



# FAMILY NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2, 2025

### 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.

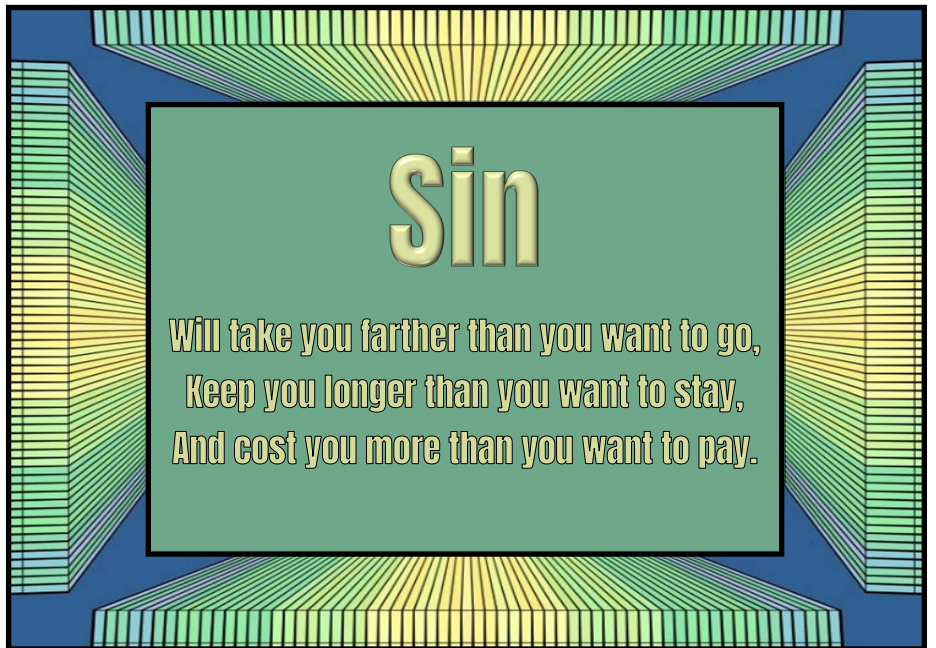


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#### Next Sunday on Search:

#### Feb 9 – Healthy Christianity

What makes a Christian healthy biblically and practically is listening and loving the Lord and His ways. Healthy Christians make healthy churches, but unhealthy Christians cause chaos and lead the lost to reject the church.



*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 6:23 (NIV)*

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

Exodus 29-30 & Luke 18:18-43

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Exodus 31-33 & Luke 19:1-27

##### Tuesday

Exodus 34-35 & Luke 19:28-48

##### Wednesday

Exodus 36-38 & Luke 20:1-26

##### Thursday

Exodus 39-40 & Luke 20:27-47

##### Friday

Leviticus 1-3 & Luke 21:1-19

##### Saturday

Leviticus 4-5 & Luke 21:20-38

The Devil doesn't come at you through your front door. He looks for cracks in your foundation.



We will be hosting the Area Wide Teen Gathering next Sunday, February 9th. ✨

## In Our Hearts:

*"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you." Psalm 86:5 (NIV)*

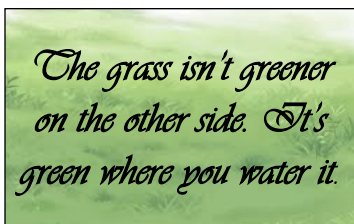
Peggy Jackson was taken to the emergency room on Wednesday, January 22nd, after suffering a fall. She had no broken bones but sustained some bruising.

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:** Our sympathy is extended to Betty and Steve Johnson in the loss of Betty's uncle, Ken Towery. Ken passed away on Wednesday, January 22nd.

**5:00 Bible Study:** Meal Group 4 will be in charge of our February 2nd evening Bible study. The following Sunday, January 9th, there will be no 5:00 Bible study due to the Area Wide Teen Gathering we will be hosting that evening.



Dear Church of Christ at Seminole,

Thank you for the generous \$500 donation to MaMa's Christ Van. Your contribution to this ministry was much needed and very much appreciated. We are grateful you chose this ministry to help. Please keep us in your prayers. God Bless.

*(The elders approved a \$500 donation to MaMa's Christ Van on the 6th of January)*

Daniel and Jennifer  
w/ MaMa's Christ Van

## Time With Tim

### The Blessing of Being a Child of God

**"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"**  
1 John 3:1

As children of God, we are blessed beyond measure. This special relationship is not just a title but a reality that shapes our lives here on earth and prepares us for an eternal inheritance in heaven.

