



FAMILY NEWS

August 23, 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:

Aug 30-Why I Am A Member

If I ask you to do something that is life-changing, I should have a really good reason. Today we're exploring why every one should be a member of the Lord's glorious church. There is no greater privilege!

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Jeremiah 22-23 & Galatians 5

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Jeremiah 24-26 & Galatians 6

Tuesday

Jeremiah 27-29 & Ephesians 1

Wednesday

Jeremiah 30-31 & Ephesians 2

Thursday

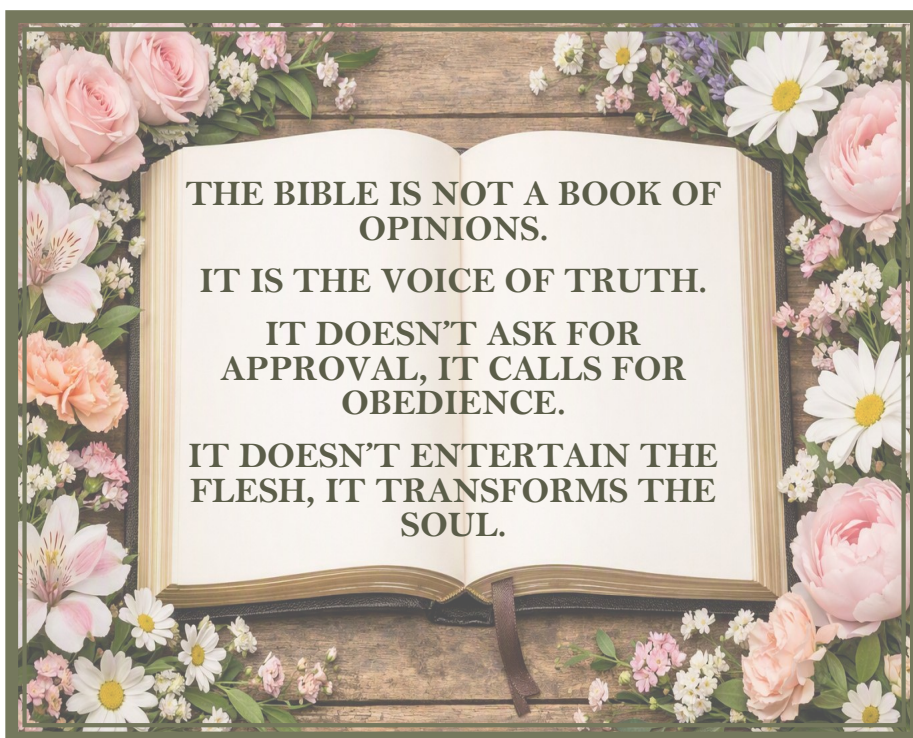
Jeremiah 32-33 & Ephesians 3

Friday

Jeremiah 34-36 & Ephesians 4

Saturday

Jeremiah 37-39 & Ephesians 5



THE BIBLE IS NOT A BOOK OF
OPINIONS.

IT IS THE VOICE OF TRUTH.

IT DOESN'T ASK FOR
APPROVAL, IT CALLS FOR
OBEDIENCE.

IT DOESN'T ENTERTAIN THE
FLESH, IT TRANSFORMS THE
SOUL.

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Imagine finding out all you
believed in was based on a lie
and the truth was always in
the Bible you never opened

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 was scheduled to have shoulder surgery on Thursday, August 20th.

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*

Congratulations: Congratulations to Andy and Catherine Scott on the birth of their great granddaughter, Emerald Mae Gifford! Emerald was born to McKenna and Chris Gifford of Raleigh, North Carolina, on Wednesday, August 12th, weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and measuring 21 inches long.

Potluck Luncheon: Next Sunday, August 30th, will be our end-of-the-month potluck luncheon after morning services. Brothers Keeper Group 1 will be in charge of set-up and clean-up. A brief devotional will follow our meal and there will be no 5:00 Bible study.

Fifth Sunday Singing: The Church of Christ at Little will be hosting a Fifth Sunday Area-Wide Singing next 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 this week sometime between the 25th - 27th. A list of requested items can be found on the table in the foyer as well as posted on the office window.

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THE BIBLE ISN'T ANTIQUE OR MODERN - IT'S ETERNAL
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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 Full of GRACE and Truth. Take a little extra time to read and reflect on how Jesus treated others with grace and truth.

