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Is Your Cup Half-Empty or Full? By Jeff Snyder

I want to discuss the well-known idiom that asks whether the cup is half empty or half full. A person who sees a cup as half full is usually more optimistic and focuses on what is already present in the cup. Someone who sees the cup as half empty is more pessimistic, focusing on what is missing from the cup. What is your perception of the cup? More specifically, how do we perceive our lives and react to the situations that happen to us?

Half-full (optimistic) people have a positive outlook and are hopeful about the future. This positive view can help people see the good in situations and even help influence others to do the same. While viewing things as half-empty (pessimistic) can sometimes be realistic, it may also lead to negativity and discouragement.

When the road of life is easy, we can view the cup as half full. When challenging or difficult times come, we can easily become discouraged and view the cup as half empty. We may start to question God about why this is happening.

When we face difficult situations that we don't understand, one of the best things to do is to trust in God. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). How do we learn to trust God? By studying his words more thoroughly. Verses like Proverbs 3:5-8 remind us to "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Things will happen in life that will make our cup look more empty than full, but no matter what we are going through, we have to keep our outlook on life focused on God. God knows we are challenged at times, and we must trust He knows what is best for us. He uses these situations to manifest His power and glory.

The last question we must ask involves internal thought. Are these challenges just a random occurrence due to living in a broken world, or have our life decisions or benevolent discipline brought them on? "Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain about the punishment of his sins?" (Lamentations 3:38-40). Let us test and examine our ways to make sure we are still on the Christian path forward. When the cup begins to feel more empty than full, just remember God has made our cup runneth over with the hope of heaven (Psalm 23:5).

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.

10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Bible Class for all ages 12:30PM Sunday Afternoon Worship Service 7:00PM Wednesday Bible Class



PLEASE MUTE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES

THOSE TO SERVE

SONGLEADER 10AM/12:30PM
OPENING PRAYER:
CLOSING PRAYER:
VISITORS' WELCOME:
PREACHER 10AM/12:30PM
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
GIVING & LORD'S SUPPER:

P. Baskin
J. Bryant
A. Sanders
J. Bryant
D. Buskirk

CONTACT ELDER OF THE MONTH BILL DAVIS

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SECURE BUILDING IN OCTOBER SAFETY & SECURITY MINISTRY

Sunday AM Bible class/worship services are being conducted at the church building.

View us online at www.arlingtonchurchofchrist.com

Worship Services via phone: (904) 593-2210

Online Platform Prayer Requests
Text: **904 351-8209**E-mail: Prayers@arlingtonchurchofchrist.com



The sick, shut-ins and those serving in the Armed Forces/First Responders: Sheila Andrews, Louise Blossom, Hubert & Florence Brannon, Ricky Clover, Shawn Cobb, Dorothy Cooper, Pearl El, Eric Glover, Ruth

Graves, Sylvia Hicks, Jamia Hylton, Glenn Ifill, Pat Ifill, Janice Roder, Alvin Thompson, **Prison Ministry**: Michael Northcutt. **US Navy:** Malani Evans, Shannon McMiller, Tia Williams Moore, Ricardo Reid, Erin Taylor, Joshua Taylor, **USAF:** Justus Parker. **Police Officers:** Cornel & Allorie Kelemen.

The Prayers of the Righteous Availeth Much <u>Sister Deborah Elliott</u>: Petitions for her niece, Denise Holmes and her new-born, Tamir. The baby boy had several challenging issues last week but by God's grace and mercy, he is currently stable. He still requires oxygen. Please keep baby Tamir, his mother, and our family members in prayer at this time.

<u>Sister Gail Hill:</u> Condolences to the Clark Family in the passing of Sister Jackie Clark. She attended the Northside Church of Christ.

Brother Sebastian Lopez: Travelling mercies for his father, Pedro who is returning to Ohio to enjoy his retirement. Sebastian specifically prayed that his father will be able to work out his current spiritual conflicts and turn his attention to the holy Word of God.

Elder Acie Sanders: Petitions, condolences, encouragement, and support for the following Arlington members, (1) Brother Jerry & Sister Sherry Murrell continue to deal

with sore throats, coughing, and other symptoms that have compromised their health. Please pray that God will raise them up to continue their great work in the Kingdom (2) Deacon Antwaun & Sister Rosiland Jones assisted the Dean Road congregation last Sunday morning and evening. (3) Sister Dorothy Cooper was blessed to be in the Assembly last Sunday! We thank God He heard our prayers and blessed our Sister to be back with us once again! (4) New convert, Brother Joshua Thomas from the DC area obeyed the Gospel this past week. Please pray that he will get plugged in to one of the strong congregations and continue his growth/ development in the Lord. (4) Brother Larry & Sister Beverly Clark were on the Platform last Sunday as Brother Larry wasn't feeling well. (5) Deacon Garrey Brannon & Family were out of town last Sunday in Lake City. We pray that God will grant them safe passage when they return to Jacksonville (6) The family of Brother Alric Pantin are grieving his loss from last week. He attended the Riverview Church of Christ. (7) The family of Brother Lonnie Stewart, a faithful elder and Soldier of the cross from the Westside congregation are mourning his transition from this life as well.

