



“A Mountain Top Sermon”

During Jesus’ ministry, he spent quite a bit of time hiking up and down mountains and hills. He taught, prayed, healed, and multiplied loaves and fishes on the sides of mountains. Jesus spent most of his time teaching and healing around the Galilee region. The rolling hills and mountains in this area range in size from 1,000 to 3,500 feet in height. This is also home to the Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater body in the Holy Land and the lowest freshwater body on earth.

Perhaps the most influential sermon Jesus ever preached was on the side of a mountain and it has been dubbed, “the Sermon on the Mount.” It is recorded for us in Matthew 5-7. The text begins: “Now when he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them” (Mt. 5:1-2). We can picture Jesus finding a large clearing on the side of a local mountain next to the Sea of Galilee, and the people gathering around him so he could teach them. This description is intended to remind us of Moses who ascended Mount Sinai and received the law from God. Jesus goes up on this mountain to deliver a new law. Jesus is pictured here as the new Moses giving the new law, not just for the nation of Israel but for the kingdom of God. This sermon is a picture of what God’s kingdom is supposed to look like and how citizens of that kingdom are to live.

What did Jesus mean by the kingdom of God? Much has been written to answer this question. There are at least three senses in which Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God. First, the kingdom is not some future place we are longing for. It is a present reality. We can choose to be part of God’s kingdom by yielding our lives to the King. As we do God’s will, our lives begin to change, and as our lives are changed, we change things around us. It starts small like a mustard seed and grows into something big. Communities change one at a time and eventually the entire world is changed.

Second, the kingdom of God is a vision. Some say it is a vision of what our lives and world would look like if God’s will were done on earth. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus’ teaching on what kingdom people look like and how they act. We find the ideals of the kingdom. I don’t know about you, but I often fall short. We may never fully live up to these ideals, but we strive for them each day. When communities live this way, we begin to see the world as God intended it.

Third, the kingdom of God is something that is yet to be. A day is coming when as Handel took from the book of Revelation for his great “Messiah”: “the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!”

Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment day when the world as we know it will come to an end and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. God’s kingdom will come in its entirety on earth as it is in heaven (Mt. 6:10). What a day! I fully believe that God’s kingdom (church) on earth is a foreshadowing or picture of the future kingdom. We are to be a people who belong to God, who love God and each other, and seek to do God’s will together.

Mark

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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children’s worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

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| | weekly budget | \$4,064 |
| Jan. 21 | <u>attendance</u> | <u>contribution</u> |
| | 173 | \$3,066 |

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Elders: Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376
Leland Price Ph: 925-4424
Danny Rider Ph: 705-9713
Wayne Shannon Ph: 742-0517
Gregg Summers Ph: 223-4515
David Tiller Ph: 607-1945

Deacons: Bud Norris - *Worship Participants*
Charles Owens - *Bldg & Grounds/Security/Treasurer*
Keith Tatum - *Education/Picture Board/Family Camp*
Ronnie Weldon - *Attendance/Communion Prep/Bldg*

Minister: Mark Brackney Ph: 523-1764

Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley - WEI
Tommy Drinnen - Hope Central

Our Sympathy is extended to... the Buckner family in the death of Betty Buckner; the Groves family in the death of Alan's grandfather, and the Parsley family in the death of Mikaela's grandfather.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Jack Davis; Martha Jane Owens; the Cavin family; Janie Johnson; John Burka; Jeremy Snowden; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Jerry Fittro; Becky Johnson; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Karla Loftis and her dad;

Friends and Loved ones: Kathy Campbell's brother, Buddy; Leland Price's mom; Gordon Norman; Bobby Cole's nephew, Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Kelly Hunter's dad, Buddy; Patricia Ramsey's father; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Zack & Karen Johnson; Missy Essary; Betty Hodges; Aiden Darnell; David Hunter; Deb & Rob Colones; Bill Norris; Faith Tindell; Greg Dyer; Helen Monroe's god-son, Ian Whelahan; Heather Ream's mother; Janie Johnson's mom; Jason McDougal's mother & Tina's brother; Olivia Britt.

Shut-ins: Jack & Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; Fred Galbreath; Edna Hullender; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Coming Soon

- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, today following morning services. All our visitors are encouraged to join us.
- **Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, Jan. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the ACOC building.
- **Family basketball** this Wed., Jan. 31, 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- **YPYF devotional and super bowl party** at the Brackney's, Sun., Feb. 4, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share.
- **Senior's Valentine's Tea**, Saturday, Feb. 10, at Noon, in Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the hall bulletin board if you plan to attend. See Delinda Summers for additional information.
- **UT Christian Student Center fundraiser** at Laurel Church of Christ, Sat., Feb. 10, 6 p.m. For \$5 per person you get dinner and a talent show. See Mark for details.
- **Winterfest meeting** for attendees and parents of attendees on Sunday, Feb. 11, after morning services.
- **Home church**, Sun., Feb. 11, 6 pm
- **Winterfest is February 16-18, 2018** Information is on the teen board.
- **Marriage Class** begins at Arlington, Feb. 25, 4 p.m. Register on the Arlington website. See the Summers for questions. Cost is \$100 but scholarships are available



Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:
Life of Jesus Series
"Announcing the Kingdom of God"

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday
No Evening Service

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:
Joshua Brackney, Jedidiah Cavin
Tyler Norris, Kevin Gillispie
Bruce McQuaig, John David Potter

Opening Prayer: Carroll Coomer
Preside at Table: Keith Tatum
Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson
Nursery: A Riggs & M Shannon
Security: R Riggs & B Campbell



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan 28 Susan Collins
Feb 1 Lori Tiller
Feb 2 Sammie French
Feb 3 Ben Cavin
Feb 4 Tommy Drinnen
Feb 4 Shaun Thomas



Happy Birthday!!



Family Matters

New
to Our
Family

Please welcome **Grace Ostdiek and Lauren Long** to our Arlington Family.

Grace and Lauren and Leah Tatum are roommates. For your directory:

| | Bday | Ph. number |
|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Grace Ostdiek | May 5 | (303)506-4410 |
| Lauren Long | June 4 | (615)879-1260 |

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Praise
Him,
All Ye
Little
Children

Optional children's worship...

is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick your child up following worship.

Caring Cards Ministry

The Caring Cards Ministry provides cards for our sick and shut-ins, as well as friends and family members. See the information on the table in the hallway leading to the office for additional information. Your participation is needed to send cards as well as to provide information regarding those who would benefit from receiving cards. Please talk to John or Barbara Hoff for more details..



Caring Cards