



FAMILY NEWS

May 3, 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: Arpoika Daniels
PM: Evening Bible Study



IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search: May 10-No Other God

There is only one God who made heaven and earth and who gave us life, and there are no other gods. The God of the Bible is indeed unique and worthy of our praise and devotion. How is the God of the Bible different?

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

1 Samuel 10-12 & Matthew 21:23-46

Monday

1 Samuel 13-14 & Matthew 22:1-22

Tuesday

1 Samuel 15-16 & Matthew 22:23-46

Wednesday

1 Samuel 17-18 & Matthew 23:1-22

Thursday

1 Samuel 19-20 & Matthew 23:23-39

Friday

1 Samuel 21-22 & Matthew 24:1-35

Saturday

1 Samuel 23-24 & Matthew 24:36-51

"But you belong to
GOD, MY DEAR
CHILDREN. YOU HAVE
already won a victory
over those people, because
THE SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN
YOU IS GREATER
THAN THE SPIRIT WHO LIVES
IN THE WORLD."

1 John 4:4



**We will never
influence the world
for Christ until we
refuse to allow the
world to influence
us.**

**As a
Christian,
your life
should
reflect Christ -
not the
world.**

In Our Hearts:

Urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

Betty Daily was taken by ambulance and admitted to St. Anthony hospital in Shawnee on Tuesday, April 28th. Betty had suffered a heart attack and was also diagnosed with pneumonia. She is in room 304.

Sara Shelton, daughter of Andy Scott, Clancy Phillis, Beverly Ramsey, Larry Waddell, Lee Daniels, mother of Arpoika Daniels, LaRohnda Jones, niece of Johna Myers, Kenny Brewer, Sue Alexander, Talhia Vanlandingham, Steve Lashley, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell

Let's remember our shut-ins: *Peggy Malone*

Senior Sunday Fellowship: Sunday, May 17th, will be our Senior Sunday Fellowship. We will gather after our morning worship service for a fellowship meal and celebration of our graduating seniors, Karli Johnson and Marlen Marquez. The meat for our meal will be provided and everyone is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. There will be no 5:00 Bible study that evening.

Welcome!

We welcome Terry & Toni Dugan as they begin serving the Lord with our congregation! Please introduce yourself to Terry and Toni and welcome them to our church family!



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YOUR LIFE IS A MINISTRY.



PEOPLE ARE
WATCHING YOU
WHETHER YOU
KNOW IT OR NOT.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

So many people assume that Jesus' life began when he was born, like ours does. However, Jesus existed for eternity before the creation of the world. Jesus Himself created the world and universe and all that is within them. **"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being"** (John 1:3). This verse is talking about Jesus the Son of God, whom John describes as the Word of God. He was with God and he was God. The very first verse of the Bible says, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And there was evening and there was morning, one day"* (Genesis 1:1).

You can't get something from nothing, that is scientific fact. Something has to be eternal, either the creator God or some inanimate lifeless mass that blew up and accidentally created life. I prefer to believe we were made by intelligence and purpose and not by accident.

Some would like to tell us that the six days of creation may have lasted for thousands of years each. The Lord should know what happened better than anyone else, because He was there. I trust His version of events, and true science backs it up. On the 4th day of Creation God made the **sun**, moon, and stars and placed them in the heavens. He made the plant life on the third day, a day **before** He made the sun. Without the sun, plants can't survive very long.

We were created by a loving and powerful God who cares for each one of us. That is an encouraging word!

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

History Shapes Us

When we accept Scripture as God's communication to humanity, we are accepting the reality that history shapes us. Our understanding of who God is, what sin is, and how God brought about salvation is built on an understanding of past events. The death and resurrection of Jesus are historical (1 Cor 15). For the children of Israel, the remembrance of their history was embedded into their culture. "You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deut 5:15). Think about how often the story of Israel is repeated in Scripture. It's in the Law, the historical books, the prophets, the Psalms, and the New Testament (e.g., Stephen in Acts 7). There were times when God had them set up memorials so that their children would also learn and remember their past (cf. Josh 4:1-7).

Neglecting history is tragic because it changes the perspective on how we got where we are and why we ought to press on to do better (see 1 Cor 10:1-13; Rom 15:4). Otherwise, we may find ourselves hard-hearted for not learning from the past (Mal 3:7; Acts 7:51-53; Matt 23:34-36). Further, we should never celebrate the evil of past generations, but should learn, lament, and renew our efforts to seek the Lord in our generation. If I hold a view that is sinful and reflects the sins of the past, I need to repent. Not all historical facts are defensible, but the truth about them is vital for learning and correction.

Remembering history requires that we are honest about what happened. We recognize that we bring our worldviews to the table as we interpret the past, but we must be committed to truth, and this means that facts matter. If the facts show past evil and abuse (e.g., slavery in America), then we need to speak of it accurately and learn the needed lessons. History includes the good, the bad, and the ugly. We need to be honest about what we know and willing to learn what we don't know.

History is not a flat-lined series of events without interpretation. It is layered, overlapping, often complicated, and supports multiple branches that can be traced back to various roots. Different groups have different perspectives on how the events shape where we are. This does not mean the facts differ. Facts do not change, though sometimes getting to the facts can be a challenge. Neither does it mean that any group has a right to alter and twist history to fit a political agenda. That would not be honest with the facts. It does not mean that all interpretations are equal, as if truth is relative. It does mean that differing people have perspectives on historical reality due to their own experiences, back-

grounds, and family history. We should respect these differences.

This also means that we should listen to one another and encourage the telling of the stories. Perhaps, "I've not thought about it that way." God's people are comprised of "every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev 5:9), but that does not erase their pasts, shared or distinct. Though Jews and Gentiles become one in Christ, that does not mean that we don't respect the history of the Jews or various nations from which people arise. It's not that we don't share the same facts, but the facts may hit us differently for a variety of reasons. Listen to each other. Give honor to whom honor is due. Here we can learn to be kind, sympathetic, and loving to one another even if the situations from which we come are different.

I grew up in California and have now spent a significant amount of time in the American South, and I can tell you that even among Christians, westerners see things a bit differently from lifelong southerners. That doesn't make one group better or worse; it's just a recognition that even within American culture, there are subcultures that have pasts not necessarily shared across the board. This is also true of generations. A Christian who was alive during WWII will see things differently from the one born in the 2,000's. They can still be one in Christ, but their perspectives on history will not be identical. This is to be expected. Again, listen to each other. Christ does not belong just to America, or just to one or two subgroups within America, or to a specific generation over others. Christ transcends all of these to bring us together and share in the most important historical events ever accomplished. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus universally apply to all, and salvation from sin is a common bond (Jude 3).

What I see as beautiful in all of this is that we can respect different perspectives and still be one in Christ. The "all nations" understanding of God's people is powerful. The cross transcends cultures. It doesn't erase history, but it merges together all the historical strands and draws us to be one in Christ (John 12:32). Together, we can represent Christ to a world that continues to be divided and show that Jesus Christ is for everyone!

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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

May 3

In Charge: Jim Hardin (405-380-7335)

Welcome AM: Andy Scott

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Arpoika Daniels

Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Gil Turpin

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Nuben Barton

Scripture Reading: Andy Scott

Heritage House

Thursday, May 7

Maureen Richardson &
Debbie Ernst

May Nursery Attendants

May 3 - Ginger Posey

May 10 - Debbie Crane

May 17 - Ashley Noey

May 24 - Kay Lashley

May 31 - Ginger Posey

May Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Nuben & Ann Barton

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan