psalm 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

And the Bible talks about the baby leaping for joy in the womb in Luke 1:41-44 as well as the clear statement in: Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

And yet in spite of this, some will try to say that the Bible says that life begins with the first breath. Where would anyone get such an idea? They go to Genesis 2:7 which says: Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

They say that Adam was just a lump of dirt until God breathed into him, so they assume it was the first breath of air that made him 'alive'. Therefore it is the first breath of air that makes a baby a living human being. But is Genesis 2:7 telling us how all humans become 'alive' or just how Adam was created? Notice when children are brought into the world by Adam and Eve or even when Eve herself was made and brought to Adam that God did not breathe into her. Did her life not start until she took her first breath of air.

To take a passage that is clearly a special creation account and try to say that it proves that life begins with the first breath is inconsistent to say the least. If this is describing the beginning of life for all people then God must come and personally breathe life into each individual person at birth. Or if we are to be completely literal with the passage we might say that this only applies to males. What is happening is that some have already made up their minds that 'life' begins with the first and so they try to justify their belief by taking a Bible passage out of context and interpreting it to justify their own idea.

Did you know that babies actually 'breathe' in a way in the womb? In the womb, they are taking in oxygen and removing carbon dioxide through the mother's blood and the umbilical cord – the same things we do when we inhale and exhale after birth. The baby's lungs though are actually taking in and expelling amniotic fluid for months before birth, strengthening them to work outside the womb.

The scriptures always describe life as beginning at conception with God 'knitting the body together' and the unborn child as being fully alive.

SCRIPTURE READING

Oct. 18	Isa. 65, 66	2Thess. 1
Oct. 19	Jer. 1, 2	2Thess. 2
Oct. 20	Jer. 3, 4	2Thess. 3
Oct. 21	Jer. 5, 6	1Tim. 1
Oct. 22	Jer. 8	1Tim. 2
Oct. 23	Jer. 9, 10	1Tim. 3
Oct. 24	Jer. 11-13	1Tim. 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

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
12/25	Renee Slater

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**10/18****10/25**

	AM	PM (Zoom Only)	AM	PM (Zoom Only)
Announcements	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Song Leader	John Bauer		Jeff McCollum	
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Jeff Nauman		Walker Slater	
Lord's Table	Jeff McCollum		John Bauer	
Lord's Table Assistant	Landon McCollum		Matt Williams	
Closing Prayer	John Bauer	Joe McCollum	Jeff Nauman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum		John & Terri Bauer	
Wed. Announcements	(10/21) Jeff McCollum	ZOOM	(10/28) John Bauer	ZOOM
Wed. Devotional	(10/21) John Bauer	ONLY	(10/28) 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