



FAMILY NEWS

JUNE 1, 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.



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SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

June 8– Pearl Of Great Price

Being in Christ and His kingdom contains a value greater than all others. When one counts the blessings of being a child of God, one quickly sees that being right with God is worth every sacrifice.

**God's truths are
not bricks to
throw at people.
They are bread to
feed people.**

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience.*

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

1 Kings 21-22 & Romans 11:25-36

Monday

2 Kings 1-3 & Romans 12

Tuesday

2 Kings 4-6 & Romans 13

Wednesday

2 Kings 7-9 & Romans 14

Thursday

2 Kings 10-12 & Romans 15:1-13

Friday

2 Kings 13-14 & Romans 15:14-33

Saturday

2 Kings 15-16 & Romans 16

**EVERY PERSON YOU SEE IS SOMEONE
JESUS THOUGHT ENOUGH OF TO DIE
FOR, REMEMBER THAT IN HOW YOU
TREAT OTHERS.**

Lariat Creek Christian Camp 2025

The youth of our congregation along with Arpoika and sponsors will leave for Lariat Creek Christian Camp this Sunday! They will return on Friday, June 6th. Please pray for their safe travel and an uplifting week at camp !



In Our Hearts:

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

Please continue to remember those on our long term prayer list.

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 4 will be hosting our June 1st 5:00 Bible study in the fellowship room.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Gil and Lisa Turpin on the birth of their granddaughter Eden Fern Turpin! Eden was born to Tyler and Amanda Turpin on Wednesday, May 21st, weighing 6 lbs 3½ oz and measuring 17½ inches long. Baby Eden and parents are doing well!

VBS 2025: Make plans now to attend our 2025 Vacation Bible School! It is scheduled for July 14th - 16th!

To my church family,
Thank you so very much for my graduation Bible. It's the perfect gift & I will treasure it always. Thank you for all the love, support, encouragement and prayers while I've been finishing my degree. I could not have done it without you. I'm so blessed by my church family! I love you each very much.

Sincerely,
Lani

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the graduation celebration. I sincerely appreciate the many cards and your generosity.

Sincerely,
Tanner Johnson

Time With Tim

Dealing with Conflict Biblically – Principles for Peacemaking

"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

Romans 12:18

Conflict is a part of life. Whether it's a disagreement with a spouse, tension in the workplace, or division within the church, we all face situations where peace is threatened. The Bible doesn't promise a conflict-free life, but it does give us clear principles for handling it in a way that honors God.

A church member at a congregation we once attended told me that he overheard a comment about him that had deeply offended him. It wasn't meant to be malicious, but it struck a nerve. He told me that for days, he replayed the words in his head, growing more hurt and bitter. He avoided the person, convinced they should apologize. But as he read Matthew 18:15 — *"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone..."* — he realized he had not followed Christ's way. So, with prayer and humility, he reached out. He told me that the conversation that followed was hard, but healing. The person didn't even know they had offended him. There were tears, apologies, and restoration. The conflict had become an opportunity for grace.

Here are a few biblical principles for peacemaking:

1. **Go to the person directly and privately (Matthew 18:15).** Avoid gossip or public confrontation.
2. **Seek understanding, not victory (James 1:19-20).** Listen more than you speak.
3. **Forgive freely (Ephesians 4:32).** Even when the other person doesn't apologize.
4. **Pursue peace, not just resolution (Romans 12:18).** The goal isn't just to end the argument, but to preserve the relationship.

Conflict handled God's way can deepen our faith, strengthen our relationships, and glorify Christ. It's never easy, but it's always worth it.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Matthew 5:9

Standards

Standards are common. The term can refer to a commonly accepted value, a recognized authoritative model, or something acceptable though not top quality (dictionary). In all these cases there is a recognition that expectations of some kind are to be met and accepted by more than just an individual who might arbitrarily do whatever. The concept of having standards means that we have lines that should not be crossed, good goals for which we strive, and expectations to do better based on some measure or rule that ought to be understood by all.

