



# FAMILY NEWS

## August 16, 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: Ralph Williams

PM: No Evening Bible Study



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#### Next Sunday on Search:

#### Aug 23-Membership In The Church

If you could be a child of God and a citizen in the kingdom of God, would you? In this fourth lesson of this series, we're exploring what it means to be a member of the church and how to become a member.

#### Daily Bible Reading

##### Sunday

Jeremiah 3-5 & Mark 15:21-47

##### Monday

Jeremiah 6-8 & Mark 16

##### Tuesday

Jeremiah 9-11 & Galatians 1

##### Wednesday

Jeremiah 12-14 & Galatians 2

##### Thursday

Jeremiah 15-17 & Galatians 3

##### Friday

Jeremiah 18-19 & Galatians 4:1-20

##### Saturday

Jeremiah 20-21 & Galatians 4:21-31

# WELCOME

We welcome Ralph & Twyla Williams as they are here to report on their mission work in Tanzania! The Williams will be here for Bible class and our morning worship service this Sunday, August 16th.

We will have a sandwich fellowship meal following our morning service. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, chips and/or desserts. There will be no 5:00 Bible study.

If you could eat  
your own  
words,  
would your soul  
be nourished or  
poisoned?

*From the fruit of  
his lips a man is  
filled with good  
things as surely as  
the work of his  
hands rewards him.*  
Proverbs 12:14 (NIV)



## In Our Hearts:

*I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.*  
*Psalms 17:6 (NIV)*

Terry Dugan had an appointment with the Doctor on Tuesday, August 11th, to schedule his shoulder surgery.

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*

**M.A.G.I. Boxes:** The ladies class will be collecting for and filling boxes for the Healing Hands International M.A.G.I. project again this year. These boxes are given to underprivileged children in areas of poverty throughout the world. If you would like to help by filling a box or donating items for a box, please see Ann Barton.

**Fifth Sunday Singing:** The Church of Christ at Little will be hosting a Fifth Sunday Area-Wide Singing on Sunday, August 30th, at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

**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.

*Be generous with kindness.  
You never know how deeply someone may  
need it.*

May I always remember that each action  
I take and each word I speak either  
represents Jesus or it doesn't.

### 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.

What glory did the disciples see in Jesus? The Son shared the Father's glory: the moral beauty and perfection of His character. As they walked with Jesus and watched His compassion toward others, they saw the beauty, power, and honor of God's character—His greatness, miraculous power, perfection, and authority revealed through Christ. Yet everyone, including each of us, fall short of that glory (Romans 3:23)—we fall short of God's moral beauty and perfection of character. This divine quality is beyond man's understanding and ability (Psalms 113:4).

God also revealed His glory and perfection through Jesus in visible ways such as miracles (John 2:11) or seen as a dazzling light as on the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:29-32). Nelson in his Bible Dictionary also adds, "Christ now shares His divine glory with His followers (John 17:5-6, 22), so that in their lives Christians are being transformed into the glorious image of God (2 Corinthians 3:18)." As we share His Glory through our continuing praise and service to Him in every word or deed (Colossians 3:17), our lives as Christians are being transformed into the glorious image of Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18). It is such an encouraging word to be told that as God's children we will be sharing in His Glory now and forever.

For the Master's Cause,  
Andy Scott

## A Reminder About Elders

The appointment of elders for a congregation is no small matter. Paul told Titus that he left him in Crete so that he might “put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you” ([Titus 1:5](#)). Timothy, likewise, was in Ephesus and, among other things, was given the various qualities that should characterize elders and deacons (1 Tim 3). After Paul and Barnabas first preached in various cities, they traveled back through: “And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed” ([Acts 14:23](#)). God’s will is for local churches to appoint and respect those who would serve as shepherds.

Elders (shepherds, overseers) play a major role in how a congregation functions. They keep things orderly and watch out for souls, all the while operating within the boundaries of Scripture. This means that they must not only be qualified as Paul taught both Titus and Timothy, but they also must be well-versed in Scripture. Paul put it this way to Titus: “He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it” ([Titus 1:9](#)). Why is this instruction so important? “For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.” (vv. 10-11). Elders need to know Scripture well enough not only to teach positively, but to deal with error as it arises. This is no easy task.

When Paul wrote to the Philippians, he opened with, “To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons” (1:1). His concern for those serving as overseers is evident when he called for the elders of the church at Ephesus to address them one more time. As he was headed to Jerusalem, he told them that he held nothing back in his teaching, then admonished them in their work:

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one

with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” ([Acts 20:28-32, ESV](#))

Notice what these elders were told: 1) “Pay attention to yourselves.” They were still amenable to God and His word. They needed to watch and make sure they were not straying. 2) “...and to all the flock.” They are shepherds who watch and care for the flock (cf. [Heb 13:17](#); [1 Pet 5:2](#)). The flock needs to respect what they do. 3) “the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.” While we go through a process to recognize and appoint elders, it is still a work of the Holy Spirit who gave us the instructions. 4) “care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.” The importance of this lies in the fact that the church belongs to God, not to us. The elders are stewards of the work, but they are not the owners. Christ purchased us and expects us to respect Him above all.

These elders were also warned that they would face “fierce wolves” even “from among your own selves.” Again, this requires vigilance, wisdom, and scriptural knowledge. This wasn’t just about what could come from without, but what may come from within. Elders will constantly face challenges, but with resolve and care they will be able to overcome them and keep a congregation on target for accomplishing its work.

As a reminder to those of us working with elders (as we do here), we are to do all we can to help them do their work “with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you” ([Heb 13:17](#)). Encourage them. Lift them up in prayer. Do all you can to be at peace with them and others ([Rom 12:18](#)). If we all sought to be united together in love and based upon God’s word, the work elders do will be a great blessing to us all. We thank the Lord for our elders here and pray that they have many years of success in their service. They will face difficulties at times, but their work will also be one of joy if we all stand with them.

Have you prayed for our elders today?

- 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**

**August 16**

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

**Welcome AM:** Andy Scott

**Song Leader:** Steve Johnson

**Opening Prayer:** Gil Turpin

**Closing Prayer:** Nuben Barton

**Lord's Supper & Offering AM:** Syd Morgan

**Lord's Supper & Offering PM:** No Bible Study

**Scripture Reading:** Andy Scott

**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