



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: June 14-Presumption

People commonly take things for granted, presuming they know what will happen in the future or presuming everything will be okay. They are surprised when they find out God has different plans and different values.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

2 Kings 15-16 & Romans 16

Monday

2 Kings 17-18 & 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Tuesday

2 Kings 19-21 & 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Wednesday

2 Kings 22-23 & 1 Corinthians 2

Thursday

2 Kings 24-25 & 1 Corinthians 3

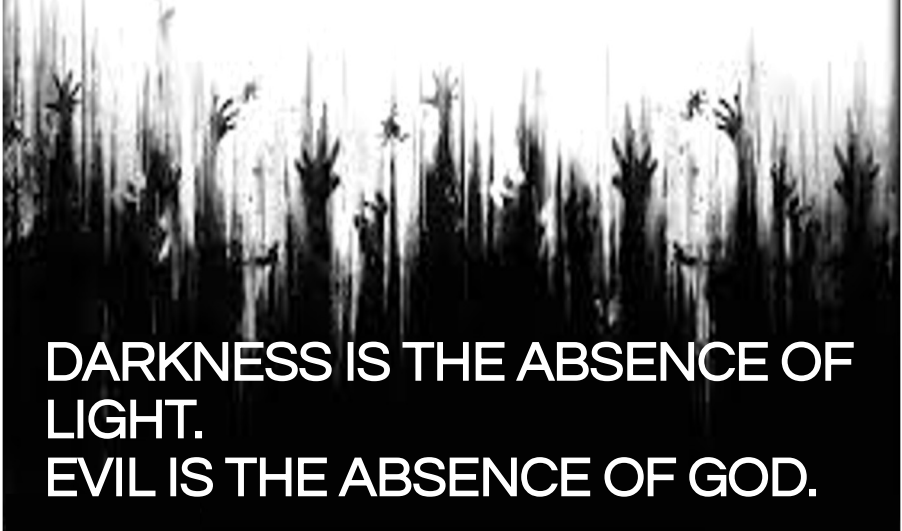
Friday

Psalms 73-75 & 1 Corinthians 4

Saturday

Psalms 76-77 & 1 Corinthians 5

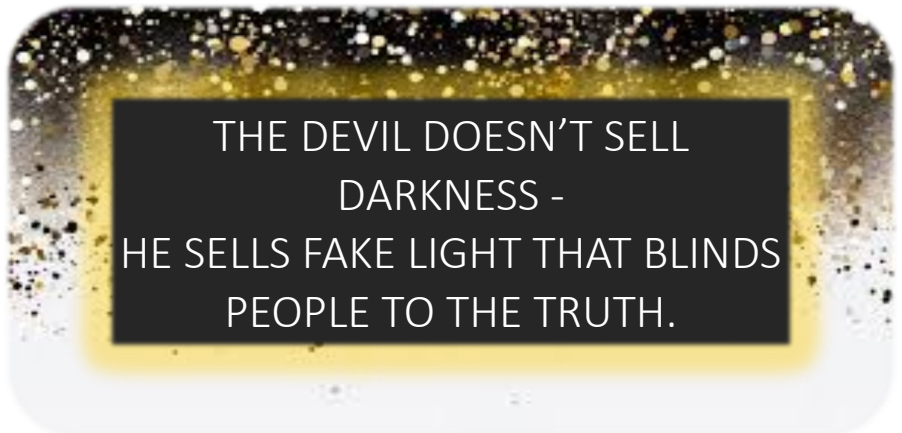
**GOD IS NOT TO BLAME FOR EVIL
ANY MORE THAN LIGHT IS TO
BLAME FOR DARKNESS.**



**DARKNESS IS THE ABSENCE OF
LIGHT.
EVIL IS THE ABSENCE OF GOD.**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (NIV)



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 remember those on our long term prayer list. If you notice changes needing to be made to our list, please let the office know.

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, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell

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

Ladies: The Bell and Farrall Church of Christ in Shawnee will be hosting a ladies day program on Saturday, June 27th. Sister Tonya Kelsey from the Highland Church of Christ will be speaking on the theme *Don't Worry About Tomorrow*. The event will begin at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast. Lunch will be provided at noon. For more information see the flyer posted in the office window.

Plan Ahead: The Tipton Children's Home will be coming to Seminole the week of August 24th to pickup donated grocery items for the home. A box for donated items will be placed in the foyer the end of July. A list of suggested grocery items can be found on the table in the foyer.