Grace: Unmerited favor given to another

Honoring His mother's wishes turned Water to wine (John 2)

Woman at the well (John 4)

Woman caught in Adultery (John 8)

Man born Blind (John 9)

John 11:35 "Jesus Wept" from compassion for the sisters of Lazarus.

Truth: An absolute eternal fact or revelation

In John 12:47-50 Jesus said, "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; **the word I spoke is what will judge him** at the last day. ⁴⁹**For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.** ⁵⁰**I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.**" Also consider Jesus' conversation with His Father in prayer (John 17:17) "Sanctify them in the truth; **Your [God the Father] word is truth.**" Jesus felt compassion and always acted in Grace and Truth. Do you think He will be able to help us in our lives too? YES! Absolutely! This truly is an eternal encouraging word.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Gospel in a World of Outrage

“But that is not the way you learned Christ!” (Eph 4:20)

We hear much about how people think Christians are supposed to be from all sides. This is often debated through the lens of partisan politics or moral debates. Jesus Christ sometimes gets culturally hijacked and manipulated to fit a narrative of our own making, an idol that rubber stamps what we want Jesus to stand for rather than how Scripture portrays Him. That is not the way we learn Christ, and the one thing consistently missing in so many discussions is the gospel itself.

We are fed stories through algorithms that divide and rip the hope from our hearts. Our culture is filled with despair. People are manipulated into spirals where all they see and think about is death, blame, division, and more violence. Outrage floods social media as we scramble to make sense of why the next bad thing happens. It's a never ending doom scroll that sends us deeper down a path that can only give us the fodder for more anxiety, anger, and hopelessness. We grow in our fear and anxieties, but we continue to dive into the abyss.

Again, this is not the way we learn Christ. Violence, immorality, worldly political divisions, and outrage do not produce the righteousness of God (cf. James 1:20). The context of Ephesians 4 shows the point. Becoming callous, given over to evil practices, corruption and deceitful desires are set over against the new self “created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph 4:17-24).

With all the outrage and division in this world, I ask my fellow Christians, are we bringing the gospel into our discussions? Are we trying to be beacons of light, spreading the good news about the truth of Jesus? We need to knock down the straw men, the idolatrous and false view of Christ and His message so that we can see the light of His hope through forgiveness, transformation, and the love that only God can define and demonstrate. More violence and anger will not accomplish this.

We are continually tempted to be at each other's metaphorical throats in front of a world that sees this and says, “That's Christianity for you.” It's as if the gospel has taken a back seat to the “real” discussions we ought to be having wherein political walls and blame shifting are the norms. It's almost as though we are telling the Lord, “You wait over there a minute while we fix this problem.” How are we doing?

Tragedy is occurring in the streets. Evil is having its

day. Perhaps it is time to pause, lament the state of this corrupt world, humble ourselves before God, pray the Lord for mercy, and repent of anything that has contributed to our cultural and moral decline. This includes a failure to set the gospel message front and center in our lives, in our words and in our hearts. Of the things we think about, this is most excellent and worthy of praise (see Phil 4:8). It runs counter to the hopelessness and despair that the world provides. This is a time for reflection, repentance, and redirection so that we can see the path cleared for hope, forgiveness, reconciliation, and rebuilding.

We do need to know what is going on in the world. We need to stand for justice and moral virtue, defend the oppressed, and do what we can to be lights as we seek the welfare of where we live (Jer 29:7). I'm not saying we can't have and voice opinions. However, the way we do that is just as much a part of our message as the words we choose. And this is the critical point I am trying to make:

Interject the gospel into the corruption. Healing cannot happen on our terms. We cannot look the Great Physician in the eyes, reject what He offers, and expect that we can fix things on our own when we are corrupted by the same culture we try to fight. Healing won't happen that way. This world needs Jesus as much as at any time, and Christians are the ones who are to be spreading that news. Will we do that? This is at the heart of evangelistic efforts.

As a reminder, this has been done before. As our Lord said to His disciples:

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves” (Luke 10:2-3).

We may be lambs among wolves, but we are servants of the Lamb of God, who is also the Judge before whom all will stand. The way we learn Christ in truth is also the way we need to teach others about Christ, and this is not accomplished through carnal, worldly tactics (2 Cor 10:3-5). It is accomplished by teaching God's truth so that both the current and the next generation will hear it and choose life. Change starts with our deep commitment to the Lord.

- Doy Moyer

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Jerry Renner
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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 23

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

Welcome AM: Andy Scott

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Arpoika Daniels

Closing Prayer: Paul Alexander

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Syd Morgan

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Steve Johnson

Scripture Reading: Syd Morgan

**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