#### Blessings We Receive as God's Children:

1. Love and Identity: Being God's child means we are deeply loved and cherished by Him. This love defines who we are and gives us worth (Romans 8:16).
2. Guidance and Protection: Like a good father, God provides direction through His Word and protects us from harm, leading us along His paths (Psalm 23:1-3).
3. Access to God in Prayer: As His children, we have the privilege of approaching God with confidence, knowing He hears and answers us (Matthew 7:7-11).

#### Our Inheritance as God's Children:

Romans 8:17 says, "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..." This means that just as Jesus was raised to eternal life and glory, we too will share in that inheritance. It includes eternal life (John 3:16), joy, and peace in God's presence forever (Revelation 21:3-4). Think of a family heirloom passed down through generations—its value increases not because of its material worth, but because of the love and connection it represents. As children of God, our inheritance is infinitely greater: it is spiritual, eternal, and flows from His boundless love. Being God's child is a life-transforming blessing. It gives us hope, purpose, and a future filled with His glory. Let's live daily in gratitude for this amazing gift.

**"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."**  
Galatians 3:29

# The Prophet Without Honor

Teachers often find it difficult to go back home and talk with those who have known them. This was no different for Jesus. When He went to his hometown of Nazareth with the disciples, He taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark tells us, "...and many who heard him were astonished, saying, 'Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offense at him" (Mark 6:2-3). Though Jesus was home, the people were not ready to listen.

Why would people who knew Jesus take offense at Him for teaching and healing among them? Why would they react so negatively toward Him? They indicated that they knew Jesus from His childhood. They knew the family. He was supposed to be just like them. How could He have such power and authority? For various reasons, people often won't pay close attention to someone they have known from youth. Jesus states it in these familiar words: "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household" (vs. 4). It is difficult for one coming back home to teach like this. Could they only see Jesus as a younger boy or teen? They might have been happy to have His company, but Jesus' purpose was not just to have a visit home. He was there to teach and heal, and this took them by surprise because this is someone they knew. Teachers are often without honor in their own home.

Jesus was indeed a prophet without honor among his own people. They would not see Jesus for who He really is. They saw Him as a product of the town. He was the son of a carpenter, a son of Mary, and a brother to other siblings, but to see Him as the Son of God was beyond their grasp. They could not reconcile what they knew about Him in His youth with what they were now seeing and hearing. The miracles and teachings of Jesus were more than they were ready to handle. They were so stubborn that the miracles of Jesus did not convince them, and Jesus "marveled because of their unbelief" (v. 6). Think about it: disbelief in the face of such strong evidence caused the Lord to marvel!

Mark indicated the purpose for his gospel account up front. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). He wanted people to see Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. To see that, we must hear Jesus. We must see His works for what

they are. In our distractions, we may focus on things that are irrelevant and carnal. Jesus can appear to get in our way and we might take offense at His teachings and works. Is it possible that we can end up like those in Nazareth?

Jesus was God's true Prophet. Through Moses, God promised that there would arise a prophet like Moses, and "you shall listen to him" (Deut 18:15-22). God wanted the people to listen to all of His prophets, of course, but usually they did not. Prophets were often rejected by the very people who knew they should listen, and they suffered the consequences of refusing to hear.

God expects us to hear Jesus. "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world" (Heb 1:1-2). Because of who Jesus is, we need to pay attention: "See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven" (Heb 12:25).

The prophet was to speak forth God's message. "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him" (John 7:18). Yet Jesus was no ordinary prophet. He was the Son of God, who Himself deserved the same honor as the Father (John 5:23).

Do we see Jesus as a prophet with honor or without honor? The proof of how we see Jesus will be found in the way that we live. If we have sanctified Him as Lord in our hearts (1 Pet 3:15), our lives will reflect that commitment. Jesus will be Lord over our lives completely. His authority will permeate everything we do. We won't be distracted by the irrelevant, and "Son of God" will be our constant confession. "Hear Him!"

- Doy Moyer

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Jerry Renner  
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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****February 2****In Charge:** Jack Mattingly (405-380-2510)**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Arpoika Daniels**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Gil Turpin**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nuben Barton**Scripture Reading:** Andy Scott**Heritage House****Thursday, February 6**

Betty Smith &  
Kay Lashley

**February Nursery Attendants**

Feb 2 - Ashley Noey

Feb 9 - Debbie Crane

Feb 16 - Kay Lashley

Feb 23 - Ginger Posey

**February Worship & Bible Class Greeters****North Doors:** Paul & Sue Alexander**South Doors:** Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan