

FAMILY NEWS
November 1, 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:

November 8-Angels

Who are the angels, those heavenly beings we read about in the Scriptures? Are they real and do they make a difference in our lives?

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday
1 Chronicles 16-18 & John 1:35-51

Monday
1 Chronicles 19-21 & John 2

Tuesday
1 Chronicles 22-24 & John 3

Wednesday
1 Chronicles 25-27 & John 4:1-42

Thursday
1 Chronicles 28-29 & John 4:43-54

Friday
2 Chronicles 1-3 & John 5:1-30

Saturday
2 Chronicles 4-6 & John 5:31-47

EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS OUR PRAYERS HAVE BECOME TOO REPETITIVE, AND IT FEELS AS IF WE GO AROUND THE SAME MOUNTAIN OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS NO RESOLUTION TO WHAT WE ARE FACING. THE LORD SAYS TO KEEP ASKING, KEEP KNOCKING, KEEP SEEKING. THE ANSWERS, THE OPEN DOORS AND WHAT WE SEEK ARE FOUND IN HIM.

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."
Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

THANKSGIVING TURKEY HOTLINE

Oct. 11 to Nov. 15



Sunday, October 25th - November 8th, please make donations for pies. There are donation jars available in the foyer as well as in the library.

In Our Hearts:

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. *1 John 5:14 (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.

Preston Daniels is deployed overseas, 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 Van-landingham, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell,

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

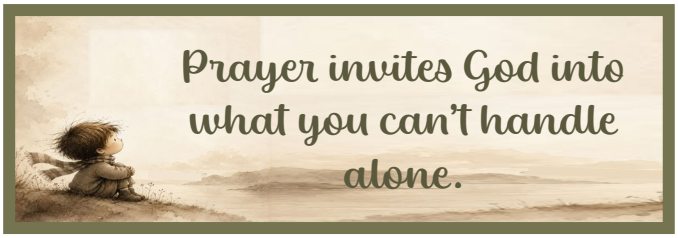
Military: Please keep Preston Daniels in your thoughts and prayers. He has been deployed overseas and will be gone for nine months.

Thank You: A big thank you to all the ladies for their donations to the MAGI program. Sue Alexander and Ann Barton delivered 26 boxes for the project on Friday, October 23rd!

The enemy isn't afraid of you hearing a sermon on Sunday... he's afraid of you living it on Monday.



Everyone is invited to a come and go 80th birthday celebration in honor of Tex & Mary Sue Gleichman on Saturday, November 14th, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM, in the fellowship room. No gifts please.



AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1: 32
John (the Baptist) testified (about Jesus) saying,
"I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven,
and He remained upon Him."

In looking at the accounts of Jesus' baptism, we can see at least these three points.

1. Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan
2. The HS came on Jesus when he was baptized, and John saw the event. **(John 1:32)**.
3. At Jesus' baptism **(Luke 3 & Matthew 3:13-17),** Jesus was going to baptize with two elements, showing he was greater than John the Baptist. *Who was John talking to? Some would be saved, some lost.*

Matthew 3:5-12 Then **Jerusalem** was going out to him, and **all Judea** and **all the district around the Jordan**; [6]and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. …[10] "The **axe** is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that **does not bear good fruit** is **cut down** and thrown into the **fire**. (Judgement for sin is eternal fire in the second death.) However, John went on to say, [11] "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to tie His sandals; He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and **fire**." (The Holy Spirit is the blessing promised to believers, **Acts 5:29-32**).

Matthew 3:12, "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His **wheat into the barn** *(The believers are gathered into Kingdom of Heaven)* , but He will **burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire**." *(The fire is for unbelievers as well as the devil and his demons,* **Revelation *20:10-15***).

Knowing we are in the blessed group of the saved believers is an encouraging word for us today. Follow Jesus!

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Basic Case for God from Scripture

The Scriptures assume God's existence. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen 1:1). There is no long philosophical argument given, just the statement that God is the Creator. God is, and we are expected to accept that (cf. Heb 11:6).

This does not mean that no evidence is ever offered for God or that our faith in Him is blind and without merit. The purpose of Scripture was not to entertain the drawn-out discussions in academia, but to provide us with God's purposes and plans in answering the problem of sin through Jesus Christ. Even so, there are plenty of passages that contrast God with other worldviews (cf. Isa 40-45; Ecclesiastes, etc.). We can find places where we get a glimpse of the basic case for God, so let's summarize three of them.

1. The heavens declare God's glory. Psalm 19 sums up the concept that we should be able to see God through what we see in the universe: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork" (v. 1). We should be struck by the fact of a Creator by looking at the skies above and nature below. Indeed, its very existence (and ours) should result in our faith that God is, for how can nature explain itself? Paul pointed out, with reference to those who have left God for their own lusts, that "what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse" (Rom 1:19-20).

Paul did not pull punches. Those who deny God are "without excuse." Why? Because God has been perceived in the things that have been made. If there is no God, then nothing would have been made, and we would not be thinking about this at all because we would not exist either. This, then, is an argument from creation. The fact of this universe is testimony to the God who created it all. We cry out with the psalmist: "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (Psa 8:3-4).

2. Every house is built by someone. In what appears to be a parenthetical remark, the Hebrews writer makes this observation: "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God" (Heb 3:4). This is a context discussing the fact that Jesus is our great High Priest who is always faithful. Moses was faithful in God's house, and Christ is greater. Within this is the recognition that every house has a builder. This is common sense.

We often discuss God's existence within the concept of a designer. Design demands a designer, and this fits with the point. Before houses are built, plans are considered, often drawn out, and someone is behind its design, for no house just pops into existence on its own. God is the Great Designer and Architect of this creation, and also of His own house, "whose house we are" (v. 6). No house could be built if there is no builder, and "the builder of all things is God." It's a simple point packed with power.

3. Jesus is God manifested in the flesh. In John's gospel, Jesus is explicitly called God, the Word, through whom all created things were made. Yet John goes further. Jesus is the Word made flesh so that people could behold His glory (John 1:14). John then writes, "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known" (v. 18). No one has been able to put eyes on the fullness of God. He "dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see" (1 Tim 6:16). John does not contradict that, but He does show that Jesus, who is God, appeared in the veil of flesh to make God known. Jesus is "God with us."

The point here should be obvious enough. If God has been seen (in any form), then God is. God has been seen in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, God is. What is His ultimate proof? He was raised from the dead! In the end, this is the most powerful of all arguments, for God is not a far-off Being who is disinterested in His creation. Indeed, He entered into creation to redeem sinners and demonstrate His glory and love through the cross.

God is, and He rewards those who seek Him (Heb 11:6). We believe this because the evidence drives us to this conclusion. The heavens declare His glory, and we are without excuse in not accepting it. He is the Designer of His own house, and we are the recipients of His blessings. But ultimately, He appeared in the flesh for us to behold, and He defeated death so that we may live.

- 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
November 1

In Charge: Alan Morgan (405-481-6163)

Welcome AM: Andy Scott
Song Leader: Steve Johnson
Opening Prayer: Jack Mattingly
Closing Prayer: Syd Morgan
Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Daniel White
Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Nuben Barton
Scripture Reading: Paul Alexander



November Nursery Attendants

November 1 - Debbie Crane
November 8 - Ashley Noey
November 15 - Kay Lashley
November 22 - Ginger Posey
November 29 - Dalia Marquez

November Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Paul & Sue Alexander

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan

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