



FAMILY NEWS

FEBRUARY 16, 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.



IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

Feb 23 – Our Words

How we speak matters to those who hear. We must learn to speak in such a way as to be a blessing to all who know us. Christians should speak with grace to others so they may influence them to love the Lord.

IS PRAYER YOUR LIFESTYLE - OR JUST YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT?



*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
2Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Leviticus 19-20 & Acts 2:1-13

Monday

Leviticus 21-22 & Acts 2:14-47

Tuesday

Leviticus 23-24 & Acts 3

Wednesday

Leviticus 25 & Acts 4:1-22

Thursday

Leviticus 26-27 & Acts 4:23-37

Friday

Psalms 1-5 & Acts 5:1-16

Saturday

Psalms 6-9 & Acts 5:17-42

WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM DON'T GO TO THE PHONE, GO TO THE THRONE.



==== Sunday, February 16th ====
Meal Group 6 will be hosting our 5:00 Bible study

In Our Hearts:

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

After a brief stay in the hospital, Peggy Jackson was to be admitted to skilled nursing at Seminole Care and Rehab for a couple of weeks.

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, February 23rd, will be our end-of-the-month potluck luncheon after morning worship service. Brothers Keeper Group 2 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.

Men's Conference: The Momentum Men's Conference hosted by the Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th. The theme for the conference is *The 7 Pillars of Masculinity* with a \$25 registration fee. More information is available in the church office or at momentum-okc.org.

*My Church family,
A heart felt thanks to all of you for all the prayers the last several years for my mom.
Also thanks for all the cards, texts, and all the delicious food for mom's service. All of you are a blessing to me.
Love Debbie*



You are invited to an Area-Wide Singing!
Sunday Evening, February 16th at 5:00 PM
At the Church of Christ at Little
(Light refreshments will be served after the service)

Time With Tim

Guarding Our Minds for Christ

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
Romans 12:2

The health of our minds is as vital as the health of our bodies. The Bible frequently addresses the importance of guarding our thoughts and focusing on what is good and true. Our minds are powerful tools given by God and keeping them healthy allows us to grow spiritually and serve effectively.

In Philippians 4:8, Paul encourages us: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Dwelling on positive, godly truths can protect us from the negative influences of the world.

A healthy mind requires intentional effort. Just as physical health requires exercise, mental health thrives on spiritual disciplines like prayer, meditation on Scripture, and fellowship with other believers. Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray (Luke 5:16), setting an example of mental renewal through communion with God.

Biblical wisdom also warns against the dangers of harmful thoughts. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Guarding our heart and mind involves avoiding media, conversations, and habits that corrupt our thinking.

When challenges arise, trusting God brings peace that guards our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-7). By focusing on His promises, we can combat anxiety and fear, maintaining mental health rooted in faith.

Let us strive to cultivate minds that glorify God, reflecting His truth and love in all we do.

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."
Isaiah 26:3

Jesus the Living Water

Jesus came into Samaria to a town called Sychar, where Jacob's well was situated between mounts Ebal and Gerazim. Here a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus simply said, "Give me a drink." The woman was taken back because Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other, but this did not stop Jesus. He said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). While she was puzzled about how Jesus could draw water at this well, He said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (vv. 13-14). She wanted this water, and the conversation that ensued convinced her that Jesus was indeed the Prophet from God.

This theme of water is significant in Scripture. In John's gospel, John the immerser baptized with water to identify the Messiah (John 1:19-34). Jesus turned water into wine (John 2). He then told Nicodemus that "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). On the last day of the feast of booths, Jesus cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38). By the end of John's account, when Jesus was pierced in the heart, "at once there came out blood and water" (John 19:34). Other references can be given, but these should suffice to show that water is an important theme.

Much can be said for each reference, but the brief focus here is on Jesus providing living water. In the Old Testament, living water (i.e., fresh or running water) was to be used to cleanse lepers and other defilements (Lev 14:5-6; 15:13; Num 19:17). Yet the living water provided in such contexts was limited to the time and place of its use. In John 4, the well was an important source for water, but it was still going to be limited. The water Jesus was offering is different. While the physical water was necessary to live, the water from Jesus leads to an even greater life, to eternal life. Koester offers these thoughts:

"The water in Jacob's well was bound to a place; it needed to be hauled out by hand and it only quenched thirst for a short time. But the water Jesus promised was not bound to one place; it would spring up within a person so that he or she would never thirst

again. The water from Jacob's well could extend life for a while, but living water from Jesus would issue into life everlasting, which in John's Gospel refers to life lived in relationship with God." (Craig Koester, *Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel: Meaning, Mystery, Community*, 189)

When God gave Israel water in the wilderness, they people sang, "Spring up, O well! Sing to it!" (Num 21:17). God provided for them the gift of water so that they could live. God cared for them, led them by the Holy Spirit, revealed His word, and gave them every opportunity to live with Him. Sadly, they ended up rejecting Him, as Jeremiah noted,

"For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me,
The fountain of living waters,
To hew for themselves cisterns,
Broken cisterns
That can hold no water." (Jer 2:13; cf. 17:13).

God was not done, though. His plan through the Messiah was to open up a fountain "for sin and for impurity" (Zech 13:1). In Jesus is fulfilled the psalmist's thoughts: "For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light" (Psa 36:9). His teaching is a "fountain of life," as is the wisdom that pours forth from Him (Prov 13:14; cf 18:4).

Drinking from the living water offered by Jesus means that we are partaking of His teaching and the Spirit. Again, He said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive ... (John 7:37-39). By committing to the living water, we are committing to God's Son, His word, and living by His Holy Spirit, for "if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom 8:11).

Jesus offers us Himself, the true Living Water from heaven who will cleanse us from our sin and give us eternal life. "There's a fountain free, 'tis for you and me..."

- 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**February 16****In Charge:** Jack Mattingly (405-380-2510)**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Tim Smith**Closing Prayer:** Paul Alexander**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Jack Mattingly**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Syd Morgan**Scripture Reading:** Syd Morgan**Heritage House****Thursday, February 20**

Jim & Donna
Hardin

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