



FAMILY NEWS

NOVEMBER 10, 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: Arpoika Daniels
PM: Evening Bible Study - Jack Mattingly, Sr.



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

Nov 17 – Being With Christ

Being with Christ is so much better than being without Him. In this lesson we will explore the joy and the blessing of having a close, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. In Christ we have blessings now and blessings in the life to come.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

2 Chronicles 13-14 & John 7:1-24

Monday

2 Chronicles 15-16 & John 7:25-53

Tuesday

2 Chronicles 17-18 & John 8:1-30

Wednesday

2 Chronicles 19-20 & John 8:31-59

Thursday

2 Chronicles 21-22 & John 9

Friday

2 Chronicles 23-24 & John 10:1-21

Saturday

2 Chronicles 25-27 & John 10:22-42

“Life with God is not
immunity from
difficulties, but peace in
difficulties.”

~C.S. Lewis

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 (NIV)

**REAL PEACE IS FOUND IN WALKING
WITH GOD AND TRUSTING HIM.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

MEAL GROUP 2 WILL HOST OUR 5:00 BIBLE STUDY

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)

Please continue to remember those on our long term prayer list. If you see names that need to be removed or if you know of names that need to be added, please give that information to the office.

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*

Information to Share?: If you have news, accomplishments, events or updates you would like to share with the congregation please give your information to the church office. We will add you information to the next bulletin!

Attention: The list of worship workers for each month will now be posted on the office window. Please check the list so you are aware of when you are scheduled to serve.

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, texts, meals, and help through Joe's healing after his accident. We are truly so thankful to have family like you with your love, care, and generosity.



In Christian Love,
The Hays Family

**I want to be so anchored in
Christ that chaos around me
does not produce chaos
within me.**



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

Politics and the Gospel

Is the gospel political? No... and yes. This takes a little unpacking. As we think about this, please understand that this is not about who to vote for in a current election cycle. This is about timeless principles that Christians need to understand in any given time and within any given nation.

To the question, is the gospel political? First, no. The gospel is not about parties and political power. It is not a brand of worldly government, for it transcends all governments (see [Isa 2:1-4](#); [Dan 2:44-45](#)). We can be Christians regardless of the political system under which we live; indeed Christians around the world live under a variety of systems. Some are more friendly than others, of course, and we do support freedom (cf. [1 Pet 2:16](#)), but we do not require a specific form of government to be what we are as followers of Christ. Even among the first disciples of Jesus, Simon the Zealot (who would have been vehemently opposed to the Roman Empire) and Matthew the tax collector (who worked for the Romans) would have needed to drop political differences to serve Jesus.

As Christians, we submit to governing authorities (so long as we are not being required to do what the Lord forbids, [Acts 5:29](#)), we pray for those in positions of leadership, and we desire quiet, tranquil lives as we strive to be lights in a dark world ([Rom 13:1-7](#); [1 Tim 2:1-4](#); [Matt 5:14-16](#); [Phil 2:14-16](#)). The Lord wants all to be saved eternally ([1 Tim 2:4](#); [2 Pet 3:9](#)), and that is more important than any temporal leader who will be gone and out of power again within a few years. We are first citizens of heaven ([Phil 3:20](#)). Christians need to keep things in perspective and understand their need to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (cf. [Matt 6:33](#)).

Again, we ask, is the gospel political? Second, on the other hand, yes. The gospel does speak to matters that will impact any government, and if individuals in government became Christians then that would certainly affect their behavior and the way they vote, what they support, and how they operate. We do care about moral issues and will seek to encourage doing what is right. The greatest issue here has to do with the fact that Jesus Christ is our King ([Isa 52:7](#)). Over against all worldly dominions, the Kingship of Jesus and His kingdom rule will challenge any government that might harm His people. To see that, read the book of Revelation and see God's power and sovereignty over the dragon and beasts that manifest themselves in the ungodly Babylon. The King of kings and Lord of lords will not be usurped

by any political beast of this world (see esp. [Rev 16-19](#)). God's kingdom outlasts all.

When our allegiance is called into question, and it will be, our commitment is always to be the Lord first; this should never be in question. That may mean at some point a public reproof of worldly leaders who wish to control religion. It may mean public testing as to whether we are truly allegiant to Christ as Lord, and that could trigger physical persecutions. Yet our loyalty to the Lord must be firm and unwavering even as we are tested and tempted to give in to the world.

Two prime principles should help Christians navigate through the various political systems of this world, whatever they may be:

1. Worldly powers are ultimately in God's hands. "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings" ([Dan 2:21](#)). Likewise, "the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes and sets over it the lowliest of men" ([Dan 4:17](#)). At the end of the day, God has this, and Christians need to trust Him as in all matters.

2. Christians, as citizens of heaven above all else, are also to be valuable citizens wherever they live on earth. Even as God's people had gone into Babylonian exile because of their sins, they were nevertheless told to build houses and plant gardens, to get married and have children. "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare" ([Jer 29:7](#)). This is an important principle for God's people. Though we long for our eternal home with God, we live in our present circumstances by God's will and to do God's will on earth as it is in heaven ([Matt 6:10](#)). We ought to be a blessing to the nation in which we live and demonstrate our love for neighbors. Any political activity, then, needs to have this principle in mind so that ultimately God is glorified.

Christians need not fret over what's happening in this world. We address problems. We identify issues. We try to make an impact on those around us. We work to win others to Christ. We seek the welfare of where we live and we trust God to work out the details, for all worldly leaders are ultimately in His hands.

- Doy Moyer

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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 10****In Charge:** Jim Hardin (405-380-7335)**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Tim Smith**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Bob Swearingen**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Jim Hardin**Scripture Reading:** Paul Alexander**Heritage House****Thursday, November 14**Maureen Richardson &
Debbie Ernst**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