



# FAMILY NEWS

## MARCH 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.



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#### Next Sunday on Search:

#### March 23- Is God Dead?

In the 1180s the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche posed the idea that God is Dead. He was not denying God's existence but claiming God had died in the hearts of those who once believed in and followed Him.

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

Numbers 28-30 & Acts 17:16-34

##### Monday

Numbers 31-33 & Acts 18

##### Tuesday

Numbers 34-36 & Acts 19:1-22

##### Wednesday

Deuteronomy 1-2 & Acts 19:23-41

##### Thursday

Deuteronomy 3-4 & Acts 20:1-16

##### Friday

Deuteronomy 5-7 & Acts 20:17-38

##### Saturday

Deuteronomy 8-10 & Acts 21:1-16



**An umbrella cannot stop the rain but it allows us to stand in the rain.**  
**Faith in God may not remove our trials but it gives us strength to overcome them.**

*<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)*

#### 2025



#### SPRING RETREAT

The youth, along with their sponsors, will be leaving Thursday, March 20th for their Spring Retreat at Lake Wister State Park. They will be returning Sunday, March 23rd. Please pray for their safe travel and a spiritually uplifting retreat!

## 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)*

Kenny Brewer is scheduled to have further testing done in the near future.

Steve Lashley's heart ablation surgery went well.

Sandra Edwards has been dealing with ongoing health problems and will be having testing done.

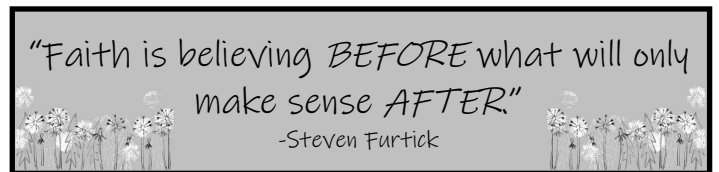
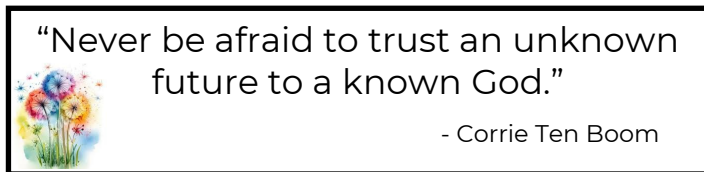
Ted Criswell continues to struggle with health issues.

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

**Let's remember our shut-ins:** *Peggy Jackson and Carolyn Self*

**5:00 Bible Study:** Meal Group 3 will be hosting our March 16th 5:00 Bible study. The following week, March 23rd, there will be no meal group in charge of hosting. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods and/or desserts for our Bible study that evening.

**Special Contribution:** On the last Sunday of the month a special contribution will be taken up to offset the insurance costs for our building.



## Time With Tim

### "Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

***"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."***

***Hebrews 10:23-25***

**Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."** This verse reminds us of the incredible privilege and responsibility of gathering as a local body of believers. It is not the size of the group that matters, but the purpose of the gathering—coming together in the name of Christ.

This truth should influence how we approach our time together as a congregation. First, it reminds us of the holiness of our gatherings. Whether it's a Sunday worship service, a Bible study, or even a fellowship meal, Christ's presence makes it significant. Our mindset should be one of reverence, seeking to honor Him in all we do (Colossians 3:17).

Second, it emphasizes unity and purpose. Meeting "in His name" means aligning ourselves with Christ's will and mission. This calls for intentionality in what we do as a church—whether it's worship, teaching, or outreach. We should ask, **"Does this glorify Christ? Does it fulfill His purpose for us as His body?" (Ephesians 4:15-16).**

Third, it inspires confidence and encouragement. Even in small gatherings, Christ is present. This is especially meaningful for smaller congregations or groups. Knowing that Jesus is with us should embolden us to step out in faith and serve Him, regardless of our size or resources (Philippians 4:13).

