



“The Crucifixion of King Jesus”

The crucifixion was a tool used by the Romans, and other nations, to strike fear into the heart of its subjects. Rome used crucifixion as a means for execution for some eight hundred years. It was a horrible, terrifying death. Crucifixion was so incredibly painful, they actually invented a new term for such suffering – “excruciating” – which means “out of the cross.” The executions were public and took place along major roadways so all could see. Cicero, the Roman politician and lawyer, who served as consul in the year 63 BC, called crucifixion the “extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves” and the “cruellest and most disgusting penalty.” The first-century Jewish historian, Josephus, called it “the most pitiable of deaths.”

Usually, the vertical beam of the cross was left in place at the site of execution. After the victim was flogged, they would be forced to carry the crossbeam, which could weigh up to one hundred pounds. The victims were often left hanging for weeks until their bodies were consumed by birds and wild prey. Some of the bodies were placed on trash heaps, and bones scattered unless loved one’s claimed them. The Romans often did not allow families to take the bodies; however, in Jerusalem the people could bury their dead.

The chief aim of crucifixion was to inflict the greatest amount of pain for the longest time. Victims could hang on crosses for several days before they died. The victim’s arms could be nailed to the cross at the wrists, which were also considered part of the hands. The arms could also be tied to the cross with ropes. The feet were always nailed to the cross.

Most crosses were no larger than nine feet tall. They would allow room at the top of the cross for a sign detailing the victim’s crime. This would put the feet of the victim only three feet or so off the ground. This would put Jesus only a few feet off the ground in front of the disciple John, his mother, and the soldiers who hurled insults at Jesus.

Many scholars attribute asphyxiation as a cause of death for crucifixion. You have to lift one-self up in order to exhale. The longer you hung on the cross, the more exhausted you became in order to exhale. The buildup of fluid around the heart and in the lungs would also cause congestive heart failure. This was seen after Jesus died, when a soldier pierced the side of Jesus and there was a water and blood that came out. The loss of fluids and dehydration would also contribute to hypovolemic shock. These factors worked against Jesus as he hung on the cross for six hours. What amazing love!

Jesus’ nail scarred hands are a perpetual reminder to God of his sacrifice for us. What took place at Calvary is hard to describe with words and the implications are too much to comprehend. There are various views of the Atonement that try to capture all that was accomplished at the cross. At times when we have done something sinful, we feel Christ as our substitute and have been comforted by the punishment he bore for us. At other times we have seen in his suffering the brokenness of our lives and amazed by his love that will not let us go. Other times we have been pushed to give selflessly to others out of debt and gratitude for what Jesus had done for us. His atoning work is amazing.

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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
Apr. 1	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	220	\$6,460

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, April 8, 2018

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

Our Sympathy is extended to... our McDonald Drive family as they mourn the death of long-time member, Joanne Buchannan.

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

Friends and Loved ones: Carolyn Starks' daughter, Sherri, as she mourns the death of her father; 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.
- **Wedding shower for Mike Crowder and Rachel Lewis**, this afternoon 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**, this evening at 6 p.m. The Drinnen's group will meet in the fellowship hall.
- **Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, April 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington.
- **Senior Servants** study and lunch, this Tues., April 10, 11 a.m.
- **Family volleyball**, this Wed., April 11, 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- **Connection Night**, Sun., April 15, 5 p.m. We will gather to get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **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 Crucifixion of King Jesus

Sunday Night:

Home Church 6 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Woody Holloway

Preside at Table: Steve Cooke

Greeters: B Pruet & D Chapman

Nursery: Cathy & Meredith Norris

Security: S Cooke & H Box



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 8 Aleta Esau

April 8 Sheila Riggs

April 11 Alyssa Estes

April 13 Jeff Hodges

April 13 Kevin Gillispie

April 15 Rory Daulton

Happy Birthday!!

Family Matters

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.



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