



FAMILY NEWS

August 2, 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



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Next Sunday on Search:

Aug 9-Just A Christian

Did you know you can be a member of the church Jesus purchased with His own blood without belonging to any denomination? In this second lesson of this series we'll see how Christ prayed for all His people to be united.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Isaiah 39-41 & Mark 9:14-32

Monday

Isaiah 42-43 & Mark 9:33-50

Tuesday

Isaiah 44-46 & Mark 10:1-12

Wednesday

Isaiah 47-49 & Mark 10:13-31

Thursday

Isaiah 50-52 & Mark 10:32-52

Friday

Isaiah 53-55 & Mark 11:1-19

Saturday

Isaiah 56-58 & Mark 11:20-33

"You will know them by their fruit"

not by what they say about themselves.
not by how many verses they can memorize.
not by how loud they preach about God.
not by how perfect they appear in public.
not by how often they post about their faith.
not by their titles, church positions or image.

-but by their LIFE.

by how they treat people who can't benefit them.
by how they respond when they're hurt.
by their consistency in private, not just in public.
by their humility, their patience, their kindness.

A platform can fool people, but fruit can't.

*[Be] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
Phillipians 1:11 (NIV)*

*Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.
Matthew 7:20 (NIV)*



*People can perfect an
image, but they can
never fake their fruit.*

In Our Hearts:

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.

Psalim 17:6 (NIV)

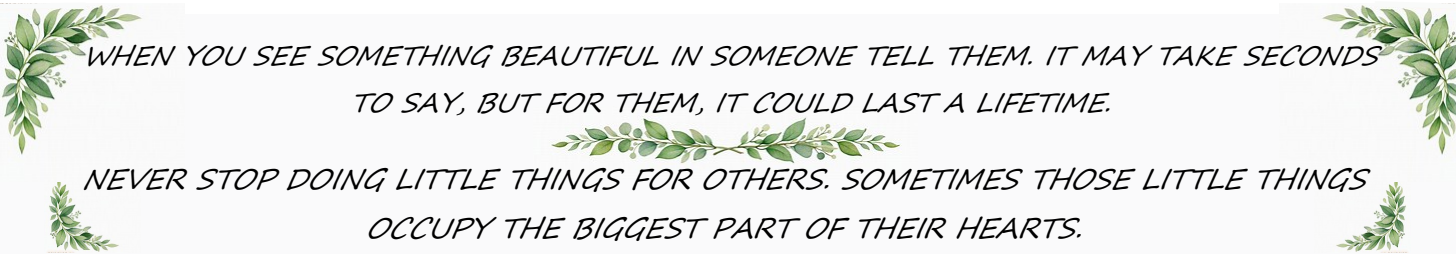
Please continue to remember those on our long term prayer list. If you notice changes that need to be made please let the office know.

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*

Information to Share?: If you have news, accomplishments, events or updates you would like to share with the congregation, please give your information to the church office and we will add your information to our next bulletin!

Tipton Children's Home: A collection box for grocery donations for the Tipton Children's Home has been placed in the foyer. The grocery truck will be picking up the donated items the last full week in August. A list of requested items can be found on the table in the foyer as well as posted on the office window.



*WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL IN SOMEONE TELL THEM. IT MAY TAKE SECONDS
TO SAY, BUT FOR THEM, IT COULD LAST A LIFETIME.*

*NEVER STOP DOING LITTLE THINGS FOR OTHERS. SOMETIMES THOSE LITTLE THINGS
OCCUPY THE BIGGEST PART OF THEIR HEARTS.*

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:14

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Jesus Christ the Son of God, also called The Word, became a human. The Scriptures teach He was there in the very beginning and He Himself was the Creator of everything that was made (John 1:1-3, Heb 1:2). He did it in six days. However, not only did Jesus make everything, but He also kept the whole universe holding together.

Colossians 1:16-17, "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, ... — all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Even though Jesus is and always has been Deity, Jesus the creator became a man, he humbly took on flesh by being physically born. He became a baby needing the love and care of His mother and her loving husband.

