



# FAMILY NEWS

## JANUARY 19, 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: Arpoika Daniels  
PM: Evening Bible Study - Jack Mattingly, Sr.



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**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

#### Next Sunday on Search:

##### Jan 26 – What Is Obedience?

What does it mean to obey the Lord, and does the Lord expect us to obey Him strictly? Can I substitute what I like for what God commands? If I follow religious leaders, have I followed God and obeyed His will?

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

Genesis 46-48 & Luke 10:1-24

##### Monday

Genesis 49-50 & Luke 10:25-42

##### Tuesday

Exodus 1-3 & Luke 11:1-28

##### Wednesday

Exodus 4-6 & Luke 11:29-54

##### Thursday

Exodus 7-8 & Luke 12:1-34

##### Friday

Exodus 9-11 & Luke 12:35-39

##### Saturday

Exodus 12-13 & Luke 13

When you feel there is no hope,  
look to God,  
take His hand and let Him  
lead the way.

Be still and know that He is God.

<sup>29</sup>He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will  
soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will  
walk and not be faint.

*Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV)*

Fight all your battles on your knees and  
you win every time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

MEAL GROUP 3 WILL HOST OUR 5:00 BIBLE STUDY

## In Our Hearts:

*"Urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone." 1 Tim. 2:1 (NIV)*

As you go to God each day in prayer, please remember to lift up the names of those on our long term prayer list to Him.

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*

**Potluck Luncheon:** Next Sunday, January 26th, will be our end-of-the-month potluck luncheon after morning services. Brothers Keeper Group 1 will be in charge of set-up and clean-up. A brief devotional will follow our meal and there will be no 5:00 Bible study.

**Food Collection:** There are collection boxes in the foyer for canned goods and non-perishable items for MaMa's Christ Van. This pantry helps feed the needy in Seminole. The final collection day will be next Sunday, January 26th.

**Plan Ahead:** The Seminole Church of Christ will be hosting the Area Wide Teen Gathering on Sunday, February 9th. Make plans now to attend and help in anyway needed to make this event a success for the youth of our congregation.

***In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings*** - Lisa Heckman

### Time With Tim

#### Leaving a Legacy to God

*"The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot."*  
Proverbs 10:7

A legacy is what we leave behind—not just in possessions or accomplishments but in the impact our lives have on others. For Christians, a godly legacy is about influencing others for Christ, pointing them to God's truth, and living in a way that glorifies Him. While earthly legacies fade, a spiritual legacy endures, echoing into eternity.

The Bible is full of examples of individuals who left godly legacies. Consider Timothy, whose faith was nurtured by his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5). Their dedication to teaching him about God ensured that he would carry their faith into the next generation. Similarly, Jesus' apostles devoted their lives to sharing the gospel, leaving behind a foundation for the church that continues to this day (Ephesians 2:19-20).

Leaving a legacy for God means living with purpose. Psalm 78:4 encourages us to "tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done." Whether teaching children, encouraging fellow believers, or being a light in your community, every action rooted in faith can impact others.

What kind of legacy are we building? Is it one that reflects God's love and truth? Through service, mentorship, and steadfast faith, we can leave a legacy that honors God and inspires others to follow Him. Let us live in such a way that our legacy leads others closer to the Lord and glorifies His name.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*  
Matthew 25:23

# What Does Godly Wisdom Require?

Living in any given culture and time requires that we have the wisdom and will to be what we ought to be for the Lord. Serving the Lord is not just about obeying a few commandments. Rather, it is a lifelong commitment to be faithful, loyal, and true to the end (cf. [Rev 2:10](#)). Developing a heart for wisdom cannot be stressed enough ([Prov 2:2](#)), and this begins with the fear of the Lord ([Prov 9:10](#)). This wisdom of which we speak is not just any wisdom, but that which is from above ([James 3:17](#)), given by God and curated by those who seek for peace and righteousness from Him.

Scripture contains far more wisdom than can be summarized. However, here are a few matters to consider as we all strive to better understand and develop the wisdom from God. Godly wisdom requires, at the least, the following:

1. An understanding of the times in which we live so that we can know what we should do. [1 Chronicles 12:32](#) contains this golden statement about certain men of the tribe of Issachar: they were “men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.” Each time has its unique features, and living with an understanding of our culture and times is critical so that we may know how we ought to respond. We are not to bury our heads in the proverbial sand, but should keep an eye on culture so we may address the issues of our day and make the wisest decisions in response to it. In a similar vein, Paul wrote, “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” ([Col 4:5-6](#)).

2. Discernment, the ability to judge between right and wrong. Discernment is a key feature of godly wisdom. “The wise of heart is called discerning” ([Prov 16:21](#)). This is the ability to judge between good and bad, right and wrong. Without it, we will be awash in a sea of decisions without a rudder. This is so particularly in matters that are not specifically stated. We are told, for example, that the listed works of the flesh include “things like these” ([Gal 5:21](#)). Knowing what these are requires this ability to discern and weed out the wrong from the right. The Hebrews writer said that the mature “have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil” ([Heb 5:14, ESV](#)). This is why learning principles is so vital to godly decision-making as they undergird other choices we make throughout life.

3. The desire to make decisions that glorify God ([1 Cor 10:31](#)). Wisdom connects to our motivations. Why do we do what we do? Are we acting out of desire to glorify and please self, or do we seek to glorify God? If we are to glorify God even in our eating and drinking, then all else that we do ought to be done to His glory as well. If we can’t say we are doing what we do to glorify God, then we should rethink the choices. “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” ([Col 3:17](#)).

4. The fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of both knowledge and wisdom ([Prov 1:7; 9:10](#)). The fear of God is that reverence and respect for Him that should lead us to submit to His will. Respecting God is foundational in everything else we do. To fear Him and keep His commandments is what this is all about ([Ecc 12:13-14](#)). Without this respect, there is no wisdom, and without this wisdom, there can be no rock-solid foundation for life (cf. [Matt 7:24-27](#)).

5. The willingness to listen and learn ([Prov 1:5](#)). Fools hate knowledge and wisdom. They think they already know it all, so they don’t need to listen to anyone else, especially if it runs contrary to what they want. “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice” ([Prov 12:15](#)). “Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence. The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor” ([Prov 15:32-33](#)).

We should see that these points are interconnected. Godly wisdom entails them all together, and more. In our search for doing the Lord’s will, never overlook the importance of the role of wisdom. This goes beyond a legalistic, “Can I do this?” to a more pragmatic, “Should I do this?” The latter plays a much larger role in our decision-making than we might recognize. “Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” ([Eph 5:15-17](#)). May God help us as we seek the wisdom from above ([James 1:5](#)).

- 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****January 19****In Charge:** Syd Morgan (405-380-7406)**Welcome AM:** Syd Morgan**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Tim Smith**Closing Prayer:** Gil Turpin**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Bob Swearingen**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Syd Morgan**Scripture Reading:** Jack Mattingly**Heritage House****Thursday, January 23**Beverly Ramsey &  
Betty Smith**January Nursery Attendants**

Jan 5 - Ashley Noey

Jan 12 - Debbie Crane

Jan 19 - Ginger Posey

Jan 26 - Kay Lashley

**January Worship & Bible Class Greeters****North Doors:** Larry & Janet Waddell**South Doors:** Jim & Donna Hardin