



FAMILY NEWS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Classes

Auditorium Class: Andy Scott
Teens: Arpoika Daniels
4th - 6th Grade: Lani Renner
1st - 3rd Grade: Ginger Posey

3yr - K: Lynn Grimes
Nursery: Miranda Hays

Sermons

AM: Tim Smith
PM: Evening Bible Study - Jack Mattingly, Sr.

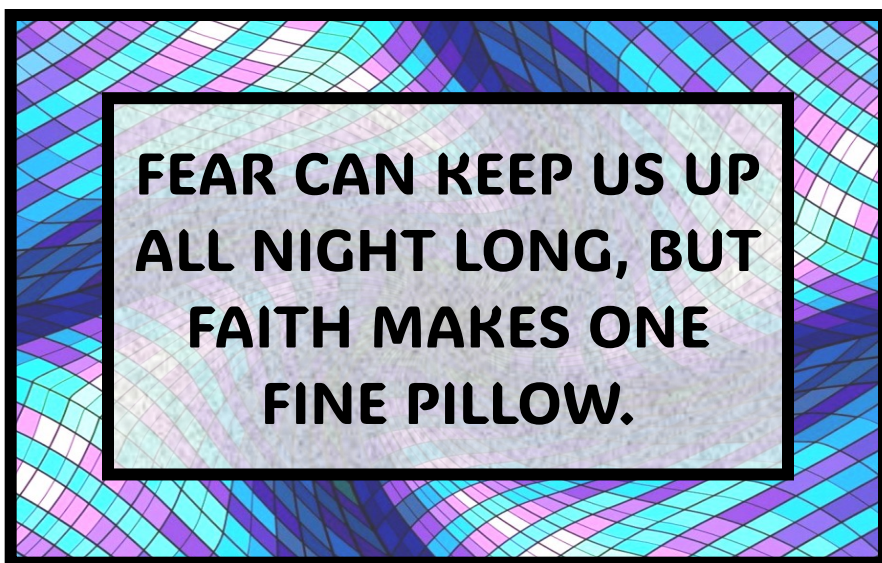


IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

Nov 10 – Morals Matter

Do morals matter in our culture? In a world where many people believe that morality is circumstantial rather than determined by God, people believe they can do as they please. God, however, will have the last say in matters of morality.



**FEAR CAN KEEP US UP
ALL NIGHT LONG, BUT
FAITH MAKES ONE
FINE PILLOW.**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

1 Chronicles 22-24 & John 3

Monday

1 Chronicles 25-27 & John 4:1-42

Tuesday

1 Chronicles 28-29 & John 4:43-54

Wednesday

2 Chronicles 1-3 & John 5:1-30

Thursday

2 Chronicles 4-6 & John 5:31-47

Friday

2 Chronicles 7-9 & John 6:1-24

Saturday

2 Chronicles 10-11 & John 6:25-71



**When life gives you more
than you can stand . . .**

Kneel

5:00
Bible Study

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 5:00 Bible study, hosted by Meal Group 1, in the fellowship room on Sunday, November 3rd.

In Our Hearts:

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24 (NIV)

Jess Ford had shoulder surgery on Thursday, October 24th. She will be in a sling for 4 weeks and have several weeks of physical therapy.

McKenna Lane, granddaughter of Andy and Catherine Scott, had surgery on her back on Saturday, October 26th, to repair injuries she sustained in a car accident on Friday, October 25th. The surgery went well.

David Johnson, Steve Johnson's father, fell on Monday, October 28th, and suffered two broken arms.

Larry Waddell, Lee Daniels, mother of Arpoika Daniels, Pat Joslin & Barbara McKinney, sisters of Sue Alexander, LaRohnda Jones & Mary Ray, nieces of Johna Myers, Kenny Brewer, Sue Alexander, Talhia Vanlandingham, Steve Lashley, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell, Shirley Carson, the late Wayne Maxell's sister

Let's remember our shut-ins: *Peggy Jackson and Carolyn Self*

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of former long time member Shelby Hughes. Shelby passed away on Wednesday, October 23rd. A graveside service for family members only is planned.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Sahara Renner and Laney Griffin and their Seminole High School Color Guard Group Ensemble for receiving a Superior 1 rating and being awarded Best Overall at the Checotah Superior Competition on Saturday, October 26th!

FAITH: A TRUSTING EXPECTATION THAT GOD IS GOING TO KEEP HIS WORD, AND KNOWING HE WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN.

Time With Tim

Putting on the Whole Armor of God: Lessons from a Roman Soldier

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

As we navigate the challenges of life, the metaphor of a Roman soldier's armor provides us with powerful imagery for spiritual protection. The Apostle Paul, drawing from his experiences and surroundings, instructs us in Ephesians 6:10-18 to "put on the whole armor of God" so that we can stand firm against the enemy. Let's explore the pieces of armor and their significance in our daily battles.