There are standards for food, driving, housing, athletics, pets, governments, and the list can continue. We might not always agree with the particulars, but we understand why standards are there. Rules are given for the common good (another term requiring a standard). Anarchy devolves quickly into chaos, and no one is benefitted save the selfish oppressors who run roughshod over those who have little power to stop them. “Might makes right,” some think, but it is hardly right, and it is certainly not godly. “Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?” (James 2:6, see the context).

People live by moral standards, and I know of no exceptions to this historically or contemporarily. Everyone has a line that is not to be crossed. The question is, what is the ultimate source of standards? When boiled down, there are not many options available. From the foundation up, the concept of standards come from 1) an intelligent source (i.e., a Creator) or 2) a non-intelligent process (i.e., mindless, purposeless chance with no mind behind it). This is not delving into the nature of the Creator or the specific process, but just recognizing that there is either intelligence or not lying foundationally under moral reality. While humans are intelligent, they arose either from a mind or through mindlessness. What is the source of human intelligence? Why do we have a moral nature at all?

Moving a step further, if moral standards come from an intelligent source, then these standards would be what we might expect: universal, objective, and authoritative (the biblical position). However, if moral standards arose by chance, then they would be non-universal and subjective. Morality apart from God means that they are 1) self-made, whatever I decide for myself, 2) society-made, whatever society decides or practices, or 3) imposed by those in power. Perhaps it’s a combination. In whatever case, a godless morality means that either the individual or the culture gets to decide right or wrong, and the implications of this are enormous.

If morality is neither universal nor objective, then individuals and cultures are free to reject them with

no moral culpability. If one society rejected the morals of another, they are free to put into power a Hitler with all attendant implications. What right would another society have to pronounce judgment or bring charges and enact penalties? If there is no “law above the law,” no God-given morals above rules created by people, then the majority get to decide and the powerful get to enforce. If they decided that murder, racism, and oppression are okay, then who is to say they are wrong? As outspoken atheist Richard Dawkins admitted honestly in an interview, “What’s to prevent us from saying Hitler wasn’t right? I mean, that is a genuinely difficult question.” (<http://byfaithonline.com/richard-dawkins-the-atheist-evangelist/>) Is that a genuinely difficult question for you? Why or why not?

Anecdotally, I have had atheists argue with me that morality is non-universal and subjective (personal preference). Then I was called immoral for a certain belief. Anyone should be able to see the irony of that. If something outside of you or your chosen culture is immoral, then it can only be so based upon a standard that is universal, applying equally to all, and objective, standing outside our personal preferences. If you think that we should have any sense of justice, accountability, or the right to moral outrage, then think deeply about where you believe moral standards find their ultimate foundations. Can brute materialism explain it?

One of the many reasons I believe in God is because I find it irrational to think that morality is the result of mindless, accidental processes based on chance. Raw material cannot account for universal, objective moral standards. These require minds to understand, and at least a grand Authority at its foundation, which makes moral behavior universally expected and to which we are finally accountable. What makes sense of this is what Scripture has told us all along: humans are made in God’s image. We are free-will beings who are morally responsible. Sin is our effort to dethrone God and decide for ourselves what is right and wrong (morality without the moral lawgiver, see Gen 3:5; Rom 1). Though we are all guilty, God has reached out to rectify the problem in grace through Christ.

If you want to talk morality, about what is “better,” or hold people morally accountable for anything, then consider your foundations. Is your ultimate foundation Mind or mindless chance? Is it universal and objective, or is it your personal or societal preference? How we answer these questions will speak volumes about our ultimate commitments and how we should think about one another.

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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

June 1

In Charge: Alan Morgan (405-481-6163)

Welcome AM: Jack Mattingly

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Arpoika Daniels

Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Bob Swearingen

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Nuben Barton

Scripture Reading: Bob Swearingen

Heritage House

Thursday, June 5

Joyce Boggs &
Debbie Ernst

June Nursery Attendants

June 1 - Emma Noey

June 8 - Ginger Posey

June 15 - Ashley Noey

June 22 - Debbie Crane

June 29 - Kay Lashley

June Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Nuben & Ann Barton

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan