



“In the Garden”

At the last supper, Jesus had predicted that one of his disciples would betray him. As Jesus and the disciples left the upper room and headed east across the Kidron Valley and made their way to the Mount of Olives, Jesus predicted that all of them would desert him. Jesus knew that Judas had already sold out for thirty pieces of silver and would soon betray him with a kiss. Over the next twelve hours, Jesus would be betrayed, denied, and deserted by his closest friends. This would create great sorrow for Jesus. I am thankful that the Gospel record does not gloss over these events and leave them out for fear of embarrassment. This gives hope to all of us that there is grace when we deny, desert, and betray Jesus.

What is amazing is that Jesus knew all of this was going to happen, but he loved them anyway. Jesus already looked into the future and beyond their mistakes. He not only anticipated their desertion, but he also foretold of their restoration. If Jesus could take them back, he will certainly do the same for us.

At the base of the Mount of Olives is an area full of olive trees. It is called the garden of Gethsemane. Gethsemane means “olive oil press.” From this vantage point looking to the west, the Temple Mount is a spectacular view. I can visualize that night when Jesus and his disciples came to the garden to pray. Gethsemane is an appropriate name for what Jesus went through that night. He was feeling “pressed” with all kinds of emotions flooding his mind. The hour was upon him for which he came. He would be in such anguish as to what lay ahead, that he would sweat drops of blood, as capillaries burst in his forehead from the strain.

Judas knew where to find Jesus on this night “because Jesus often met there with his disciples” (John 18:2). Luke tells us that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray “as was his custom” (Luke 22:39). So this location was a place Jesus returned to often in order to pray, and on this night to experience anguish.

After they entered Gethsemane, Jesus asked his followers to watch and pray. He then took Peter, James, and John a bit further into the garden with him. These three were Jesus’ closest friends, and Jesus shares with them that his “soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death” (Matthew 26:38). We all need friends like this that we can share our struggles with.

Why is Jesus filled with sorrow? What would you be feeling if you knew that in a few hours you would be tortured, publicly humiliated, and then subjected to one of the most inhumane and painful forms of capital punishment ever devised by human beings? Jesus had good reason to be “deeply grieved, even to the point of death” (Mark 14:34). Jesus suffered all of this for sins he did not commit in order to reconcile us to God. God was not angered by what Jesus did; He was pleased. This was the Father’s will and Jesus was completely dialed in.

Through the cross, Jesus was drawing the world to God. The humanity side of Jesus prayed that if there was a way for the cup of suffering to be removed, that would be fine with him, but he concluded his prayer with “not what I want, but what you want” (Mark 14:36). This prayer captures in a beautiful way the essence of complete trust. Give thanks for the decision Jesus made to follow his Father’s will all the way to the cross as he took our punishment.

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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

		weekly budget	\$4,062
		<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
Mar.	4	163	\$5,721

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, March 11, 2018

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Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Fred Galbreath is back at Maple Court with hospice; Danny Rider-UT Hosp., rm 655; Clovis Taylor, Mark and Sammie French; The Davis family; Ben Cavin in Willow Ridge in Maynardville; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Becky Johnson; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Garry & Karla Loftis.

Friends and Loved ones: Kathryn Norman's son, Gordon Norman; Bobby Cole's nephew, Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Kelly Hunter's dad, Buddy, in hospice; Laura Owens' uncle, Hoyt; Patricia Ramsey's father; Ronnie Weldon's brother-in-law; Edith Weldon's cousin; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Greg & Lisa Dyer; Heather Ream's mother, Linda; Janie Johnson's mom; Jason McDougal's mother & Tina's brother; Olivia Britt; Angie Langley's brother; David Hunter; Sheila Riggs co-worker, Amy Smith; Helen Monroe's aunt, Elizabeth, fighting cancer.

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

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

- Please take a moment to **pick up a card or two** to mail this week from the Card Ministry table.
- **Small groups** tonight at 6 p.m.
- **NO Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, March 12, due to spring break.
- **Senior servants** study and lunch this Tues., March 13, 11 a.m.
- **Family basketball** this Wed., March 14, 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's this Thurs., March 15, 8:30 a.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sun., March 18, 5 p.m. We will get to know three more Arlington members. Bring finger foods to share.
- **YPYF girls night.** The guys and the children will be at the church fellowship hall while the girls go out. **Saturday, March 24.** (This is a date change from what was printed on the calendar.)
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, Sun., March 25. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch. Please bring food to share.
- **Hope Central fundraising dinner** at Hardin Valley COC, Mon., Mar. 26, 6 p.m. See Tommy Drinnen for tickets.

New Wed. night Bible class on the topic of "Dealing With Anxiety" begins on Wed., April 4, 7 p.m. It will be facilitated by Wayne and Ada Shannon. Please sign up or let the Shannons know if you plan to attend so they can get you the material for the class.



Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:
Life of Jesus Series
The Garden of Gethsemane

Sunday Night:
Small Groups 6:00 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

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

Opening Prayer: David Tiller
Preside at Table: Dann Chapman
Greeters: B Pruet & D Chapman
Nursery: L Potter & R Riggs
Security: R Weldon & P Ramsey



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS WEEK**

Mar 11 Lyle Randall
Mar 12 Brandon Owens
Mar 13 Robin Burns



**Happy
Birthday!!**



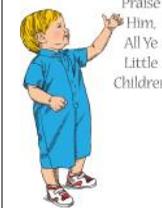
Family Matters

*Mark
your
calendar*

Wedding shower for
**Mike Crowder and
Rachel Lewis,**

Sunday, April 8, 2 to 4 p.m., fellowship
hall. They are registered at Target,
Walmart, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

We will be honoring our
high school graduates at a dinner
on Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m.



Praise
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Little
Children

**Optional children's
worship...**

is available for ages 3 to 8
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Caring Cards Ministry

*The Caring Cards Ministry
provides cards for our sick and shut-ins,
as well as friends and family members.
Please 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.*



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