



# FAMILY NEWS

## MARCH 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: March 9 – True Knowledge

There are many things people can know in this world. Sadly many who believe are deceived and believe a lie. If what we believe is not true, we could face God with a false hope. The Scriptures bless us with a true knowledge of God and His will.

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

Psalms 36-37 & Acts 9:20-43

##### Monday

Psalms 38-39 & Acts 10:1-33

##### Tuesday

Psalms 40-41 & Acts 10:34-48

##### Wednesday

Numbers 1-2 & Acts 11

##### Thursday

Numbers 3-4 & Acts 12

##### Friday

Numbers 5-6 & Acts 13:1-12

##### Saturday

Numbers 7-8 & Acts 13:13-41

*When we put  
our problems in  
God's hands, He  
puts His peace in  
our hearts.*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)*



**SPRING FORWARD!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING**  
**TIME BEGINS**  
**NEXT SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 9TH**

## In Our Hearts:

*“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer.” 1 Peter 3:12 (NIV)*

Please continue to pray for Kenny Brewer’s upcoming surgery.  
Jess Ford had surgery to remove her appendix on Thursday, February 20th.

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:** We extend our sympathy to Ethan Harjo, a member of our youth group, in the loss of his father Stefan Harjo. Stefan passed away on Thursday, February 13th.

**Affirming The Faith:** The annual seminar *Affirming The Faith* will be held Friday and Saturday, March 7th & 8th at the North MacArthur Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. “Deeper” is the theme for the seminar this year. More information can be found at [affirmingthefaitbok.com](http://affirmingthefaitbok.com).

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD FOR GOD  
TO DO A NEW THING IN YOU!

*Sometimes God will put a Goliath in your life,  
for you to find the David within you.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND, MEAL GROUP 1 WILL BE HOSTING OUR 5:00 BIBLE STUDY.

### Time With Tim

#### The Struggle Within Romans 7:21-25

Paul’s words in Romans 7:21-25 resonate with every Christian who strives to live righteously but struggles with sin. He describes an internal battle—the desire to do good yet feeling the pull of sin within. He exclaims in verse 24, “*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*” This passage reminds us that even Paul, a devoted servant of Christ, faced this tension between the flesh and the spirit.

This battle Paul speaks of is something we all experience. On one hand, we know God’s will, and we desire to obey it. On the other, our human weaknesses sometimes lead us to stumble. Paul clarifies in Galatians 5:17, “*For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other.*”

Yet, we must not lose heart. The very fact that we struggle is evidence that we are striving to follow God. The danger lies not in the battle itself but in giving up.

Paul does not leave us in despair. He gives the answer in **Romans 7:25**—“*I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!*” Our hope does not rest in our ability to be perfect but in Christ’s power to redeem and strengthen us. **2 Corinthians 12:9** reminds us that His grace is sufficient and that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. Here are some steps we maybe need to take to overcome this battle.

1. **Acknowledge the Battle** – Being aware of our spiritual struggles helps us seek God’s strength.
2. **Stay Rooted in Scripture** – Psalm 119:11 says, “*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*”
3. **Lean on Prayer** – Jesus told His disciples in **Matthew 26:41**, “*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.*”
4. **Surround Yourself with Godly Influence** – Christian fellowship provides accountability and encouragement (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Yes, the struggle is real, but so is the victory. When we lean on Christ, we find the strength to overcome. May we live with confidence, knowing that through Christ, we are more than conquerors.

***“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”***

Romans 8:1

# Jesus the Great High Priest

When God brought Israel out of Egypt and established a covenant, He also established a priesthood through the Levitical family of Aaron. Aaron and his sons were anointed and consecrated through sacrifice, with Aaron as the first High Priest. The tent of meeting was made so that God would meet with the people and sanctify His glory (Exod 29:43). Yet only the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place where the ark of the covenant was kept. This would only happen once a year on the Day of Atonement when the High Priest would offer a sacrifice for himself first, then for the people. He would enter behind the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place and sprinkle blood with his finger in front of the mercy seat on the ark. This was so that “atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins” (Lev 16:34). It was a meticulous process requiring great attention and care.

The priesthood approached God on behalf of the people. They served as a buffer because no one could enter directly into God’s presence due to sin, and even the High Priest had his own sins for which to atone. While God was among the people, the veil represented a barrier that only the High Priest could breach once a year. There were continual reminders of sin and the walls that it puts between God and humanity. Would this ever be resolved? Yes, and the resolution is the story of Scripture.

God enacted a plan to allow people to draw near to Him, but it required another High Priest to make atonement for sin. This High Priest, however, needed to be perfect, unlike those beset with weakness and who had to make sacrifices for their own sins (Heb 5:3). The Aaronic priesthood served God’s purposes, but it also pointed to One who was much greater. Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest, and He could sympathize with our weaknesses because He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). This is what gives us confidence to draw near to the throne of grace and receive mercy to help in time of need (v 16).

While Aaron pointed to the greater High Priest, we run into the issue that Jesus was not from the family of Aaron. How, then, could Jesus be our Priest? First, like Aaron, Jesus was called specifically by God to do this. Second, for there to be a change in the Aaronic, Levitical priesthood, there had to be a change in the Law (Heb 7:12). This change was signaled long before the Aaronic priesthood existed, even back to the days of Abraham.

After Abraham returned from battle, He met Melchizedek, a priest and King of Salem (Gen 14:17-20). Melchizedek blessed Abraham and received a title from him. While this first passage says little about Melchizedek, we later learn that his priesthood is the one on which the Lord’s priesthood is patterned. The psalmist wrote, “The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind. You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” (Psa 110:4). Jesus could not have been a Levitical priest, but He is a priest after the order of one who blessed and received tithes from Abraham, from whom eventually came the Levitical priests. Since the lesser is blessed by the greater, we learn that the priesthood after the order of Melchizedek takes precedence over Aaron’s (see Heb 7:1-10).

What this means is that the priesthood of Jesus is even greater and “This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant” (Heb 7:22). It also means a permanent, eternal priesthood for Jesus, who was raised from the dead: “The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them” (Heb 7:23-25).

What makes Jesus’ priesthood even more special is that He not only is the High Priest, He is also the sacrifice who makes atonement for our sins with His own blood. He is Priest and King, ushering in a better covenant with a better sacrifice. The temple He entered was not the physical one in Jerusalem, but heaven itself where not only did He go behind the veil, but he tore the veil down to open up a new and living way (read Hebrews 9-10): “For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf” (Heb 9:24). Because of this, we may have “confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus” (Heb 10:19). We are then called upon to remain faithful to this calling. Because of Christ’s priesthood, we have access to God.

Praise God that we have such a great High Priest and atoning sacrifice in Jesus Christ!

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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****March 2****In Charge:** Andy Scott (405-287-8580)**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Arpoika Daniels**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Tim Smith**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nuben Barton**Scripture Reading:** Bob Swearingen**Heritage House****Thursday, March 6**Norman & Joyce  
Boggs**March Nursery Attendants**

March 2 - Debbie Crane

March 9 - Ashley Noey

March 16 - Kay Lashley

March 23 - Ginger Posey

March 30 - Emma Noey

**March Worship & Bible Class Greeters****North Doors:** Betty Smith & Beverly Ramsey**South Doors:** Nuben & Ann Barton