



# Welcome to The Services at Arlington Church of Christ

**God is Spirit: and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.**  
(John 4: 24)

## WELCOME VISITORS

**We are honored to have you worship with us today! You are welcome to attend all of our services.**

**Members, please fill out an attendance card found in the pew in front of you so that we can have a record of your attendance. The ushers will collect the cards at the conclusion of the services.**



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### THOSE TO SERVE

**SONG LEADER AM:** Larry Clark  
**OPENING/CLOSING PRAYERS:** RONNIE POWELL  
**VISITORS' WELCOME:** Ronnie Powell  
**PREACHER AM:** Bill Davis  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ronnie Powell  
**PRESIDE LORD'S TABLE:** Ronnie Powell

**CONTACT ELDER OF THE MONTH**  
**Acie Sanders**  
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SECURE BUILDING IN OCTOBER  
 SECURITY TEAM #1

Our Free Audio CD Ministry has been temporarily halted.

Sunday morning Bible class and worship services are currently being conducted at the church building. You can also view online at [www.arlingtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.arlingtonchurchofchrist.com) Worship Services offered through phone line stream at (904) 593-2210

Online Platform Prayer Requests  
 Text: 904 351-8209



## Remember in Prayer

**The sick, shut-ins and those serving in the Armed Forces:** Mattie Hackett, Dale Danzeisen, Eric Glover, Nell Simmons, Sheila Andrews, Jammia Hylton, Celestine Talabi, Pat Ifill, Glenn Ifill, Dorothy Cooper, Pearl El, Janice Roder, Lucy Marke, Frances Hall, James Merriman, Patricia Quammie, George Brooks, Reva Robertson, Hermina Wiley, Shawn Cobb, Michael Northcut, Pam Sirmons; **US Navy:** Joshua Taylor, Erin Taylor, Shannon McMiller, Tia Williams Moore, Ricardo Reid; **US Army:** Denzell Ingram, **USAF:** Justus Parker; **Police Officer:** Allorie Sanders.

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**Sister Pam Sirmons:** Requested travelling grace/prayers for Dorothy Cooper for a week's stay in Georgia. Also requested prayers for healing (lymphedema) and her extended family members. She was especially thankful that Jonas Jr. is off the ventilator and breathing on his own. He is still in Trauma ICU but has improved.

**Sister Shirley Bassue:** Thanked God that her hands are much better following her procedure. Thanked Arlington Family for their prayers on her behalf.

**Sister Pat Ifill:** Petitions for her daughter, Janice Roder in Murmou, Germany. She will undergo neurological treatment for the next three weeks.

**Sister Nell Simmons:** Prayers for continued health/strength and to have more patience with her Care Givers. She was very thankful to get outside and take in some fresh air!

**Sister Gail Hill:** Petitions for Timothy Gadson who has colon and stomach cancer. Surgery is not an option at this point. Continue to pray for his mental state at this time.

**Sister Brenda Jones:** Tranquility for the Eleanor Thompson Family as they mourn her loss to COVID-19. Petitions for the Seniors who reside at Campus Towers in Jacksonville.

**Brother James Nelson Jr. :** Petitions for his Mother (Valarie) and daughter (Dajour) who were involved in separate car accidents. He's also praying for stability and for his loved ones to return to the Household of Faith.

**Sister Lynn Harvey:** Intercession for her co-worker (Casey) who had a heart-attack last week. Praying for favorable out come regarding all test results. And special prayers for her 16-year-old-daughter who is dealing with health issues as well.

**Sister Ida Cobb:** Traveling mercies as she and Jerry travelled to Virginia for her sister's burial.

**Sister Yolande Chanoine:** Petitions for Tyrone's Dad, who attends the Miamia Gardens church of Christ. He was hospitalized with COVID-19 and is recuperating from pneumonia.

**Sister Laplachue Tyler:** Expressing thanksgiving and gratitude to God for His lovingkindness, protection, and mercy. She also thanks Him for allowing her to be in the land of the living and to serve Him with all of her strength and might!

## The Timidity of Sloth

By Victor M. Eskew

When we think of a sloth, we usually think of an animal, a very slow moving animal that is found in the tropical rainforests of Central and South America. Did you know that there is a breed of humans that can be classified as sloths? In the Bible, the subject of slothfulness is mentioned especially in fifteen verses. In both the Old and New Testaments, the words translated "slothful" carry the definition of "indolent." The term "indolent" is defined as "having a disposition to avoid exertion." A word that we often use as a synonym for slothful is "lazy." There are many reasons why individuals manifest the characteristic of slothfulness. One of the reasons people become sloths is due to timidity or fear. The wise writer of Proverbs notes this cause of slothfulness in Proverbs 22:13. He writes: "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets." A similar verse is found in Proverbs 26:13. "The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets." Notice that the man is afraid of a lion being in the streets. His fear keeps him from doing the things that really need to be done. There are two ways to approach the timidity of the sloth. First, perhaps there is a lion in the streets. In other words, there may be real problems and difficulties that lie in the path of the individual. Is renegeing on his duty, the answer to the problem? Absolutely not! The sloth needs to develop two primary qualities in his life if he is going to overcome his slothfulness. First, he must develop his faith in God. As Christians, Jesus has promised to always be with us, (Hebrews 13:5). Through Him, we can do all things (Philippians 4:13), if we manifest faith in Him. David was confronted by a lion, a bear, and a man-giant named Goliath. Did he allow these things to deter him? No! He moved forward with faith and overcame the obstacles. What he said to King Saul needs to be on the lips of every faithful child of God. "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine ..." (1 Samuel 17:36-37).

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### Upcoming Events:

October 26th, Preacher's Meeting, @ Wesconnett, 10:00AM

October 30, Men's Breakfast @ Dean Road, 8:00AM

November 5-7, Father Daughter Retreat@ Central Florida Bible Camp

## Timidity of Sloth Conclusion

The second quality the sloth needs to develop is courage. To have courage involves having heart. It is a decision that an individual makes deep within his heart. Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is the determination to move forward in the face of fear. Because courage involves a personal decision, it is commanded in the Scriptures. Joshua took on a huge burden after the death of Moses. He had to lead the armies of Israel into the Land of Promise and defeat the evil Canaanite nations. His position required courage. Three times the Lord exhorted Joshua to "be strong and of a good courage" (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9) when He commissioned this noble leader to go over the Jordan. The sloth must decide that he will manifest the courage to overcome the lion. In other words, he makes up his mind determining that nothing will hinder him in fulfilling his obligations to his Lord. The second approach that can be considered regarding the sloth is that he uses fear as an excuse. He makes up the notion that there is a lion in the streets. The probability of a lion being there is extremely slim. How many times do slothful people make excuses for their irresponsibility? The things they imagine in their minds that they believe are reasons for not doing something are not really real. They, too, invent a lion because they do not want to exert the energy needed to do the things that God requires of them. The Lord exhorts us not to be slothful. "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). And again: "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12). Therefore, we must give up our excuses and embrace the attributes of faith and courage. So instead of living as "sluggish servants," let's strive to be fervent followers of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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