1. The Belt of Truth: Just as a soldier's belt holds everything together, truth anchors our faith. In a world filled with deception, committing ourselves to God's truth helps us remain steadfast and secure.
2. The Breastplate of Righteousness: This piece protects the heart, symbolizing the importance of living a righteous life. When we pursue holiness and integrity, we shield ourselves from guilt and shame, allowing us to stand confidently before God.
3. Footwear of Readiness: A soldier must be ready to move swiftly into battle. Our readiness comes from the gospel of peace, preparing us to share the good news and advance God's kingdom wherever we go.
4. The Shield of Faith: This shield is crucial for extinguishing the fiery darts of doubt and temptation that the enemy throws our way. A strong faith acts as a barrier, helping us trust in God's promises, even when circumstances seem dire.
5. The Helmet of Salvation: Protecting our minds, this helmet reminds us of our identity in Christ. When we remember that we are saved and loved, we can resist the enemy's attacks on our thoughts and emotions.
6. The Sword of the Spirit: The only offensive weapon in this armor, the sword represents the Word of God. Knowing Scripture empowers us to counter the enemy's lies and guide our actions and decisions.
7. Prayer: Paul concludes by emphasizing the importance of prayer in this battle. Just as a soldier relies on communication with command, we must stay connected to God, seeking His guidance and strength.

As we don this armor each day, let's remember that it's not just about individual pieces but the complete set. Together, they prepare us for the spiritual battles we face and empower us to live boldly for Christ.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. Isaiah 54:17

Trusting God Through the Storms

Storms can be frightening. Lightning and thunder can be a bit terrifying when it gets close. Flood waters can overwhelm, winds can level, and human beings can only run and hide. We wonder why at times, but we are reminded that we are not the ones who control nature. We are humbled as we find ourselves under the power of what nature can do.

Yet there is One far more powerful than nature because He is the One “who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth” (Acts 17:24). He is the One who “enclosed the sea with doors,” placed boundaries upon it said, “Thus far you shall come, but no farther; and here shall your proud waves stop” (Job 38:8-11). This is the God who “measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance, and the hills in a pair of scales” (Isa 40:12).

We often worry about what we cannot change, yet that worry can become misplaced because, after all, “who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?” (Matt 6:27). There often seems to be a correlation between the amount of worry we have over against how much we learn to trust God. We do not control nature, but we can trust the One who does. This doesn’t make it easy, but it does remind us of the importance of keeping a perspective that looks beyond what we physically see.

Two passages connect thoughts to remind us that we need to trust God through the storms we face (physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally):

1. Psalm 107 speaks of those who had rebelled against God, then shows that they found relief and deliverance when they trusted in God. Verses 23-30 mention those who go down in ships and saw the wonders of the Lord, becoming frightened when storms arose in the seas. They were “at their wit’s end,” and the text continues:

“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distresses.
He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they were quiet, so He guided them to their desired haven” (Vv. 28-30).

2. Mark 4:35-41 describes the disciples getting into a boat on the Sea of Galilee. A fierce wind arose and the

waves were breaking over the side of the boat. While the disciples became frightened, Jesus was asleep. The disciples woke Him up: “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

The reader might notice the connection between these two passages as the events of Mark 4 echo what we find in Psalm 107. In both passages, we see these similarities: people are in boats; a storm arises; they became afraid (courage melted away); they cried to the Lord for help; the Lord stills the storm and the waters are quiet. In Psalm 107, Yahweh has power over nature and quiet the storms. Notice, then, how the Mark 4 account ends: “They became very much afraid and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?’” (v. 41)

Here is a miracle worked by Jesus wherein Jesus is doing things that God does. He is showing His power over nature. Who is this? This is God in the flesh, and this miracle demonstrated once again that “God with us” is fulfilled in Christ. This should not now be a surprise, for Scripture also shows that all things were in fact made through Jesus: “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being” (John 1:3); “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him” (Col 1:16). Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, His power over nature is intrinsic. He made it.

Who, then, shall we trust when the storms hit? As I write this, we await a powerful hurricane, named Milton, heading in our direction. We don’t know yet what the result will be, though we expect it to be serious. We don’t always understand why storms like this come, but we need (I need) to be reminded that God holds the waters in the hollow of His hand. Whether He quiets the storm sooner or later we do not know. Whether He delivers now or later, we can trust that He alone is in the position of knowing all the what’s, when’s, why’s, and how’s. Deliverance, for us, is not simply a physical event; it is an eternal blessing fully realized in His presence. May God help us to place our trust in Him through the storms.

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**Worship & Bible Study
Schedule**

AM

Sunday 9:30 - Bible Class

Sunday 10:30 - Worship

PM

Sunday 5:00 - Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 - Bible Study

Worship Workers**November 3****In Charge:** Jim Hardin (405-380-7335)**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Jack Mattingly**Closing Prayer:** Paul Alexander**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Arpoika Daniels**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nuben Barton**Scripture Reading:** Jerry Renner**Heritage House****Thursday, November 7**

Betty Smith &
Kay Lashley

November Nursery Attendants

Nov 3 - Kay Lashley

Nov 10 - Debbie Crane

Nov 17 - Emma Noey

Nov 24 - Ginger Posey

November Worship & Bible Class Greeters**North Doors:** Betty Smith & Beverly Ramsey**South Doors:** Paul & Sue Alexander