



### “Condemned by the Religious”

After Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was brought before the Sanhedrin, which was the Jewish ruling council. They were called to meet in the middle of the night to gather at the home of the high priest, Caiaphas. Today on this spot in Jerusalem is a church building called Saint Peter Gallicantu. Gallicantu is a Latin word meaning “cock crow,” as this was the location where Peter denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed twice. In the basement of the building is a prison cell in an ancient cistern that is believed to be the place Jesus was held before he was transported to Pontius Pilate after sunrise. It is likely Jesus recalled the words of Psalm 88 as he spent time in this pit awaiting his execution.

The Sanhedrin was comprised of seventy-one elders. These men were considered to be the most pious men of the time. The concept of the council comes from Numbers 11:16 where God commanded Moses to select seventy leaders who would help govern the people. The men ruled over the religious affairs of the Jews while the Romans ruled over the political affairs. The Sanhedrin was in charge of all that took place at the Temple and they had a meeting room at the Temple courts where they met during the day, but not during religious feasts. The fact that they met at the high priest’s palace in the middle of the night and during the feast of unleavened bread shows the urgency and secrecy in dealing with Jesus. By the way, if you ever find yourself caught up in a situation to make a decision in urgency and secrecy, this should be a red flag that something is not right.

There is much irony in what is happening. It was not sinners who arrested Jesus, but the righteous and religious people. God was here in the flesh, and they couldn’t see it. They were blinded by their love of power and fear of losing that power. When Jesus testified clearly that he was the Messiah, they were outraged. They began to spit on and beat Jesus. How could this happen? How could seventy-one righteous men and the high priest hold a kangaroo court and condemn God in the flesh to death? Only one word makes sense to me: fear.

Jesus was a threat to their way of life and their status. They saw people flocking to Jesus. Caiaphas also did not want Rome to get word of this potential threat. Better that one man die than all the people suffer. Fear and insecurity played their part. We know that fear breeds hate, which then leads to terrible acts of inhumanity. What we read in the text is not just about seventy-one righteous men going amuck. We can all find ourselves doing the unthinkable when we give in to fear. The antidote to fear is love (1 Jn. 4:16-20).

There was one man of the council who spoke up in defense of Jesus. He was Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-51). Imagine if others would have spoken up. I’m reminded of the eighteenth century British philosopher Edmund Burke. He famously said, “The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” The next time you see injustice being done, speak up. And when you have failed to do so, like Peter, Jesus will take you back. Peter shared his story so it could be written down to remind others that God will not

only take us back when we deny him, but also use us to accomplish his work.

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# Arlington Church of Christ



### Our Mission: Connecting People to Jesus and one Another

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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. 11	112	\$3,045

## Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and  
inform the Family of God  
Sunday, March 18, 2018

**Elders:** Mark Brackney Ph: 622-0376  
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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 Hunter family in the passing of Kelly's dad, Buddy and Patricia Ramsey's family as they mourn the death of her father, Russell Baker.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:** Fred Galbreath; Danny Rider; Mark and Sammie French; Ben Cavin in Willow Ridge; 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; 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.
- **Connection Night**, tonight at 5 p.m. We will get to know three more Arlington members. Bring finger foods to share.
- **Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, March 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington.
- **YPYF girls night**. The guys and the children will be at the church fellowship hall while the girls go out. **Saturday, March 24**.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, Sun., March 25. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- **Hope Central fundraising dinner** at Hardin Valley COC, Mon., Mar. 26, 6 p.m. See Tommy Drinnen for tickets.
- **Young Families Easter Egg Hunt**, Sat., March 31, 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- **Wedding shower for Mike Crowder and Rachel Lewis**, Sun., 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 Sat., April 28, 6 p.m.

**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*  
*Condemned by the Religious*

**Sunday Night:**  
*Connection Night 5 p.m.*

### SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

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

**Opening Prayer:** Carroll Coomer  
**Preside at Table:** Keith Tatum  
**Greeters:** Mark & Sammie French  
**Nursery:** Lori Tiller & Sara Sykes  
**Security:** B Gilliam & J Hoff



**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS WEEK**

Mar 24 Jean McQuaig  
Mar 25 Ben Mallicoat



**Happy  
Birthday!!**



## Family Matters



We rejoice with the Hope Central Family as three of our young girls were baptized into Christ last Sunday. Please remember **Kynnadi Britton, Kalysta Regina Britton, and Natalya Marie Brown** in your prayers as they begin their new walk in Christ.



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 up your child after worship.

### 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.



Caring Cards