



SERMON TITLE:
“Distortions: Almost Christian or Altogether Christian?”
Acts 26:24-29 (CEB)
Sunday, April 19, 2026

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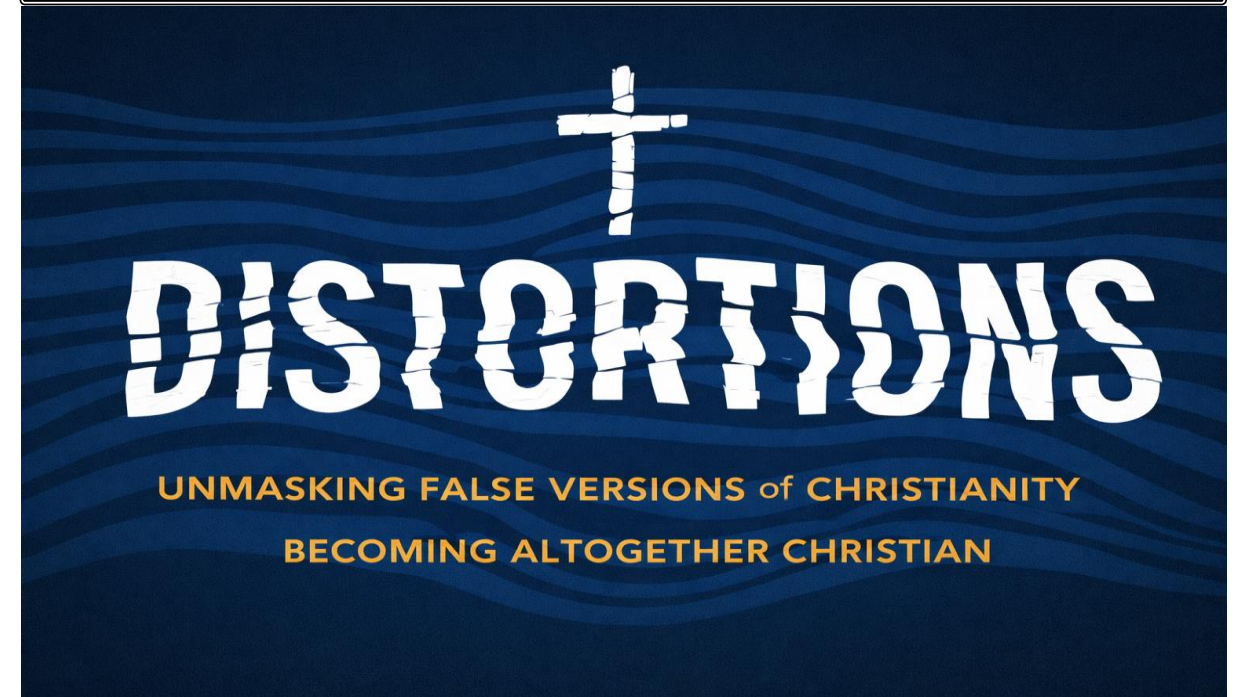
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Mission: “To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

Services:
 Sunday Schools - 9:30am, 9:45am
 Traditional Worship - 11:00am in Sanctuary

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Pre-Service Music Barbara Miller
"If God be for us, who can be against us?"
From Handel's *"Messiah"*

Chiming of the Hour Gavin Taylor

Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
"People Need the Lord"

*Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer Stephen Roberts

*Welcome Chorus Congregation
"Through It All"

*Opening Hymn Congregation
"Be Thou My Vision"
(Verses 1 – 3)
UMH #451

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed Stephen Roberts
UMH #881

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
"Lead Me, Lord"

Prayer Stephen Roberts

Mission Moment Eric McCrea & Linda Jenkins

Offertory Prayer Pastor Eric

Offering our Gifts to God Gavin Taylor

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Larry Martin
Acts 26:24-29 (CEB)

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
"Set My Feet on Solid Ground"

Sermon Pastor Eric
"Distortions: Almost Christian or Altogether Christian?"

*Hymn of Dedication Congregation
"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"
(Verses 1, 2, 4)
UMH #402

*Dismissal with Blessing Pastor Eric

*Postlude Gavin Taylor

*Congregation please stand, as able

Prayer Room

Marvin Bailey & Family
 Deanna Bea
 Jack & Shirley Bernard
 Linda Boyd (Sister of Deborah Hagan)
 Chris Carter
 Barbara Lashley
 Ruth Salter (Singing Seniors)

Pray

We will continue to pray for others not mentioned on the prayer list.

Names will be listed on The Prayer List for 30 days. After that time, please let the Church Office know if we need to continue to list a name.

