



“Out of Slavery”

Jesus came to set humanity free from sin and spiritual death. When Jesus was born on Christmas day in the town of Bethlehem, the Jews living in Palestine were oppressed people. Rome controlled them. They were slaves in their own country. The Jews cried out year after year for deliverance. Between the last Old Testament book of Malachi and the first New Testament book of Matthew, you find four hundred years of history where there was no prophet. No prophet during that time had uttered a word from God. The people wondered if and when God would speak to them again. Each year the people celebrated Passover as they gathered as a nation to remember what God had done for them in the past. They longed for God to do what he had done in the past – deliver them.

In the Passover, they would remember when their ancient ancestors were enslaved in Egypt. They were enslaved for four hundred years. Here we have another four-hundred-year period of God’s inactivity or voice. But God showed up through Moses in powerful ways. We read of the burning bush, the ten plagues, the parting of the sea, the mana, and the battle of Jericho. During the Passover celebration, the dinner would include reading from Exodus and Deuteronomy. Note these words from Deut. 18:17-18: The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him."

This prophesy speaks of the coming of another prophet like Moses who will set them free. Moses and Jesus were both born at a time when a decree was issued that the babies were to be killed and threatened both of their lives. Both established covenants with the people. Both came to deliver their people after a quiet period of four hundred years.

So, the Jews were looking for someone like Moses. When John the Baptist showed up preaching, the people asked him: "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No" (John 1:21). If you look at the cross reference in your Bible for this verse, it points back to Deut. 18:18. John stated, "I am not the prophet you are looking for." Later, after Philip meets Jesus, he goes home to get his brother Nathaniel and he tells him: "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:45).

The first recorded sermon of Jesus in Luke’s gospel finds him in his hometown of Nazareth at the synagogue. He was given the scroll of Isaiah, written seven hundred years beforehand. Jesus turns to Isaiah 61 and reads: "The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus then says he fulfilled that Scripture (Luke 4:20). Moses came to set people free who were in physical bondage. Jesus came to set people free who were in spiritual bondage. We have good news to share: "A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). If sin has made you its slave, Jesus has come to set you free.

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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
Dec. 2	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	161	\$6,325

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
inform the Family of God

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Diana Yarborough recovering from surgery; Ben Cavin; Rick Case; Ronnie Weldon; Carolyn Starks; Danny Rider; Roger Mink; Terry Trent; Tom & Anita Drinnen; Clovis Taylor; Jerry Fittro.

Friends and Loved ones: Jerry Tallman; Marge Percell's sister, Carolyn; Jerry Brackney; Gordon Norman; Michael Maddox; Linda Graybeal; Edith Weldon's neighbor, Paul Phelps; Deb & Rob Colones; Faith Tindell; Heather Ream's mom, Linda; Janie Johnson's mother; David Hunter; Joyce Sanders' dad; the Werkheisers; Mark's friend, Troy Butler; Jalen Green's son; David Price's boss, Galen Gray; Lisa Potter's sister, Radha Smith.

Shut-ins: Rosaline Davis; Lynda Elliott; Peggy Mehlhorn; Kathryn Norman; Jessie Rutherford; Dan Trent.

Missionaries: Tom & Angie Langley; Tommy Drinnen.

Coming Soon

- **Present Hope**, today at our building from 2 to 5. We will start setting up at 12:30. See Tommy for details
- **Small groups**, tonight at 6 p.m.
- **Hope Central - Just Lead**, tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** will prepare and deliver Christmas baskets this Tues, Dec 11. They will meet at Chick Fil A at 9 a.m. then proceed to the building to prepare baskets
- **Christmas caroling** this Thurs. evening, Dec. 13. We will meet at the church building at 6 pm to carpool and go carol at some special locations.
- **Women's brunch and devo** at the Tiller's home this Sat., Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Bring your favorite brunch dish. See Lori Tiller for details. All of our ladies are invited.
- **In lieu of Connection Night** this month, we will have an old-fashioned gospel singing, Sun., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
- **Men meet at Shoney's** for breakfast Thurs., Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m.
- **Joe Croteau and Christina Stepien wedding**, Sat., Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
- **Winterfest** is February 15-17, 2019. Registration forms are due by Sun., December 30th.

*Mark your calendars for
Baby showers*

Liliana Burbano, Sun. Jan. 27 2 to 4 pm

Carly Rollings, Sun. Feb. 20 2 to 4 pm



Family News

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

*Christmas Lesson Two
"Out of Slavery"*

Sunday Night:

Small Groups 6 pm

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Ray Buttrey
Preside at Table: Casey Owens
Greeters: B Pruett & D Chapman
Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price
Security: J McDougal & J Turnbull

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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THIS WEEK

Dec 10 Roger Mink
Dec 11 Charles Owens
Dec 11 Luke Brackney
Dec 15 London DeBusk

Happy
Birthday!!



Family Matters

Holiday Schedule

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Christmas Caroling

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To carpool to special locations

Teen/College & families Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 22, 7 p.m. at the Estes home
Bring a pair of Christmas socks
for a gift exchange

No Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal on Dec. 23

No Evening Services on:

Sunday, December 23
Wednesday, December 26
Sunday, December 30

Collecting socks and candy canes
to be distributed to KARM residents
Put them in the collection box in the lobby

