



# FAMILY NEWS

## NOVEMBER 17, 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.



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#### Next Sunday on Search:

#### Nov 24 – In Uncertain Times

What should we do in these uncertain times? How can we give thanks? Life is filled with questions we cannot answer at the present. When we are uncertain, we must learn to trust in God and lean upon Him.

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

2 Chronicles 28-29 & John 11:1-16

##### Monday

2 Chronicles 30-31 & John 11:17-57

##### Tuesday

2 Chronicles 32-33 & John 12:1-19

##### Wednesday

2 Chronicles 34-36 & John 12:20-50

##### Thursday

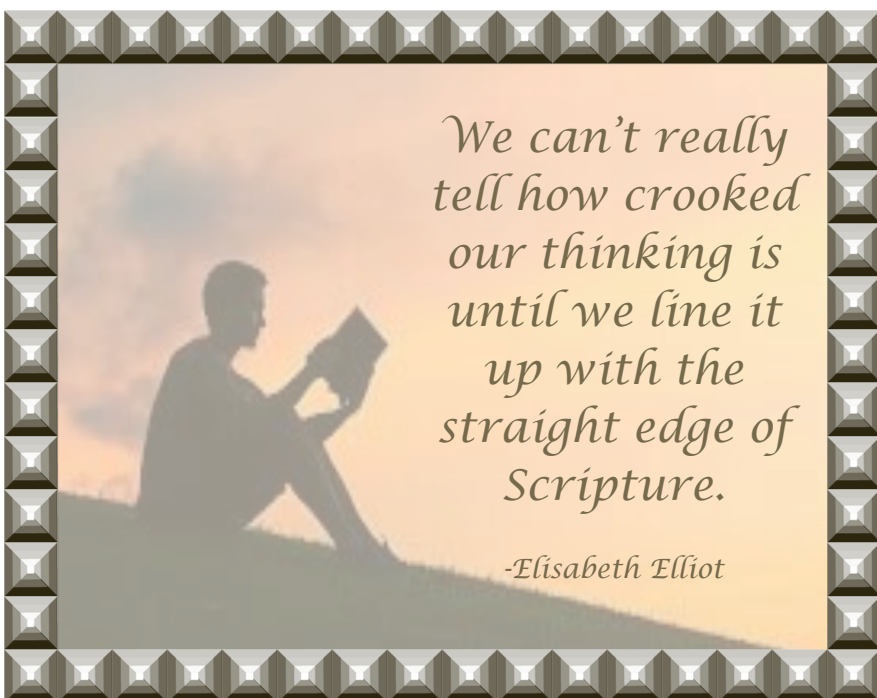
Ezra 1-2 & John 13:1-20

##### Friday

Ezra 3-5 & John 13:21-38

##### Saturday

Ezra 6-8 & John 14



*<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)*

**CHANGE BEGINS WHEN WE ALIGN OUR THOUGHTS WITH GOD'S TRUTH.**



#### Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Sunday, November 24th - No Potluck Luncheon  
Wednesday, November 27th - No Midweek Bible Class  
Sunday, December 1st - No 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)*

David Johnson, father of Steve Johnson, continues to have health issues as he recovers from both arms being broken.

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*

**5:00 Bible Study:** Make plans to attend our 5:00 Bible study on Sunday, November 17th in the fellowship room. Meal Group 3 will be hosting the meal and Jack Mattingly will be presenting our lesson.

**Instant Church Directory:** Now is a great time to download our church directory through the *Instant Church Directory* app on any of your smart devices! Once installed, the directory has all the information you need to stay in contact with members of our congregation! If you need assistance installing the directory see Lynn Grimes.

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BRUSH UP ON YOUR BIBLE.

### Time With Tim

#### Recognizing the Enemy: A Call to Discernment

*"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." 1 Peter 5:8-9*

Discernment is the ability to judge well or make wise decisions, especially in distinguishing between right and wrong, truth and falsehood. In a spiritual context, it often refers to the process of seeking God's guidance to understand His will and recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit versus the enemy's tactics. It involves being sensitive to spiritual truths, understanding the motivations behind actions, and having insight into situations that may not be immediately obvious. Discernment is crucial for navigating life's challenges and making choices that align with faith and integrity.

In our spiritual journey, understanding how to recognize the enemy is essential for living a faithful life. The Bible reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12). Here are a few ways to identify the enemy's tactics and protect our hearts and minds:

1. Know the Word: The enemy often twists Scripture to create doubt and confusion (Matthew 4:1-11). Regularly studying the Bible helps us discern truth from deception. Equip yourself with God's Word, so you can recognize when something doesn't align with His teachings.
2. Watch for Division: The enemy thrives on discord (James 3:16). Be mindful of any thoughts or actions that sow seeds of division among believers. Unity in Christ is a powerful testimony to the world.
3. Discern Motives: The enemy disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Not every opportunity that seems good is from God. Pray for wisdom and seek counsel from mature Christians to discern the true source of guidance.
4. Guard Your Heart: The enemy attacks our hearts through fear, anxiety, and temptation (1 Peter 5:8). Stay vigilant and grounded in prayer, seeking God's peace and strength to resist.
5. Encourage One Another: We are not meant to face our struggles alone (Hebrews 10:24-25). Encourage and support each other in the faith, helping to shine a light on any areas where the enemy might be attempting to gain a foothold.