Prayers of the Righteous—Continued—

(8) The family of Sister Poncianna Jackson are mourning her recent passing. She was a faithful member of the Northside Church of Christ (9) The Edwards and Evans family in the loss of Brother Tony's beloved sister, Alexcia Edwards. May God's grace, peace, mercy, understanding, and love shepherd each family through their respective challenges and seasons of change at this time.

Sister Linda Hunter: Prayers for her and Brother Calvin as they travel to Miami. They plan to cruise out of the Port of Miami from October 5th through October 11, Lord willing. They specifically asked the congregation to keep their daughter, Sister Lynnell Grant in prayer during their absence. Elder Acie Sanders: Petitions and prayers for Elder Bill & Sister Cathy Davis who will welcome his Mother, Sister Pearl, into their home for the next several days. They were on the Platform last

Wednesday Evening for Bible Study and the Devo-

Sister Kimberly Dawson: Prayers and petitions for her husband, Brother Carlos who will spend the next 30 days preparing for a major assessment that will have promotion implications. Brother Carlos currently serves as a Captain at JFRD. He is vying for one of the highly sought after/coveted Chief positions within the organization. Please pray specifically that God will give Carlos the discipline, wisdom, focus, strength, and stamina to put his best foot forward regarding this promotion opportunity. They will continue to trust God implicitly and pray

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & **ANNIVERSARIES**

that His will be done in their family.

- Laplachue Tyler
- 5 Mary Riviere

tional.

- Sherry Murrell
- 13 Mathew Riviere
- 13 Patricia McMillan
- 15 William & Sylvia Hicks
- 16 Valarie Nelson
- 17 Rosiland Jones
- 18 Sheila Andrews
- 21 Daniel Murrell
- 23 Kenneth & Cheril Cooper

*********** ARLINGTON EVENTS—STAY ENGAGED!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE, WESTCHESTER **OF JACKSONVILLE**

8700 AC Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville FL 32256 Time: 3:00PM

For more information regarding this ministry, please contact Elder Sanders or Deacon Johnny Bryant. Your participation is welcomed!

DEAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST—LET'S CON-TINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR 6:00PM SUNDAY **WORSHIP SERVICE!**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH ARLINGTON BEE HIVE

Time: 6:30PM

Phone # 716-427-1360, Access Code: 1002423#

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH ELDERS & DEACONS' ZOOM MEETING

Time: 7:00PM ***************

AROUND THE BROTHERHOOD

OCTOBER 20TH—21ST THE GREATER JACKS ONVILLE MEETING

2025 THEME: GIVE ME THE BIBLE Monday October 20—Tuesday October 21, 2025

October 20TH WESCONNETT CHURCH OF **CHRIST**

6:30PM Biblical Doctrine, Bill Davis

7:00PM Biblical Fellowship, David McDonald

7:30PM Biblical Worship, Art Wilson

October 21ST LAKESIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

6:30PM Biblical Home, Eric Dawkins

7:00PM Biblical Church, Andre Moore

7:30PM Biblical Zeal, Victor Eskew

See flyer on the Bulletin Board for more information

OCTOBER 24TH—26TH UNIVERSITY CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Theme: What the Church Needs

4626 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville FL 32605

352-372-4911

Friday @ 7:00pm; Saturday @ 9:30am; Sunday @

9:30am & 10:30am, Pot Luck Lunch, & final lesson @

1:00pm

See flyer on the Bulletin Board for more information

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00am Sunday Bible Class: 11:30am Sunday Afternoon Worship: 12:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Class: 7:00pm

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Raintree Village Children's Home.....Valdosta, GA
Palo Church of Christ.......... Palo Leyte, Palo Philippines

AFRICAN MISSIONS—NIGERIA

Bernard Nwanchor
Gabriel Otum
Cyprian Oke
Aloy Owata
Samuel Igwe

Uka Onwe
Amos Obeji
Sunday Onwe
Moses Ngwuta
Francis Alo



Where Will Where Will

You Spend

Your Eternity?

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17
 Believe the Gospel Mark 16:15-16
 Repent of Your Sins Acts 17:30

4. Confess Christ Romans 10:9-10

5. Be Baptized Acts 2:38

WHAT MUST I DO TO KEEP FROM FALLING AWAY?

1. Read Your Bible Daily-II Timothy 2:15

2. Add To Your Faith the Seven Christian Graces - II Peter 1:5-11

3. Attend Every Service - Hebrews 10:25

4. Be Faithful Unto Death- Revelation 2:10

Spreading the Word

In Search of The Lord's Way, each Sunday 6:30am on WTLV Channel 12 with Phil Sanders.

Gospel Broadcast Network TV (GBNTV.ORG) presents online program 24 hours, 7days a week for the whole family. Log on to www.gbntv.org and enjoy.

WALKING OUR TALK

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS In Person: 45

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

In Person: AM: 58

ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online Views: 39

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS: 42

BUDGET: \$3,928.63

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

If you need a ride to the Sunday Morning Bible Class and Worship Assembly, please contact our transportation coordinator, Acie Sanders at (904) 314-7962

The Body Life of Arlington

Benevolence: Deacon Antwaun Jones **Edification:** Brother Sebastian Lopez

Evangelism: Deacon Johnny Bryant/Deacon Garrey Brannon