This World is Not My Home
A Summer Gospel Meeting
Sasakwa Church of Christ
June 13th & 14th
10 AM to 2PM
(flyer posted in office window)



**My weakness is where
His strength shines
brightest.**

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John the Apostle wrote in his gospel, as did the other gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke, about John the Baptist who was born to parents who had been praying for a child, but maybe because of their age had given up hope of ever having their own. Luke chapter one describes how this baby was born to Zacharias and Elizabeth who were past the normal child-bearing age. In telling Mary about Elizabeth's good and amazing news, the Angel Gabriel said, "Nothing will be impossible with God." This was **one** of the ways John the Baptist was a forerunner of Jesus. Mary went to visit Elizabeth, her relative, as soon as she could to share the excitement. John was conceived six months before Jesus in a special way that could only have come by the power of God. John's birth was by natural means blessed by God and Jesus' birth was totally super-natural being born of a virgin. Before either of the boys were born, God had given them names and knew what they would do in their lives. John **came to testify about the Light**, who is **Jesus**. Elizabeth knew God was working to fulfill His promises through all these events and she would have been a great strength and encouragement to the young maiden Mary, who was probably still a teenager.

It is comforting to know that Almighty God planned your salvation before the world was created and worked throughout history to fulfill His plan in Christ for you and all who obey in faith. God loves you. That is truly an encouraging word.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

When We Begin to Doubt

Believers often battle with doubts. These doubts range from questioning whether we have the ability to live as we ought to questioning whether or not God is real and can be trusted. We should never just brush questions aside, for they will have a bad way of creeping back in and getting in the way of our walk. Rather, when doubts arise, we should use them as opportunities to grow and probe into the fundamentals that will help shore up our faith. Whatever the doubts may be, there are often even deeper issues underlying those questions. We know the danger. Doubts that are not addressed can become destructive to our overall faith. These will turn us into wavering people who are driven and tossed by the wind (Jas. 1:6). Following, then, are some reminders that can help us deal with doubts. When we begin to doubt...

We are not thinking highly enough of God (Eph. 3:20).

Doubt gets to the heart of how we conceive of God. If our faith is not founded on the God who can do far more abundantly beyond anything we can ask or think, then our faith will waver when we are confronted with difficulties that seem too much for us. Doubting usually starts with bringing God down to our level (or below). When we do this, we've already lost the battle. A high view of God is critical to strong faith.

We are thinking too highly of human wisdom in contrast to God's wisdom (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

The world thinks the cross foolish (1 Cor. 1:18ff). When we take our eyes off of God's wisdom, we will begin to doubt the power of the cross, and we will then be placing more value on human reason and wisdom over God's. Why is it, though, that critics who place everything into the category of human wisdom do not also doubt their own sense of wisdom? We need a wisdom we can trust, and this must be founded on something deeper than what any mere man may think. Faith needs to be in the power of God, not in the wisdom of men.

We are not focusing on the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:58).

Two primary facts about the effects of Jesus' resurrection remind us of its power: First, we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:3). Second, when our faith in His resurrection is strong, we can know that our labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

If Jesus were not raised from the dead, our faith is vain (1 Cor. 15:12-19). Since the resurrection is the fact

on which we base our hope, and since faith is what underlies our hope (Heb. 11:1), then losing faith in the resurrection will 1) destroy our hope, and 2) make us question all that we do as Christians. Herein lies the devastation of doubt. Doubt destroys hope.

This is one reason Paul said the death and resurrection of Jesus is "of first importance" (1 Cor. 15:1-4). If we get the resurrection of Jesus strongly fixed in our minds, the rest will fall into place. We will know that everything we do for the Lord is worthwhile, and we will live with hope. It is through Jesus that we are introduced, by faith, into God's grace in which we stand; "and we exult in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1-2).

We are more focused on self and personal failures in contrast to the success of the worldly (Psalm 73).

By looking at the world and focusing on worldly fun, pleasure, and success, we may well be setting ourselves up for doubt. The psalmist said he almost stumbled because of it. Instead, we need a greater perspective so that we may "perceive their end" (Psa. 73:17). To do this, we must go to the right source and be renewed in our thinking (cf. Rom. 12:1-2). True success is not defined by the world, but by listening to our Creator, who always knows what is best for us.

We are not looking to eternity (Heb. 11:24-26; 2 Cor. 4:18).

This is the "so what" of life. What happens in the end? Why do we press on in the face of difficulties? What enabled Moses to endure affliction with God's people was that he considered "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward" (Heb. 11:26). Our perspective needs to reach into eternity, "for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Faith matters because eternity matters.

While doubts have the ability to destroy faith, we also have the opportunity to refocus our thinking and strengthen those areas of our faith that have wavered. Don't brush aside the questions; deal with them honestly. At the same time, make sure to place the proper perspective on those matters that are most important.

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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 7****In Charge:** Alan Morgan (405-481-6163)**Welcome AM:** Jack Mattingly**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson**Opening Prayer:** Andy Scott**Closing Prayer:** Syd Morgan**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Jack Mattingly**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** Nuben Barton**Scripture Reading:** Bob Swearingen**Heritage House****Thursday, June 11**

Betty Smith &
Beverly Ramsey

June Nursery Attendants

June 7 - Debbie Crane

June 14 - Ashley Noey

June 21 - Kay Lashley

June 28 - Ginger Posey

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