As we navigate our daily lives, let's commit to being alert and aware of the enemy's schemes. Through prayer, Scripture, and community, we can stand firm in our faith, recognizing the true source of our strength: Christ alone. Together, let's uphold each other in love and discernment.

*"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*

# Thinking Through Social Interaction

We live in a world of social interaction where so much of that comes through what we term social media. The internet and tech world has given multiple ways to communicate (email, texting, messaging, public posting, etc.), and Christians need to think about how they operate in such a world. While there are various points of etiquette we might want to observe, Christians ought to know that all interaction needs to be characterized by kindness, grace, love, and truth (Col 4:2-4; Eph 4:14-15, 31-32). Whether in writing, in speech, or in any interaction with others, we need to be disciples of Jesus and act appropriately to glorify Him, knowing that love does no harm to a neighbor (Rom 13:8-10). To that end, here are some suggestions for social interaction:

1. We don't have to comment on everything we disagree with. People will be okay without our constant input. Sometimes we can just walk away and move on to something else (See Prov 19:11).

2. We need to give the benefit of any doubt when we first hear something instead of having knee-jerk reactions. Love "believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-8). Let's start by assuming the best instead of the worst in someone.

3. If we believe that we have the right to speak up, we need to allow others that same right. We know this as freedom of speech, which we all cherish. Biblically, it is simply a common courtesy of treating others as we would want to be treated (Matt 7:12). If something false is said, we can address it appropriately.

4. We should never try to push or bully others who differ with us. If we leave the impression that we are bitter, angry people who just push our way through others, we will lose ground in the cause of Christ. We are to be gentle, letting our reasonable nature be seen (Phil 4:4).

5. We need to show that the Kingdom of Jesus is inclusive of all peoples and nations. This doesn't mean the toleration of what is sinful (cf. Eph 5:11), but it does mean that we need to be those who embody God's desire that "in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him" (Acts 10:35). If we show partiality in our interaction so we exclude those whom we ought to be teaching, then we are not showing forth the true gospel of our Lord (see James 2).

6. We need to listen, read, and pay attention before making snap judgments. Proverbs 18:13 reminds us, "He who gives

an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him." Reacting to others, including headlines, without hearing it out and knowing what is really being said, does not bode well for honest discussion. If we have missed something in our communication, we need to be open to being shown the truth.

7. There is much in the world of social interaction for which we need to be very careful. There are misinformation, fabricated stories, and other ways in which faulty ideas get passed along. We need to avoid hasty generalizations and getting too worked up over something that turns out to be false. That can hurt many people. Be careful how you hear.

8. If others disagree with us, we should avoid being morally outraged and angry. We ought to be willing to discuss calmly. We want to make arguments and try to persuade others (2 Cor 5:11), but just getting mad because someone takes a view different is not conducive to understanding one another.

9. We must avoid hurling insults at those who disagree with us. Be respectful and honorable. As far as it concerns us, we must seek to be at peace with all (Rom 12:18; 14:19). How did Jesus react to those who hurled insults at Him? (See 1 Pet 2:21-24.)

10. Christians must avoid gossiping. We don't want to hurt others just because we hear something that sounds concerning, interesting, or bad. We do not rejoice in the downfall of others and then eagerly pass along that information because it gives us a sense of pleasure. Love "does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Cor 13:6). Again, we want to treat others as we would like to be treated. If we are truly concerned about a situation, we should be willing to go to the persons in question so that we can minimize potential damage.

11. We need to be careful not to get angry when others tell us what we need to hear for our own good. It may be that my behavior or attitude needs to be addressed, and true friends will do just that (cf. Prov 27:6). Further, we need to be careful not to take everything personally so that we are easily offended (Eccl 7:21).

12. Above all, we must seek to glorify God in all that we do (cf. 1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17). We need to interact with others in the name of Christ and to the glory of God, letting our lights shine in a dark world (Phil 2:14-16).

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Jerry Renner  
Bob Swearingen

**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 17****In Charge:** Jim Hardin (405-380-7335)**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott**Song Leader:** Tim Smith**Opening Prayer:** Steve Johnson**Closing Prayer:** Nuben Barton**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Gil Turpin**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Syd Morgan**Scripture Reading:** Syd Morgan**Heritage House****Thursday, November 21**Beverly Ramsey &  
Betty Smith**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