



# FAMILY NEWS

## March 1, 2026

### 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

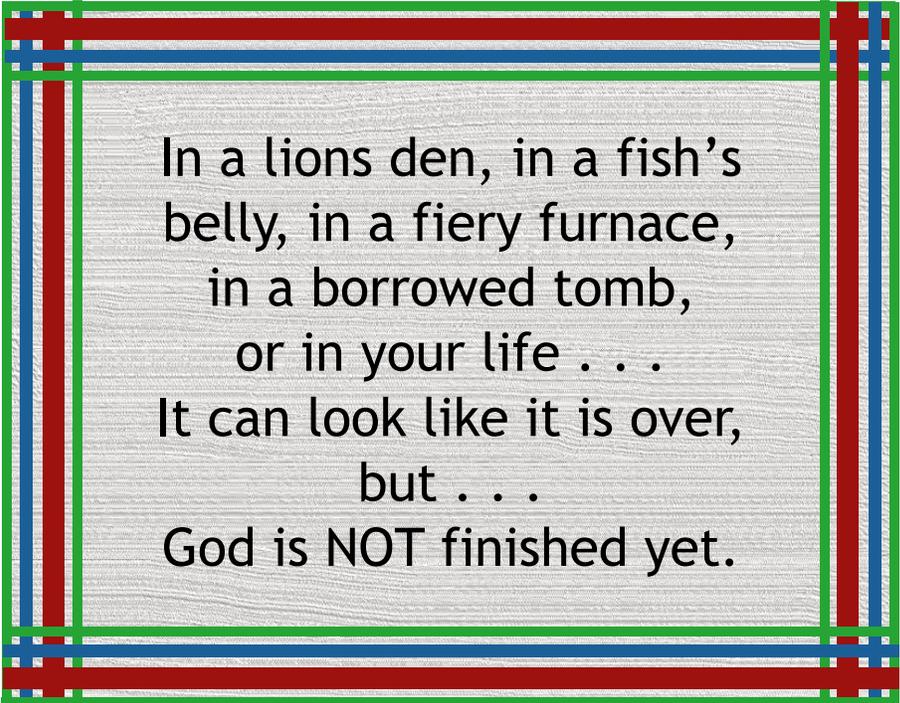
### Sermons

AM: Andy Scott  
PM: Evening Bible Study



**Next Sunday on Search:**  
**Mar 8-God's Morals Do Not Change**

Our God is a holy, righteous God. He does not take delight in sin and will not compromise His righteous morals. People and culture cannot change God's moral laws, because God rules over all the earth.



In a lions den, in a fish's belly, in a fiery furnace, in a borrowed tomb, or in your life . . . It can look like it is over, but . . . God is NOT finished yet.

**Daily Bible Reading**

**Sunday**  
Psalms 34-35 & Acts 9:1-19

**Monday**  
Psalms 36-37 & Acts 9:20-43

**Tuesday**  
Psalms 38-39 & Acts 10:1-33

**Wednesday**  
Psalms 40-41 & Acts 10:34-48

**Thursday**  
Numbers 1-2 & Acts 11

**Friday**  
Numbers 3-4 & Acts 12

**Saturday**  
Numbers 5-6 & Acts 13:1-12

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 3:14 (NIV)*



**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 8**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!  
DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!

# In Our Hearts:

*The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust him. Nahum 1:7 (NIV)*

Jim Hardin had surgery on his hand on Monday, February 23rd. The surgery went well; he will be in a splint for 2 weeks until he sees his doctor again.

Beverly Ramsey had a PET scan on Monday, February 23rd and received good news!

The home of Racheal Tribble, daughter of Alan Morgan, recently burned. She and the kids were unharmed but will need our prayers as they start over.

Clancy Phillis, Beverly Ramsey, Larry Waddell, Lee Daniels, mother of Arpoika Daniels, Pat Joslin, sister 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 Malone*

**2026 Budget:** The 2026 Budget for the Church of Christ at Seminole is available on the kiosk in the foyer for those wishing to have a copy.

**Affirming The Faith:** The *Affirming The Faith Seminar* will be held this Friday and Saturday, March 6th & 7th, at the Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. "Building Bridges - Connecting With Today's Culture" is the theme for the event. For more information go to [affirmingthefait.com](http://affirmingthefait.com).

God is good even  
when life isn't.



You can't be bitter and  
expect your life to be  
sweet.