What kind of power would it take to create and hold everything together? To keep everything in ALL of space, all the planets, all the galaxies in perfect order and interacting together for our survival. Jesus has that power, and more. His glory is the glory of the special Son of God. That is of a meaning of what "only begotten" means, He is special, unique, one of a kind (that is what the footnotes in your Bible say). That He loves us so much is truly an encouraging word.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Dedication of Faith

I fear at times that faith today is seen as a weak contingency. We're fine as long as we are convinced, kind of, but we are open to changing allegiances because we aren't really sure. Faith may be seen as just what's best for now, but we are really hoping for something more secure that doesn't require such faith (good luck). God, then, is simply our best option currently, but since it is faith anyway, then we are open to making the switch if it is convenient or if having faith calls on us to be a little more committed than we bargained for. This is similar to the attitude of those who marry by saying, "until the love between us dies." We've opened the door wide to failure. This is not true faith. You don't just "try out" Jesus.

Faith is a commitment that gives us assurance of hope, and in this we have an anchor of the soul ([Heb 11:1; 6:18-19](#)). Having real faith doesn't mean we are giving it a good try "just in case." It does not mean we use it as a placeholder until something more solid comes along. Faith is about a lifetime of dedicated service, not subject to the whims of the world. The one driven and tossed about by every wind of doctrine is not commended ([Eph 4:13-14](#)). We aren't children looking for the next craze.

The faith of which we speak is the kind that counts the cost of the endeavor on which we embark. This is the point Jesus made to the crowds that followed Him: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." ([Luke 14:26-33](#)).

Faith is costly from an earthly perspective. There is much we give up to follow Christ, and this is not always easy to do. Ultimate faith requires all that we are and do, even to the point of giving our lives ([Rev 2:10](#)). If

we are not willing to make this sacrifice, we cannot be disciples of Jesus. Many are simply not willing to go that far because faith just doesn't seem that sure to them. John's message in Revelation was that no matter what the worldly forces do or threaten, disciples need to remain constant in their dedication of faith and commitment to the Lord. Our allegiance belongs to Him.

Am I saying that we don't have open minds? We do. We listen. We judge content. We interact with others. Yet we do so with faith in God, not constantly teetering on the edge of almost giving up. We need not lay aside faith to judge ideas and doctrines or to interact with the world. Neither am I saying that there is no room for questions. When we claim faith, we are thereby recognizing that we do not have all the answers. We do not know it all. We have space for questions and know that we won't figure everything out so that it's a neat, tidy package of theology. Yet even forms of doubt can be approached in faith. I don't need to lay faith or dedication aside to try to better understand God or Scripture. The doubting of James 1 is about inconsistency, wrong motives, and straddling the worldly line. Faith bears the questions and continues to trust God even when we don't know or understand the answers. Faith doesn't just give up because it's tired.

Does this make faith weak? Not at all, for faith is made stronger the more we rely on God and less on ourselves. In truth, everyone relies on something; all have faith in something. We need to choose who and what we will have faith in. Once we choose the Lord, we need to resolve ourselves to a lifetime of faithfulness despite the various philosophies that wage war on our souls. The commitment we make is for life. There is no looking back ([Luke 9:62](#)).

Faith is not for sale. Let's not act like it is.

"Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints" ([Rev 13:10](#)).

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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

August 2

In Charge: Syd Morgan (405-380-7406)

Welcome AM: Andy Scott

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Jack Mattingly

Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Nuben Barton

Scripture Reading: Paul Alexander

Heritage House

Thursday, August 6

Betty Smith &
Beverly Ramsey

August Nursery Attendants

Aug 2 - Debbie Crane

Aug 9 - Ashley Noey

Aug 16 - Kay Lashley

Aug 23 - Ginger Posey

Aug 30 - Dalia Marquez

August Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Bill Coley & Tracy Lucas

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan