



FAMILY NEWS

MARCH 30, 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: No Evening Bible Study



IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

April 6– Take Time To Pray

One of our greatest blessings and privileges is the ability to speak directly to God. To faithful Christians God's ear is available at any time. We cannot afford to lose sight of this marvelous gift and privilege.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Deuteronomy 30-31 & Acts 27:27-44

Monday

Deuteronomy 32-34 & Acts 28

Tuesday

Psalms 42-44 & Matthew 1

Wednesday

Psalms 45-47 & Matthew 2

Thursday

Psalms 48-50 & Matthew 3

Friday

Psalms 51-53 & Matthew 4

Saturday

Psalms 54-56 & Matthew 5:1-26

March 30th Potluck Luncheon

Please remain after worship to enjoy the food and fellowship!

Brothers Keeper Group 3 is in charge of set-up and clean-up.

A brief devotional will follow our meal and there will be no 5:00 Bible study.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

ALL AROUND YOU THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING, PEOPLE WHO NEED YOUR LOVE, PEOPLE WHO NEED YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT. LET GOD USE YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS TO BLESS THEM.

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)

Tim Smith is scheduled to have 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*

Mission Report: There is a Tanzania Mission Report from Ralph Williams available on the table in the foyer. Our congregation helps to support the Africa mission work Brother Ralph Williams is involved in.

Special Contribution: A special contribution will be taken up to offset the insurance costs for our building this Sunday, March 30th.

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

5:00 Bible Study: Sunday, April 6th, Meal Group 4 will be in charge of hosting our 5:00 Bible study.

Prayer is a bridge



from your mess



to God's rest.

Time With Tim

Having the Mind of Christ

***"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 2:5***

The Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 2:5-7 remind us that our attitude as Christians should reflect the humility and selflessness of Jesus. Though He was in the very nature of God, Jesus did not cling to His divine privileges but willingly emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant. This profound act of humility sets the ultimate example for us as His followers.

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It means adopting a mindset that prioritizes the needs of others over our own. It calls us to serve rather than to seek to be served (Mark 10:45). In practical terms, this might look like showing patience with someone who has wronged us, helping a neighbor in need without expecting anything in return, or using our resources to bless others instead of storing them up for personal gain.

Having the mind of Christ also requires a spirit of obedience to God. Just as Jesus submitted to the Father's will, even to the point of death on the cross, we too must seek to align our lives with God's purpose, trusting Him even when His plan requires sacrifice (Luke 22:42).

When we live with the attitude of Christ, the light of His love shines through us, drawing others closer to Him. In this, we fulfill the command to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34). May we strive daily to reflect the humility, love, and obedience of Jesus in every aspect of our lives.

***"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."
Galatians 2:20***

Jesus the Righteous Judge

Jesus is the Creator to whom all are accountable. He has all authority, and He has all the right to judge. The Father “has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father” (John 5:22-23). He has “authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man” (v. 27). This is another call back to Daniel 7:13-14 where the Son of Man figure is given all dominion and glory and a kingdom “that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.” If He is the King with all authority, then judgment belongs to Him.

The Lord is not a capricious or vindictive Judge. He does not act out of spite, envy, or malice. He is a righteous Judge who stands for justice and will always do what is right. As the psalmist said long ago about God’s reign, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you” (Psa 89:14). Our faith, then, trusts that He always judges righteously and justly, with all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” Abraham asked (Gen 18:25). Indeed, He will.

Jesus came into this world as a light shining in the darkness (John 1:5). The intent of His incarnation was not to condemn, but to bring light and provide the path back to God. “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil” (John 3:17-19).

Condemnation comes because people reject the Light (Jesus) and choose to stay in the darkness. Nevertheless, a time is coming in which Jesus, the righteous Judge, will be heard and seen by all. Back in John 5, note how Jesus continued: “And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment” (John 5:27-29). The voice of Jesus will ring out so that all will hear. Then, “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:10-11).

Every ear will hear, every eye will see, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus (cf. Rev 1:7). This is why it is paramount that we recognize Jesus for who He is now, for “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Salvation is offered to all and judgment is promised for all. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Cor 5:10). The judgment seat of Christ is guaranteed because Jesus was raised from the dead (Acts 17:31).

What is the standard for judgment? Jesus said, “If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day” (John 12:47-48). The words of Jesus will be there at judgment, and we will be accountable to what He has taught (cf. Heb 4:12-13).

Jesus is the righteous Judge who does not want to condemn. While it may sound frightening to stand before His judgment seat, the beauty of the gospel is that we do not need to be so frightened because “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Rom 8:1). If we stand forgiven of our sins, then we stand justified, not because we are great but because of His grace and actions on our behalf. Though all have sinned, all can be “justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Rom 3:23-24). Judgment for God’s people means eternal salvation, not condemnation.

We must, then, step into the light of Jesus Christ or face the reality of what staying in the darkness means (cf. 2 Cor 4:3-6). He will make no mistakes at judgment, and He knows the hearts of all. No one will be able to challenge Him, and we all will only desire mercy. God be thanked that He provides it!

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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 30

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

Welcome AM: Jack Mattingly

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Tim Smith

Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Tim Smith

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: No Service

Scripture Reading: Gil Turpin

Heritage House

Thursday, April 3

Betty Smith &
Kay Lashley

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