



“Conquering the Grave”

We are told that Jesus died at 3 p.m. The Jewish Sabbath would begin at sunset about three hours later, for the Jewish day ends and the new day begins at sunset. The body of Jesus was taken down and hurriedly prepared for burial before the Sabbath began. Joseph of Arimathea asked permission from Pilate to bury the body of Jesus. Permission was granted.

Mark tells us that Joseph was a “respected member of the council” (Mark 15:43). This council was the Sanhedrin, the one that condemned Jesus to death. Joseph was a good and righteous man and did not agree with their actions (Luke 23:50-51). John tells us that he was a secret disciple of Jesus out of fear of the Jews (John 19:38). Many Christians can relate to Joseph. They fear what others will think of them if they find out that they take their faith seriously. Have you ever been a secret disciple out of fear of what others might think of you?

The fear Joseph experienced while Jesus was alive left once Jesus was dead. We are told by John that Joseph was joined by the Jewish leader Nicodemus, another secret follower of Jesus, to help prepare and bury Jesus (John 19:39). Nicodemus brought with him one hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes. They quickly cleaned and wrapped the body of Jesus in a linen shroud. We are told that Joseph laid Jesus “in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock” (Matthew 27:60). A large stone was then rolled in front of the tomb to seal it. John tells us that the tomb was located in a garden.

We are told that Pilate set up a guard at the tomb because the Pharisees reported that Jesus had said he would rise from the dead. They worried that the disciples would try to take Jesus’ body and then spread the lie that Jesus had risen. But the disciples had no thought of this in mind. They were hiding behind closed doors from the authorities, fearful for their own lives. These men had left much to follow Jesus: homes, jobs, and time with family. They believed that Jesus was the Messiah. They had watched him work in amazing ways, and now all of their hopes and dreams had been crucified with Jesus. Their King was gone and now they were in despair.

Many of us know the feeling of the “day after;” the “day after” a loved one dies, or the “day after” the diagnosis of cancer. Others have experienced the “day after” a spouse walks out of the house never to return. The “day after” is a day where hope is not to be found. But a day later everything changes. On that Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene was the first to discover that the tomb was empty. It is fitting that it was Mary. She had been healed by Jesus early on in his ministry from demon possession. Word spread that the tomb was empty as Jesus began to make appearances to hundreds of people over forty days.

At first, the disciples could not believe their ears and eyes. But as Jesus ate with them, taught them, and as they touched his nail-scarred hands, they believed. He was alive. They might have deserted Jesus before the resurrection, but after it, never again. They would proclaim the good news to the world – the crucified Savior is raised from the grave. They would

face difficult days ahead, but they had hope. Christ is the victor! We can have this same hope today despite the pain and disorientation of the moment.

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

	weekly budget	\$4,062
Apr. 8	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	182	\$3,857

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God
Sunday, April 15, 2018

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Minister: Mark Brackney Ph: 523-1764

Secretaries: Becky Johnson Jennifer Tatum

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Sharon Galbreath and family; Danny Rider; 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: Hoyt Box's friend, Bill Hadder, diagnosed with cancer; Laura Owens' dad; Carolyn Stark's brother-in-law, Gary McEwan, in kidney failure; 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. 
- **Connection Night**, tonight at 5 p.m. We will gather to get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **Kingdom Kids** tomorrow, April 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Arlington.
- **Family volleyball**, this Wed., April 18, 8 to 9:30 p.m. 
- **Men will meet at Shoney's**, this 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 or can help with food. 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."* All are invited to attend. We will meet in the auditorium.

Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:
Life of Jesus Series
Conquering the Grave

Sunday Night:
Connection Night at 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

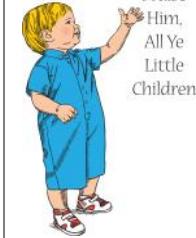
Opening Prayer: Alan Groves
Preside at Table: Jay Estes
Greeters: R Weldon & C Wallace
Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price
Security: T Mallicoat & C Coomer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 15 Rory Daulton
April 17 Paul Mallicoat
April 20 Sue Bivens
April 22 Kay Cavin
April 22 Wayne Shannon

Happy Birthday!! 

Family Matters



Praise Him,
All Ye Little Children

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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.



Caring Cards