

"The Torture of King Jesus"

The Easter season is upon us and we are reminded once again of the incredible hope we have due to the resurrection of Christ Jesus. The resurrection is a game changer for sure. But before that first Easter Sunday morning came, Jesus first suffered much for his creation.

After the trials of Jesus, John tells us that Pontius Pilate sent Jesus to be flogged before passing sentence on him. Flogging was a common form of torture during this time period. It was utilized by the Jews and the Romans, as well as other cultures around the world. Even today, some criminals are publicly flogged in Iran before being put to death. In one form of Roman flogging, the victim was stripped and forced to bend over a post to which his hands were tied down. Next, two or more Roman soldiers, who were specially trained in inflicting pain through flogging, took turns striking the victim with whips. The whip was made of leather, braided with bits of bone, glass, metal, stone, or other sharp objects to bruise and tear the flesh. One whip was called "the scorpion." It was made with nail-like talons designed to tear the flesh away from the bone. Flogging was designed to inflict incredible pain and damage, but to leave the victim with enough strength to carry his own cross beam to the crucifixion site.

As Jesus was flogged, he did not beg for mercy from the soldiers. This no doubt angered them and next the soldiers mocked Jesus with a false coronation. They likely brought him an old faded Roman robe that was purple in color, the color of royalty. They twisted a branch from a thorn tree into a rough oval that resembled a royal laurel wreath and pressed it down onto his brow so the thorns dug into his flesh. With just one word or thought, Jesus could have wiped them all out. Instead, Jesus bore the shame and taught a lesson to all humanity of the cost of God's grace. It is easy to think that we would never be like the Roman soldiers who took delight in mocking, lashing, and terrorizing an innocent man. But we need to be careful about such claims. Given the right combination of ideology, gradual desensitization, and authority, each of us are capable of destroying the character and the bodies of others, be it from casting hurtful words or escorting people to gas chambers. We must guard against this evil and be what God intends for us to be - a kingdom of love.

Jesus was brought back to Pilate bloodied and humiliated. Pilate once again presented Jesus to the crowd thinking this beating would pacify them, but they shouted, "Crucify him!" Jesus was then led to a rocky hill where he would be crucified. Calvary was about a third of a mile from where Pilate's palace stood. Jesus began carrying his own cross, but due to his weakened condition, a passerby named Simon of Cyrene was ordered to carry the cross of Jesus (Mark 15:21). We know that Simon later became a follower of Christ because his family ended up in the Roman church (Romans 16:13). As Jesus neared Golgotha, someone offered him a glass of wine mixed with myrrh. Myrrh served as an analgesic, something to deaden pain; but Jesus refused despite his thirst and pain. He was determined to experience the cross fully. His suffering and death was not accidental. Jesus showed a love that refused to give in to vengeance. The cross showed the full extent of God's love.

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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
attendance	contribution
Mar. 25	\$5,320

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and inform the Family of God

Sunday, April 1, 2018

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

Our Sympathy is extended to... Sharon and the Galbreath family as they mourn the death of Fred last Sunday.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Kelly Hunter and family; Pat Ramsey and family; Danny Rider; Mark and Sammie French; Ben Cavin in Willow Ridge; John Burka; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Becky Johnson; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Ben and Heather Ream; Garry & Karla Loftis.

Friends and Loved ones: Gordon Norman; 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; Tracey Hart, Betty Weaver's daughter; Brad Owens undergoing tests.

Shut-ins: Lynda Elliott; 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.
- Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, April 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington.
- New Wed. night Bible class** on the topic of "Dealing With Anxiety" begins this Wed., April 4, 7 p.m. It will be facilitated by Wayne and Ada Shannon. Please let the Shannons know if you plan to attend.
- Family basketball/volleyball**, this Wed., April 4, 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- Wedding shower for Mike Crowder and Rachel Lewis**, next Sun., April 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the fellowship hall and the guys are welcome to attend. They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Bring a couple of your favorite recipes to share with the bride and groom.
- Small groups**, Sunday, April 8, 6 p.m.
- Senior Servants** study and lunch, Tues., April 10, 11 a.m.
- Connection Night**, Sun., April 15, 5 p.m.
- Men will meet at Shoney's**, Thurs., April 19, 8:30 a.m.
- Fourth Sunday fellowship**, April 22. Please bring food to share. All our visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- We will be **honoring our high school graduates** at a dinner on Sat., April 28, 6 p.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Donations will be accepted.
- Teachers Training**, Sunday, April 29, 2 to 5 p.m. Tommy Drinnen will lead us in another session to help us as we teach and study the Bible. The focus will be: "The Story of the World."



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:
Life of Jesus Series
The Torture of King Jesus

Sunday Night:
NO Services tonight

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Colby Coleman, Jacob Shannon
Ronnie Weldon, David Giles
Larry Yarborough, Bill Langley

Opening Prayer: Jay Estes

Preside at Table: Alan Groves

Greeters: Mark & Sammie French

Nursery: R Brackney & L Cooke

Security: J McDougal & J Turnbull

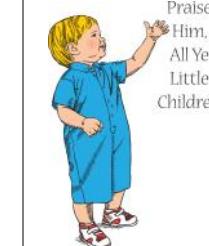


BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| April 6 | Annabell Gillispie |
| April 7 | Dan Trent |
| April 8 | Aleta Esau |
| April 8 | Sheila Riggs |



There are goodie boxes in the hallway for our college students. Please take a moment to write a note of encouragement and drop some goodies in the boxes for our students. They are wrapping up the semester over the next five weeks and many of them have projects and papers with long nights ahead of them. Hopefully these boxes will remind them that they are loved and being prayed for by their church family.



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