As a local congregation, let us be mindful of the profound truth of Matthew 18:20. Let it shape our worship, our service, and our relationships with one another. In every decision, let us seek to honor Christ, knowing that His presence makes our efforts meaningful. **"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23).**

***"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

***Romans 15:5-6***

# Jesus the Lord of Sabbath

The gospel accounts highlight the fact that Jesus worked miracles on the Sabbath. This, of course, was intentional on His part, but it also brought much criticism. For example, he was asked, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” The text says they asked this “so that they might accuse him” (Matt 12:9-14). Jesus then healed a man with a withered hand and “the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.” On another occasion Jesus healed a disabled woman, and the ruler of the synagogue was “indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath” (Luke 13:14). When Jesus healed a lame man, telling the man to take up his bed and walk, “the Jews said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed’” (John 5:10). They considered this as Jesus breaking the Sabbath, and that, coupled with His claim to be working as the Father works, was the reason they were “seeking all the more to kill him” (John 5:18). John 9 also records Jesus healing a blind man on the Sabbath, and “Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath’” (v 16).

Jesus deliberately taught and healed on the Sabbath, and this exposed faulty views of the Sabbath and, at the same time, taught what the Sabbath was truly about. In doing these miracles and teaching as He did on the Sabbath, He demonstrated the truth of one of His amazing claims: “For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath” (Matt 12:8). Who can possibly be Lord of the Sabbath except the One who made it, fulfills it, and brings the meaning of it to life through His actions and words? To claim to be Lord of the Sabbath is to claim divine status. No mere man could do this.

Yet it is interesting that Jesus, in making this claim, says that “the Son of Man” is the lord of the Sabbath. Here is a phrase that certainly has implications for His humanity. He became a human being and suffered in the flesh. But the phrase is greater than that. “Son of Man” is also pulled from the context of Daniel 7 wherein the son of man figure comes in the clouds, goes before the Ancient of Days, and was “given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him” (Dan 7:14). To claim to be the Son of Man was more than claiming to be human, though it included this. He was claiming to be the promised Messiah with dominion and a kingdom. He is the One worthy to carry out God’s plans so that “every tribe and language and people and nation” would worship and serve Him (Rev 5:9-10). He is the fulfillment of all that God had planned and purposed. He is

the Son of Man, the Son of God, and the Lord of the Sabbath who brings to fruition God’s intentions.

What, then, is the meaning of Sabbath? God established Sabbath as a day of rest, and this served as a pattern for the Sabbath rest He desired for His people (Gen 2:1-2; Exod 20:11). When God finished creation, He was not tired, but rather His rest was an indication that all was good and operating the way He intended. He ruled from His throne over an orderly creation and dwelled with the people whom He made. Sin brought in the chaos and disrupted what was good. Yet God would remind the people through the Sabbath command that He is holy and they needed to reflect deeply on this truth. To remember the Sabbath was to remember the holiness of God who made all things for His glory and by His power.

Sabbath is about rest, and rest encompasses the freedom from oppressive forces that wage war against our souls. Again, when Jesus healed the disabled woman on the Sabbath, He said, “Woman, you are freed from your disability” (Luke 13:12). When challenged, Jesus showed that it was appropriate on the Sabbath to loose her from the bond of Satan (v 16). Yet how much greater to be loosed from the bondage of sin, set free and repurposed in Christ!

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, and, indeed, He is our Sabbath. “Remember the Sabbath” is a great messianic message because it finds its fulfillment in Jesus, who sets us free from our bonds and gives us the rest we seek. We find this echoed in His great invitation, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28, which also pulls from Exodus 33:14).

There is, then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God (Heb 4:9-10). When we come to Jesus, we are coming to the Sabbath rest, first seen in Genesis and finally realized in God’s eternal presence. For us, “Remember the Sabbath” isn’t about a single day of the week, but rather is about the rest and freedom we gain through Christ both now and in eternity.

- Doy Moyer

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**Worship Workers**

**March 16**

**In Charge:** Andy Scott (405-287-8580)

**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly

**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson

**Opening Prayer:** Jack Mattingly

**Closing Prayer:** Tim Smith

**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Tim Smith

**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Jim Hardin

**Scripture Reading:** Syd Morgan

**Heritage House**

**Thursday, March 20**

Beverly Ramsey  
& Betty Smith

**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