Did You Know

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Church Website

<https://arlington-umc.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonunitedmethodistchurch/>

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Today's Worship Service Ushers are:

J C Claxton
 Pamela Lea
 Lynda Dresch
 Jerry Dresch
 Gene Hagan
 Marvin Bailey



Service Ushers April 26th

Ross Reardon
 Harold Elkins
 Patti Brown
 J C Claxton
 Marvin Bailey
 Pamela Lea

"Serving God. Serving His people."

Are you in need of a Stephen Minister?



Contact the office
 (904) 743-1400
 to request a Stephen Minister
 contact you

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one on one care for people in the congregation or our community experiencing difficulties in life, such as grief, job loss, divorce, major illness, spiritual struggles, and so on.

EVENTS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS at AUMC

Sunday	April 19, 2026	9:45am 11am	Sunday School, WH Church Service Appointments Announced
Monday	April 20, 2026	1pm 10am	Literacy English Class Celebration of Life, Elaine Bailey
Tuesday	April 21, 2026	1pm 5pm 6pm 7pm	House of David Class, CR Dance Class, 5-6.5 yrs Dance Class, 6.5-8 yrs Dance Class, 8-12 yrs
Wednesday	April 22, 2026	1pm 3pm 5pm 5:45pm	Literacy English Class Food Pantry Dance Class, 3-4 yrs Dance Class, 8-12 yrs
Thursday	April 23, 2026	5:30pm 6pm 6pm 7:15pm 7:15pm 8:15pm	Yoga Class, WH Asbury Ringers Dance Class, 9 yrs & Up Dance Class, Teen/Adult Chancel Choir Celebration Singers
Saturday	April 25, 2026	8:30am	Emmaus

Happy 5th Anniversary to Launching Hope Food Pantry

During the month of March 2026, we greeted 70 clients and provided food for 290 individuals. The month of March reflects a slight decrease from our February report.

Our basic pantry needs continue to be: canned chicken, chili, beans, and rice.

Our top client choices from Dollar Tree and/or Aldi's are laundry detergent, dish detergent, bar soap, and toothpaste.



We welcome new volunteers to assist and make sure our pantry is fully staffed. We also need substitutes to assist when regular volunteers are unavailable. We are always looking for anyone bilingual and willing to assist.

Please contact *Elaine Bailey* if interested in volunteering.

THANK YOU for your continued generous support.

We encourage you to: "Remember to Gift (AUMC) in your Will and Estate Planning".

Giving to the Church is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. Through a charitable gift, you can have a significant positive effect on the ministries of the Church and those people whose lives are changed because of them.

Please know that the staff in the church office are available to assist you in any way possible.



Please show your continued support to Linda Jenkins and the Dance Ministry. Thanks to Larry Martin we will not need to put out a Sign-Up Genius. Larry now covers 90% of the times. Thank you!

THE FLORIDA BALLET AND AUMC DANCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support for The Florida Ballet and AUMC Dance Program. We will begin Spring Session, March 24 – May 14, 2026 (8 weeks). The schedule is as follows:



Tuesdays	\$75 (8 weeks)	5:00-6:00pm Primary A Ballet (5 - 6.5 years)
		6:00-7:00pm Primary B Ballet (6.5 - 8 years)
		7:00-8:00pm Beginning Ballet (8 - 12 years)
Wednesdays	Free Classes (8 weeks)	5:00-5:45pm Pre-Primary, (3-4 years)
		5:45-6:45pm Let's Dance, Multi Genre (8 & Up)
Thursdays	\$75 (8 weeks)	6:00-7:00pm Performance Dance Class, 9 years & Up
		7:15-8:15 pm Teen/Adult Beginning Ballet

Follow our Facebook page FLB & AUMC Dance Program and/or share the information by telling your family and friends, encouraging them to contact The Florida Ballet.

Use the following link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/232054968289065>

Dance Presentation: May 13, 2026



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4/20	Celebration of Life Service Elaine Bailey
5/3	River City Handbells Fundraiser for Dance Program, 3pm
5/10	Mother's Day
5/13	Dance Presentation & Dinner, WH
5/17	Women's Sunday
6/21	Father's Day

PLAY | STAGE | SCREEN

The River City Ringers
Joshua L. Mazur, Conductor

Join The River City Ringers for an immersive concert experience celebrating music that moves across worlds.

From sweeping cinematic epics and beloved Broadway melodies to the evocative soundscapes of today's most iconic video games,

Play | Stage | Screen explores the power of music to build worlds, tell stories, and stir the imagination.

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Friday, May 1 • 7:00 PM Geneva Presbyterian Church St. Johns, Florida	Saturday, May 2 • 7:00 PM Lakewood Presbyterian Church Jacksonville, Florida
Sunday, May 3 • 3:00 PM Arlington United Methodist Church Jacksonville, Florida	