



FAMILY NEWS

MARCH 23, 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.



IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search: March 30 - Spiritual Growth

Just as God never intended for people to remain as children physically, so He never intended for Christians to remain as children spiritually. God wants His people to mature and grow in their faith and love.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Deuteronomy 11-13 & Acts 21:17-40

Monday

Deuteronomy 14-16 & Acts 22

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 17-19 & Acts 23

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 20-22 & Acts 24

Thursday

Deuteronomy 23-25 & Acts 25

Friday

Deuteronomy 26-27 & Acts 26

Saturday

Deuteronomy 28-29 & Acts 27:1-26

Satan may be winning a bunch of battles right now, but make no mistake, God wins the war.

With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.

Psalm 60:12 (NIV)

Victory in Jesus!



My Savior



Forever!

March 23rd 5:00 Bible Study:

There will be no Meal Group in charge of hosting our evening Bible study. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods and/or desserts.

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)

Ted Criswell has been admitted to Seminole Care and Rehab. He is in room 105.

Clancey Phillis is awaiting kidney surgery.

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*

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to former member Jeanie Maxwell in the loss of her daughter, Angie Du-verger. Angie passed away on Friday, March 14th.

Potluck Luncheon: Next Sunday, March 30th, will be our end-of-the-month potluck luncheon after morning services. Brothers Keeper Group 3 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.

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

Fifth Sunday Singing: The Church of Christ at Little will be hosting a Fifth Sunday Area-Wide Singing on Sunday, March 30th, at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served following the singing.



**No matter how far you've walked away from God . . .
the return trip is only one step.**



Time With Tim

The Lord's Supper: A Sacred Act of Worship

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."
1 Corinthians 11:26

The Lord's Supper holds a central place in Christian worship, as it represents our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and our communion with Him and one another. In Acts 20:7, we see the early church gathering "on the first day of the week...to break bread," indicating the importance of this practice as part of their weekly worship.

This sacred act is more than a routine; it is a deliberate and reverent remembrance of Jesus' body and blood. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 that Jesus Himself instituted this memorial, saying, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Each time we partake, we proclaim His death until He comes again, declaring our faith in the power of His sacrifice.

However, Paul also warns against taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). This caution emphasizes the respect and introspection required of us as Christians. **Before we partake, we should examine ourselves, reflecting on our relationship with Christ and ensuring we approach His table with reverence and gratitude.**

The Lord's Supper is a time of unity, as we share in this act of worship with fellow believers. **It transcends personal reflection, binding us together as the body of Christ. Let us approach this sacred moment each week with hearts full of gratitude, minds focused on Christ's sacrifice, and spirits united in worship. As we gather to partake of the Lord's Supper, may we do so with the respect and reverence it deserves, fully aware of the love and grace it signifies.**

"And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'"

Luke 22:19

Jesus is the Resurrection and Life

Jesus was close to the family of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. When the sisters sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was ill, Jesus said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it” ([John 11:4](#)). Jesus then deliberately stayed away for a couple more days, knowing that He would be confronted with Lazarus’ death when He arrived. Jesus’ intent was clearly stated: “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples thought He was talking about literal sleep, but Jesus clarified: “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him” (vv 14-15).

Notice two primary purposes in these verses for Jesus’ intent to raise up Lazarus: 1) for the glory of God and the Son, and 2) so that people may believe. This coincides with the purpose of the Gospel of John overall. The signs are recorded “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” ([John 20:31](#)). Jesus came to give life, and what better example of His ability to do this than to raise a man who had died?

By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha met Jesus and affirmed that had He been there, He could have prevented the death. Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again,” to which she replied that she knew that would happen “at the last day.” Jesus then made the amazing claim: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (vv 25-26)

Jesus wept, then He went to the tomb and told them to take away the stone. There was concern about odor since Lazarus had been dead four days, to which Jesus responded, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” He then prayed to the Father, stating that He said what He did for the sake of the people, “that they may believe that you sent me.” He commanded that Lazarus come out of the tomb and told them to unbind him. Lazarus lived! Some believed while others reported it to the Pharisees and wondered what to do next. The plot to put Jesus to death thickened as they feared they would lose power because of Him.

John began his gospel account by affirming of Jesus the Creator, “In him was life, and the life was the light of men” ([John 1:4](#)). Then John includes miracles that demonstrate this claim. Jesus claims to be the light

of the world, then heals a blind man (ch. 9). He claims to be the resurrection and life, then raises a dead man. The result was, as stated, glory to God and cause to believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that we may have life.

Death came into this world because of the rebellion of sin. When we reject the God of all life, all that is left is death. Because sin is a rejection of God, the wage it pays is death ([Rom 6:23](#)). But God did not leave it at that. By His grace, He set in motion the plan that would defeat death and bring new life to those who believe and trust Him.

To accomplish this plan, death was necessary, but it would take more than death. If death is to be defeated, it takes resurrection. And while Jesus showed He can defeat death through this miracle of raising Lazarus, He would Himself taste death and defeat it thoroughly through His own resurrection. Peter’s sermon on Pentecost emphasized this point:

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it” ([Acts 2:22-24](#)).

The message of the gospel centers around Jesus being the resurrection and life. Sin brings the sting of death, but because Jesus defeated death, we can say with Paul, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” ([1 Cor 15:57](#)). Because of this, we have a living hope and the assurance that what we do for Him is always worthwhile ([1 Cor 15:58](#); [1 Pet 1:3](#)). Then we, too, will one day take part in the resurrection of life ([John 5:28-29](#)).

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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 23****In Charge:** Andy Scott (405-287-8580)**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Gil Turpin**Closing Prayer:** Paul Alexander**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Tim Smith**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Steve Johnson**Scripture Reading:** Andy Scott**Heritage House****Thursday, March 27**Maureen Richardson
& Debbie Ernst**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