



“Suffering for Christ”

As recorded in Acts 16, Paul and Silas are in the city of Philippi, sharing the good news of Jesus. Lydia and her family came to Christ and things are going well until Paul cast an unclean spirit out of a slave-girl. This incensed her owners, who made a profit due to her gift of fortune-telling, and Paul and Silas were arrested for violating another man’s property and disturbing the peace. They were beaten with rods, put in a jail cell, and locked in stocks. Instead of being mad at God about their situation, Paul and Silas were singing praises to God. How could they be singing hymns at a time like this? Paul and Silas knew that this beating and arrest was not God’s doing. They also knew that our faith doesn’t keep us from suffering or stop people from doing evil things. What our faith does, however, is change how we face suffering.

Next an earthquake occurred and the jailer came rushing in, afraid the prisoners had escaped. Roman soldiers were responsible for their inmates and if they escaped, the soldier could be tortured and killed. The jailer was ready to take his life, but Paul and Silas stopped him. The jailer was amazed that they did not try to escape. He must have been listening to the hymns because he asked the question: “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30). Paul and Silas responded: “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household” (16:31). The Lord Jesus came to save. We have been saved in the past from our sins. We are saved in the present, a continuing action in which God is saving us, something called sanctification. We are also saved in the future where we will be ultimately delivered from death.

Paul and Silas spoke “the word of the God” (16:32) to this man and his family. The invitation was then extended to believe in Jesus. This word “believe” comes from the Greek word *pisteuson*. It means mental assent to the truth of a statement, or it can mean trusting in a particular individual. In this case, the man is asked to affirm that Jesus is Lord, which means king or ruler – the highest authority. In the Greco/Roman world this word can be used for God, the emperor, or for high-ranking officials. Paul and Silas tell him that deliverance and salvation comes from believing that Jesus was *ton Kyrion*, “the Lord”.

Paul and Silas introduce Jesus to this man and his family and they must have talked about baptism because we are told after midnight they were baptized into Christ (Acts 16:33). After baptism, Paul and Silas were invited to eat a meal with the family. It was a time of joyful celebration. A new friendship in Christ had been forged. After this, they were then taken back to prison and released the next day. It is at this point that Paul makes mention that he was a Roman citizen and should not have been beaten without a trial.

Why would Paul and Silas not have spoken up earlier about his citizenship? I think it is likely because they wanted to make Jesus known in the prison. If they were not there overnight, the jailer and his family likely would not have become followers of Christ. Several years later, Paul wrote a letter back to the Philippian church. He actually wrote this letter from prison either in Rome or Ephesus. He mentioned that his time in jail served the purpose of advancing the gospel (Philippians 1:12-14). Bless those who suffer for Christ and His Kingdom. **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
Sept 16	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	158	\$5,792

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, September 23, 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

Our Sympathy is extended to: the Hullender family in the recent death of Edna.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Rick Case; Ben Cavin; Carolyn Starks; Danny Davis; Danny Rider; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Casey Owens; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Billie Bayles.

Friends and Loved ones: those affected by the hurricane; Danny Davis' grandson, John Kazewell; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; John McDougal; Ted Fields; Jerry Brackney; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Shane Mink; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Missy Essary; Deb & Rob Colones; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; David Hunter; Amy Smith; Brad Owens; Alice Bowen; Joyce Sanders' dad; Marlene Turner; the Wurtheisers; Randy Toney.

Shut-ins: Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; 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 Caring Cards Ministry table. 

- **Fourth Sunday fellowship**, today following our morning worship. All of our visitors are invited to join us.

- **Hope Central Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. 

- **Radiant Girls Conference**, this Sat., Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All girls from 6th to 12th grade, Hardin Valley Church, register online at: radiantconferenceknox.com
Cost is \$25 for early registration. 

- **Fifth Sunday Celebration of the Arts**, Sept. 30, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. See Alan Groves if you have a gift/talent you would like to share. 

- Mark you calendars for **Arlington Family Camp** at Hillbrook on Oct. 5th and 6th. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board. More details to follow. 

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- **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. 

Family News

Sermon Topics Today
Sunday Morning:

*Paul's Second Missionary
Journey-Part 2*

Sunday Night: Fourth Sunday
No Services Tonight

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Caleb Brackney, Pat Ramsey
Joe Croteau, David Giles, Bob DeWitt
Jonathan Cavin, Jedidiah Cavin

Opening Prayer: David Price

Preside at Table: Charles Owens

Greeters: S Galbreath & C Wallace

Nursery: L Potter & M Shannon

Security: B Gilliam & J Hoff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept 24 Tina McDougal
Sept 24 Jackson Gillispie
Sept 26 Grace Cooke
Sept 30 Shirley Waggoner

**Happy
Birthday!!**

Family Matters



You're Invited!

Please come to our WEI benefit dinner and give prayerful consideration to helping us teach thousands of more precious souls the TRUTH of God's word to students from EVERY country of the world. Hear about our obtainable "2020 VISION" to teach 290,000 Bible studies with 40,000 new students in the year 2020.

**Maryville Church of Christ
(Fellowship Hall)**

**Thursday evening, October 25th
6:30 to 8:00 pm**

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