## Time With Tim

### Doing the Right Thing—Even When It's Hard

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."* Proverbs 3:5-6

Doing the right thing is rarely the easiest option, but it is always the God-honoring one. Each day presents decisions that reveal what truly guides our hearts—our comfort, our culture, or our commitment to the Lord. Scripture reminds us that obedience flows from trust, not convenience.

James writes, "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (James 4:17). This verse challenges us to recognize that righteousness is active, not passive. God calls His people not only to avoid what is wrong, but to step forward in obedience when the right path is clear.

Choosing what is right often requires courage. It may mean refusing to compromise, standing for truth with grace, or doing what honors God even when no one else sees. Yet Scripture assures us that faithfulness is never wasted. God sees every obedient step and strengthens those who walk in His ways.

Jesus Himself modeled perfect obedience, choosing the Father's will even when it led to sacrifice. As followers of Christ, we are called to reflect that same trust and resolve in our daily lives.

When we consistently choose the right thing, we honor God, grow in spiritual maturity, and become a visible testimony of His transforming power.

*"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."* 1 Corinthians 15:58

## Trusting Self or God

Jesus told a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt” (Luke 18:9). What a statement! Jesus targeted head-on an attitude that was common enough that He wanted this parable to be known by future generations.

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (vv. 10-14).

Jesus turns expectations on its head. Between the Pharisee and tax collector, everyone would know that the Pharisee was righteous and the tax collector was a sinner. Tax collectors were often grouped with other sinners. For example, Matthew, a tax collector, recorded this: “And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’” (Matt 9:10-11). His response was, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (vv. 12-13). Jesus was mocked for associating with them: “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt 11:19).

To contrast the Pharisee with the tax collector would have seemed foolish to those who were self-righteous. The problem, however, is that those who have such self-trust likely don’t realize it. Of course they trust in God! Of course they are doing what’s right. Just ask them! They are happy to tell you.

“The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus.” Some indicate that he prayed “to himself” or “about himself.” Likely, he was standing “by himself” as he prayed, and certainly he was praying about himself as he compared himself with others and boasted about what he did. “God, I thank you that I am not like other men...” should send up a red flag. This shows how easy it is to downplay sin. “I’m not that bad, like those peo-

ple over there who do these terrible things.” We might be tempted at times to think, “I may not be perfect, but at least I’m not like them.” Comparing one’s life and accomplishments to the sins of others is one of the most dangerous paths to take. We feel self-justified on the basis that our sins just aren’t as bad as theirs. We may be thankful to God, but even thankfulness can be wrong-headed when the object is our proud, self-righteous trust.

The tax collector, on the other hand, standing far off, “would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’” He sees himself before God as “the sinner” (NASB). He is not comparing himself with others. He is not calling out how bad others are. He isn’t showcasing his works as if he should be praised. He offers only a confession and a plea for mercy. Here is revealed where our trust abides.

A worldly consideration of these two might see the Pharisee as strong and the tax collector weak. The Pharisee is confident in himself; the tax collector appeals only to God. The Pharisee boasts in his works; the tax collector grieves over his actions. If the tax collector is the sinner, surely the Pharisee is righteous.

Not so, for righteousness is never self-defined. It is not for the proud. Jesus’ words would have hit like a ton of bricks: “I tell you, this man (the tax collector) went down to his house justified, rather than the other (the Pharisee).” Why? That hardly seems fair. The tax collector admittedly is not righteous in himself. He is a sinner. How can he be justified? Here is the Lord’s answer: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Self-exaltation never sits well with God. The problem of sin cannot be met with, “But I’m not as bad as they are and look at the good I’ve done.” Justification can only come when we realize the depth of our sin and trust God for mercy. That takes humility, and humility runs contrary to trusting in self-righteousness.

Only when we abandon the pride of, “I’m thankful I’m not like other men,” and embrace the humility of, “God, be merciful to me, the sinner,” will we know justification. This exaltation only comes from the God who opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble (1 Pet 5:5).

- Doy Moyer

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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 1****In Charge:** Andy Scott (405-287-8580)**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Jack Mattingly**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Arpoika Daniels**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nuben Barton**Scripture Reading:** Bob Swearingen**Heritage House****Thursday, March 5**

Judy Amos &  
Debbie Ernst

**March Nursery Attendants**

March 1 - Kay Lashley

March 8 - Debbie Crane

March 15 - Ginger Posey

March 22 - Ashley Noey

March 29 - Kay Lashley

**March Worship & Bible Class Greeters****North Doors:** Betty Smith & Beverly Ramsey**South Doors:** Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan