



# FAMILY NEWS

APRIL 6, 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:

#### Apr13- The Prayer Life of Jesus

Though Jesus was the Son of God, He spent much time every day privately praying to the Father about the important matters of life. If the Lord Jesus needed time with the Father, don't we also need to pray regularly?

### Daily Bible Reading

#### Sunday

Psalms 57-59 & Matthew 5:27-48

#### Monday

Psalms 60-62 & Matthew 6:1-18

#### Tuesday

Psalms 63-65 & Matthew 6:19-34

#### Wednesday

Psalms 66-67 & Matthew 7

#### Thursday

Psalms 68-69 & Matthew 8:1-17

#### Friday

Psalms 70-72 & Matthew 8:18-34

#### Saturday

Joshua 1-3 & Matthew 9:1-17

A man may go to Heaven

*without health, without riches  
without honors, without learning,  
without friends;*

but he can never go there

**WITHOUT CHRIST.**

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*John 14:6 (NIV)*

**YOU MAY THINK YOU CAN LIVE FINE WITHOUT  
CHRIST, BUT YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO DIE  
WITHOUT HIM.**

C.H. SPURGEON

==== Sunday, April 6th ====  
*Meal Group 4 will be hosting our 5:00 Bible study*

## In Our Hearts:

*"You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Psalm 10:17 (NIV)*

Tim Smith had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, April 2nd.

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*

**Special Contribution:** A special thanks to everyone who participated in the special contribution to help with the cost of the insurance for our building. Through your generosity and willingness to give, the total contribution collected was \$14,545.

**Senior Sunday:** Sunday, April 27th, has been designated as Senior Sunday to honor those graduating from high school. Graduates are asked to provide a senior picture along with a brief description of future plans to the office so we can honor you in the bulletin and on the power point announcements.

*If God puts a Goliath in front of you,  
He must believe there's a David  
inside of you.*

**Keep praying even if  
you only have a whisper  
left.**

## Time With Tim

### Using Good Common Sense in All Things

*"The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit."*  
Proverbs 14:8

God has blessed us with the ability to reason, think critically, and make sound decisions. While faith is essential to our Christian walk, God also expects us to use wisdom and good common sense in all things. Proverbs is filled with reminders that wisdom comes from the Lord, but it must be applied in daily life.

One area where we must use common sense is in our speech. **Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."** Many conflicts could be avoided if we thought before we spoke and chose words carefully. Rather than responding in anger, using patience and reason can prevent unnecessary strife.

Another area where common sense is crucial is in financial matters. The Bible warns against reckless spending and debt. **Proverbs 22:7 reminds us, "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender."** While generosity is a Christian virtue, we must also be wise stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Living within our means and planning wisely ensures that we can continue to serve God without unnecessary burdens.

In addition, common sense plays a role in our spiritual discernment. The Bible warns against blindly following false teachings. **1 John 4:1 instructs, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."** Testing all things against Scripture protects us from deception and keeps us grounded in truth.

God expects His children to balance faith with practical wisdom. While we trust in Him for guidance, He also calls us to make sound choices based on His Word and the common sense He has given us. When we apply both faith and wisdom, we live in a way that honors Him and benefits those around us.

*"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."*  
Colossians 4:5

# Jesus the Good Shepherd

One of the great figures for the Messiah is that of the Good Shepherd. Jesus refers to Himself as the “door of the sheep,” but He is more than that. “I am the good shepherd,” He claimed (John 10:11). We will consider more in that context, but let’s back up a little.

This concept of the Lord as a Shepherd is rich in meaning, and it finds its roots in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, God is referred to as “the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel” in Genesis 49:24. When the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, He led them “like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron” (Psa 77:20). The psalmist also recognized that “He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand” (Psa 95:7). Kings were considered to be shepherds, and these concepts are tied with God in Psalms 80:1 where God is called the “Shepherd of Israel” who is also “enthroned upon the cherubim.” David, a messianic type, was both a shepherd and a king. Think of David’s experiences as he referred to God in his famous Psalm 23, a psalm that also connects to the exodus: “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psa 23:1). In the New Testament, overseers of a congregation are referred to as shepherds looking forward to the unfading crown of glory they will receive when “the Chief Shepherd appears” (1 Peter 5:1-4). The shepherd theme is rich and runs throughout Scripture.

The many passages referencing shepherds point to Jesus as the ultimate Shepherd, the “Good Shepherd.” Think of the beautiful passage in Isaiah 40 as the prophet provides God’s people this encouragement:

“Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.  
He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young” (Isa 40:10-11).

This perfectly describes the work that Jesus would do, and John picks up this theme in John 10. Think, then, of what Jesus says He would do as the Good Shepherd:

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Jesus is not just a hired hand who does not own the sheep; He is the owner and loves His sheep deeply and will not run from danger. He is not

willing to let wolves snatch and scatter His own, but loves them to the point of giving His life so that they might live.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me” (John 10:14). Jesus does not guess at who belongs to Him. He knows His people (cf. 2 Tim 2:19). As Scripture says, “He knows those who take refuge in him” (Nah 1:7). Not only does He know His own people, but His people know Him. This is tied to the earlier statement: “But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out” (John 10:2-3). The Lord’s sheep hear His voice and they follow Him. “And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments” (1 John 2:3).

“I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice” (John 10:16). The mission of Jesus includes bringing in all nations, both Jew and Gentile. Doing this means “there will be one flock, one shepherd” (v. 16). The implication is that whoever listens to Jesus and follows Him will be part of the sheepfold. Jesus laid down His life, but it didn’t end there: “I lay down my life that I may take it up again” (v. 17). He died and rose again to lead people out of the wilderness of sin and into His kingdom where He gathers His lambs in His arms and carries them.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus offers the good life, eternal life, the abundant life (John 10:10). When He is our Shepherd, we will not lack anything needed for life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3). He will have us lie down in green pastures and lead us beside quiet waters. He will restore our souls and lead us in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. With Him by our side, though we walk in the valley of the shadow of death, we need not fear evil (cf. Heb 2:14). He is with us, and His rod and staff will comfort us (Heb 13:5-6). Goodness and mercy will follow us all our days as we serve Him.

God be praised that we have the Good Shepherd as our Rock and Salvation! Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of our souls, stands ready and willing to grant us the unfading crown of glory.

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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****April 6****In Charge:** Steve Johnson (405-380-5013)**Welcome AM:** Syd Morgan**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Arpoika Daniels**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Gil Turpin**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nubin Barton**Scripture Reading:** Bob Swearingen**Heritage House****Thursday, April 10**

Joyce Boggs &  
Debbie Ernst

**April Nursery Attendants**

April 6 - Ashley Noey

April 13 - Debbie Crane

April 20 - Kay Lashley

April 27 - Emma Noey

**April Worship & Bible Class Greeters****North Doors:** Jim & Donna Hardin**South Doors:** Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan