



FAMILY NEWS

July 5, 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: No Evening Bible Study



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search: July 12-Much Closer Attention

Many people today want to follow their own path and often forget the words God spoke. Christians must pay close attention to the teaching of the Lord so they will not drift away from the Lord and His blessing.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Proverbs 10-12 & 2 Corinthians 5

Monday

Proverbs 13-15 & 2 Corinthians 6

Tuesday

Proverbs 16-18 & 2 Corinthians 7

Wednesday

Proverbs 19-21 & 2 Corinthians 8

Thursday

Proverbs 22-24 & 2 Corinthians 9

Friday

Proverbs 25-26 & 2 Corinthians 10

Saturday

Proverbs 27-29 & 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

He foresaw my every fall, my
every sin, my every backsliding; yet
nevertheless, fixed His heart upon
me. Oh, how the realization of this
should bow me in wonder and
worship before Him!

~A.W. Pink

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**OUR WEAKNESS IS A VESSEL
FOR HIS POWER AND OUR
FLAWS A CANVAS FOR HIS
GRACE**

In Our Hearts:

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior, my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7 (NIV)

Terry Dugan has suffered an injury in his right shoulder.
Bob Griggs injured his foot and will be wearing a boot.

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*



Tipton Children's Home: The grocery collection truck for the Tipton children's Home will be coming to pick up donated grocery items the last full week of August. A donation box will be placed in the foyer to collect all donations at the end of July. A list of requested items can be found on the table in the foyer as well as posted on the office window.

Vacation Bible School: Our Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! If you are able and willing to help make our VBS a success by participating in this outreach effort, please let Lani Renner and/or Debbie Crane know.

Thank you for the prayers and cards. It helps so much.



Shirley Howell

BEHIND EVERY PAID
BILL IS GOD'S
FAITHFUL PROVISION.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:11-12

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name

Compare that translation of John 1:11-12 to the way it was translated in **THE MESSAGE**: The Bible in Contemporary Language. *"He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. ¹² But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves."*

I like the way that reading talks about our being made into our **true selves**, as children of God. He gives us the right and ability to become the people God that intended us to be when we receive Christ by faith and obedience.

Jesus preached to thousands of people who listened and even ate the bread and fish he provided at times, and many of them believed, but not all. In fact, the leaders plotted together to have Jesus killed because they were envious. Even Pilate, the Roman governor in Matthew 27:18, *"knew that because of envy they had handed Him over."*

It is easy to condemn them for their rejection of Jesus because they selfishly put themselves before the truth that comes from God. Yet how many times do we do the same thing? That is what sin is, and we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God by putting our own desires first (Rom 3:23). However, Jesus showed us a better way that leads to life everlasting.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Head as Shepherd

Scripture says that the husband is the head of his wife (Eph 5:22-33). Cultural confusion about this has led many to reject the concept outright because it is seen as misogynistic and a defense of oppressive male domination. Terms are negatively defined, and this becomes the basis for interpreting everything else. This leads people to dismiss Scripture as a relic of past patriarchal evils. The devil's ability to twist what Scripture means encourages much disbelief.

What does the text say? Please read it. Note that the man is the head who leads by sacrifice. He is not a tyrant who barks orders and bullies (think of Mark 10:42-45; this principle would apply to marriage, too). A man is never told to put his wife in submission or force her to do whatever he wishes. He isn't to domineer over his wife while she cowers and cringes in humiliating defeat. A man doesn't conquer his wife. That's what culture negatively attributes to headship and submission, but it is far from scriptural teaching. A man's leading is not to do his own will, but God's. Husbands are more like shepherds who watch, defend, and lovingly sacrifice themselves as they provide protected, safe spaces in which his wife and family may flourish and live. Jesus speaks of being the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:11). Following the Lord's example, a man is to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. As Jesus' example shows, a godly man will do nothing from selfish ambition or empty concept, but in humility will treat a wife as more important than himself (Phil 2:3-5). If he won't try to do that, then he is not a leader God desires.

The relationship between husband and wife is to be one of understanding. Husbands are told, "live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life" (1 Pet 3:7). "Weaker vessel" does not mean she is fragile, of lesser value, or inferior in some way (far from it), for Peter says they are fellow heirs of the grace of life. Male and female are made in God's image and are both to be treated with that respect. A wife ought to be precious to her husband. Typically, the man is physically stronger than the woman, and a man is to understand those physical differences. Yet she may be stronger than him in other ways than physical strength, perhaps emotionally, spiritually, or intellectually. A man should not be too proud to admit this. Recall that a godly man should be able to praise his wife: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all" (Prov 31:29). No price can be placed on the wise woman and what she does for her family.

Physical strength is not a mark of spiritual or intellectual prowess. The exhortation for the man to dwell with his wife with understanding absolutely prohibits him from abusing her. Such treatment makes him unfit to approach God (v. 8, "so that your prayers may not be hindered"). How the man treats his wife necessarily affects his spiritual relationship with God. If he is abusive, taking advantage of her because he is physically stronger and thereby hurts, threatens, demeans, and oppresses her, then he fails as a man of truth and will, as did Adam in being removed from the garden, lose access to God. His crimes and treachery against his wife will not go unpunished, for instead of being like the shepherd who watches, loves, and sacrifices, he becomes the thief who destroys and the wolf that scatters. God certainly takes note of this and will answer accordingly.

Think about the sin in the garden (Gen 3:1-6). Why is Adam held responsible for sin's entrance into the world when it was Eve who first ate the forbidden fruit (Rom 5:12)? The statement Paul makes about this in 1 Timothy 2:13-14 is interesting: "For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor." Some take this to mean that women are gullible and susceptible to deceit, but that's not Paul's point. His point, rather, is more about Adam's failure. He was not deceived. Sin happened under his watch. He did not protect or shield His wife from what he saw was happening. He failed to stand in the gap (cf. Ezek 22:30). Instead, he passively stepped aside at that critical moment; instead of watching, protecting, and acting, he just watched. Then he participated. For this, he is held responsible first.

A man is a shield, a wall that stands between the world and his family. He is the first line of defense against a world that seeks to harm and destroy. When the world attacks, it must go through him, and he will not yield. He will give up his own life to protect the one whom He loves as did Christ for the church.

That's the head. That's a shepherd. That's what men are called to be

- Doy Moyer

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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

July 5

In Charge: Jack Mattingly (405-380-2510)

Welcome AM: Syd Morgan

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Jack Mattingly

Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Andy Scott

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: No Bible Study

Scripture Reading: Bob Swearingen

Heritage House

Thursday, July 9

Betty Smith &
Kay Lashley

July Nursery Attendants

July 5 - Debbie Crane

July 12 - Ashley Noey

July 19 - Kay Lashley

July 26 - Ginger Posey

July Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Paul & Sue Alexander

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan