



FAMILY NEWS

MARCH 9, 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:

Mar 16 – God’s All-Sufficient Word

The Bible provides all we need to know to have life and godliness. It provides the spiritual food we need and the instruction for how to live and how to please God. God’s word is inspired, inerrant, and all-sufficient.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Numbers 9-11 & Acts 13:42-52

Monday

Numbers 12-14 & Acts 14

Tuesday

Numbers 15-16 & Acts 15:1-21

Wednesday

Numbers 17-19 & Acts 15:22-41

Thursday

Numbers 20-22 & Acts 16:1-15

Friday

Numbers 23-25 & Acts 16:16-40

Saturday

Numbers 26-27 & Acts 17:1-15

**NEVER LIMIT
YOUR PRAYERS
BECAUSE YOU THINK
YOU’RE SINFUL OR
UNDESERVING.
YOU’RE NOT PRAYING
BECAUSE OF WHO
YOU ARE. YOU’RE
PRAYING BECAUSE
OF WHO HE IS.**

³I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! ⁴He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (NIV)

When life gives you more than you can stand ...

Kneel

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 had surgery on Tuesday, March 4th. The surgery went well.

Steve Lashley was scheduled to have heart ablation surgery on Thursday, March 6th.

Ted Criswell is struggling with health issues and would appreciate our prayers.

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*

Leadership Banquet: The annual Shawnee Area-Wide Leadership Banquet for Elders, Deacons, Ministers and their wives will be held Friday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm in Tecumseh at the Highland Church of Christ. The speaker for the evening will be Phil Sanders from the Search program. Cost is \$10 per person. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP by Wednesday, March 12th.

5:00 Bible Study: Meal Group 2 will be hosting the 5:00 Bible study the evening of March 9th. Please make plans to attend and enjoy the study and the fellowship!

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

ONE DAY YOU WILL MEET JESUS . . .

EITHER AS THE SAVIOR OR THE JUDGE.

Time With Tim

Daily Habits for a Healthy Mind, Body, and Soul

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9

The health of our minds, bodies, and souls is interconnected, and maintaining them requires intentional daily habits. Developing consistent practices not only strengthens us physically, mentally, and spiritually but also equips us to serve God more effectively.

The Bible emphasizes the value of discipline. In 1 Timothy 4:8, Paul writes, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." Regular physical activity and a healthy diet honor the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Proper care of our bodies allows us to have the strength and energy needed for God's work.

To keep our minds healthy, we must focus on what is true, noble, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). Reading Scripture daily, avoiding negativity, and seeking wisdom through prayer help us renew our minds (Romans 12:2). A healthy mind allows us to discern God's will and remain steadfast in faith.

The soul, our connection to God, thrives when nurtured through prayer, worship, and meditation on His Word. Jesus Himself modeled the habit of prayer, often withdrawing to spend time with the Father (Luke 5:16). These practices align our hearts with God and strengthen our spiritual walk.

By developing habits that honor God in all aspects of life, we reflect His love and prepare ourselves for His service. Let us commit to these daily disciplines, trusting that God will bless our efforts.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."
Colossians 3:23

Jesus, Grace, and Truth

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.” (John 1:14-18)

Notice the importance of the terms, “grace and truth.” The glory of the Son was seen, “full of grace and truth.” We receive from His fullness “grace upon grace.” The Law was given through Moses, but “grace and truth” came through Jesus. He is the perfect manifestation and communication of God to a lost world that needs both grace and truth.

We should not take John’s point to mean that there was no grace or truth at all prior to Jesus coming in the flesh. Multiple Scriptures speak of the lovingkindness or grace of God, and we cannot suggest there was no truth, for “The sum of Your word is truth” (Psalm 119:160). The psalmist brings together God’s lovingkindness and compassion in accordance with the Torah: “O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, according to Your word to Your servant. May Your compassion come to me that I may live, for Your law is my delight” (119:76-77). Passages can be multiplied to show that the people under the Law were still able to see God’s mercy extended to them. They were aware of their need for God’s mercy and compassion, and they knew the Torah was God’s truth. David could plead for God’s mercy (Psalm 51), delight in the law (Psalm 1), and rejoice in the truth. The Psalms are a strong testimony to the proper attitude and balance between law, grace, and truth. Even so, the law was incomplete. Something was missing that only God Himself could finally supply.

Some passages explicitly combine lovingkindness and truth. For example, when Moses met the Lord on the mountain, the Lord passed in front and said, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...” (Exod 34:6-7). See also 2 Samuel 2:6 where David ties “lovingkindness and truth” together. God’s grace and truth are both found in

the Law, but it was going to take more. It was going to take the incarnation of God Himself to bring this fully to light.

Jesus became flesh to finalize God’s plan. He stated, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill” (Matt 5:17). He did not come in opposition to the Law or to destroy the Law. He came to complete and fulfill it, to bring about the full realization of what God intended all along. Grace and truth weren’t completely missing in the Law; they were just incomplete. Jesus, therefore, came to complete it.

Being under the Law meant being under a system that was incomplete and unfulfilled. John’s point is about fulfillment. How was this grace and truth to be fully realized? How was it to be demonstrated and find its fruition? The answer is Jesus. Jesus was the perfect embodiment of grace and truth even as He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. Through Christ is found “grace upon grace.” God lavishes His grace upon His people through Jesus in the forgiveness of our sins (Eph 1:7-8). Truly, of His fullness we have received. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the apex of God’s truth, demonstrating grace and truth in the greatest of ways. Everything that law, grace, and truth could point to is fulfilled in the Son of God. This is the truth that expresses, in broad terms, what the Gospel is all about. Jesus Christ has shown us the true way of God (John 14:6).

Since grace and truth are fully realized through Jesus Christ, this means “grace upon grace” if we partake of His fullness. The purpose of the Law was finally realized in the full expression of grace and truth brought about by the work of Jesus. Only Jesus could fulfill and complete what the Law anticipated. Now we are able to see that picture completed, and what a beautiful one it is!

Given that Jesus fulfilled the law, brought the fullness of grace and truth, and offers to lavish this grace upon us, should this not be the consistent theme in our preaching today? The King of Kings is pouring out the riches of His grace. He died and rose again to secure these blessings for us, and His truth frees us from sin. His glory has been seen in His love. Grace and truth have been fully expressed in the flesh. Let this message ring out loud and clear!

- Doy Moyer

Minister:

Arpoika Daniels
(cell) 405-380-6167

Associate Minister:

Tim Smith
(cell) 405-481-6931

Administrative:

Lynn Grimes
(office) 405-382-0548

Elders:

Jack Mattingly , Sr.
(cell) 405-380-2510

Syd Morgan
(cell) 405-380-7406
(Home) 405-382-3404

Andy Scott
(cell) 405-287-8580

Deacons:

Ken Crane
Jim Grimes
Steve Johnson
Jerry Renner
Bob Swearingen

**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 9****In Charge:** Andy Scott (405-287-8580)**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly**Song Leader:** Tim Smith**Opening Prayer:** Andy Scott**Closing Prayer:** Gil Turpin**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Tim Smith**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Syd Morgan**Scripture Reading:** Paul Alexander**Heritage House****Thursday, March 13**

Judy Amos &
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