



FAMILY NEWS

October 18, 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: Oct 25-Baptism

How is one baptized into Christ? Why is it necessary? We're going to explore the Biblical way one is baptized into Christ and why one should urgently do it. Baptism is how God is bringing about our new birth.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Job 22-23 & James 3

Monday

Job 24-26 & James 4

Tuesday

Job 27-29 & James 5

Wednesday

Job 30-31 & 1 Peter 1

Thursday

Job 32-33 & 1 Peter 2

Friday

Job 34-35 & 1 Peter 3

Saturday

Job 36-37 & 1 Peter 4

*We all need to realize
that the most important
thing we have to do in
this world is to prepare
ourselves and others for
eternity.*

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24 (NIV)

THANKSGIVING TURKEY HOTLINE

Oct. 11
to
Nov. 15



Sunday, October 18th, please bring stuffing and canned gravy. Place all donated items on the counter in the church library.

In Our Hearts:

For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.
Psalms 5:12 (NIV)

Auttis Johnson was scheduled with Oklahoma Heart Hospital South to have a pacemaker placed on Wednesday, October 14th.

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

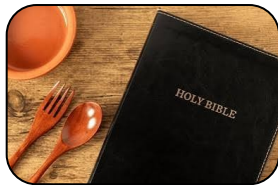
Let's remember our shut-ins: *Peggy Malone*

Ladies: The Konawa Church of Christ will be hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, October 24th. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. RéElle Crowell will be speaking on 2 Timothy, "My Words to You." A luncheon will be provided.

Potluck Luncheon: Next Sunday, October 25th, will be our end-of-the-month potluck luncheon after morning services. Brothers Keeper Group 3 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.

Truth isn't a buffet.

We don't get to take
the parts we like and
leave the rest.



**When a generation tolerates a sin,
the next will celebrate it,
and the generation after them ...
won't even know it's a sin.**

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:26-27

**John answered them saying, "I baptize in water,
but among you stands One whom you do not know.**

²⁷ It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

Our text today is talking about the baptism John the Baptist administered to the multitudes that came to Him beyond the Jordan. His preaching was preparing the people for the ministry and salvation provided by Jesus. They were to put their faith not in John, but in the greater one, Jesus, who came after John to establish the Kingdom of God that was near at hand. Sin will prevent anyone from entering into that kingdom. Therefore, John was sent by God to help people realize their sinfulness, and to open their hearts to the truth and the saving light of God. Therefore, he preached repentance and baptized for the remission of their sins **looking forward** to Christ being revealed.

John 3:23-24, John was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, **because there was much water there**; and people were coming and were being baptized. John needed a place where the water was deep enough to put the people responding totally under the water, because that is what the Greek word *baptizo* (baptize) means:

baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); **to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet)**; (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary.)

When we come to Jesus, we too need to confess our sinfulness, repenting of our sins, and being emersed in water as a burial into Christ, into His death where His blood pays the price for all our sins (Colossians 2:12) and we find total forgiveness. This is an encouraging word of HOPE and FORGIVENESS for all of us.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

Generational Concerns

How quickly can apostasy occur? Among the many lessons we learn from studying the children of Israel is that apostasy can happen within a single generation. Proximity close to the original is no guarantee of holding to truth. This pattern happened quickly and more than once. The first generation that came out of Egypt under Moses fell into disbelief and couldn't enter the promised land (Heb 3:18-19). The next generation that entered under Joshua was better, but as soon as Joshua and the elders with him were gone, they again quickly fell. The warnings were given. The exhortations were strong (Josh 1:1-9). Yet it still only took within one generation to falter. Again, proximity close to the original is not fail-proof. This is why we must continually reassess where we are and make that commitment of faithfulness to the Lord based on His revealed will. Each one within each generation bears responsibility, and the standard for behavior is the same for each. We don't measure ourselves by the next generation in proximity to the original, but by the standard that was to shape the original itself. Even in Scripture, while the apostles lived and taught, apostasy was happening (e.g., Corinth, churches of Asia in Revelation). The appeal was to the standard given (cf. Gal 1:6-9), and that standard remains the same today.

While we appreciate the writings of early Christians from the second century on and gain important insights (I profit by reading them), we would be foolish to think that because they were close to the first century they were necessarily correct in all their practices. They were still to be judged by the teaching of the apostles, whether in person or written down. The standard of what the apostles wrote is vital here, for people in successive generations can make claims about what they were to do, but the only way to cross-check that is by what the inspired writers put down for all generations.

Further, closer to home, we should not think today that faithfulness is to be judged by what Christians were doing in the 1950's or any previous decade. They may or may not have been doing things correctly, but, again, the only way to cross-check that is by going back to the written standard. If what they did is found in the apostolic teaching of Scripture, then imitate it. If not, reject it and strive to stay consistent with Scripture. What else can we do?

If we follow Jesus, then we need to keep this principle before us continually: "The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day" (John 12:48). The word He spoke is what will judge, not the practices of earlier Christians beyond the apostles and not the practices of later Christians who are in closer

proximity to us. All will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and face His word.

Let this passage also stay in our minds: "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11). Whatever people say or do, let Scripture be the guiding factor for how we make our decisions.

Time Marches On

One sobering thought is that there are children coming into this world now who will live to see the 22nd century, assuming the Lord does not come first. I had grandparents who were born in the 19th century, and this connects back even further. Not only does time fly, but generations span across centuries just as quickly. While the earth seems to abide, "A generation goes, and a generation comes" (Eccl 1:4). There is no stopping it.

Time and generations will march on no matter what else we think or do, so the question is, what are we doing with the time in which we live and with the generations we may touch? Will we, like David, serve the purpose of God in our own generation (Acts 13:36)? Will we be those who, like men of Issachar, understand the times in which we live (1 Chron 12:32)? Will we seek the welfare of the place where we live (Jer 29:7)?

We can fret and fuss about the current state of the world, we can re-live the evils of the past, or we can live in a glorified past of the "good old days." None of these are wise (cf. Eccl 7:10) and will not accomplish what we might wish. With all the winds of change and the uncertainties, we can know this: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8). Because He is the same, because the problem of sin is the same, and because the solution to that problem is the same gospel, we can speak truth in love and point people to a living hope that will serve as a sure and steadfast anchor (Heb 6:13-19). God's promises will not fail; the world's promises will.

Let us, then, renew our minds in Him. It's a new day.

- 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

October 18

In Charge: Steve Johnson (405-380-5013)

Welcome AM: Syd Morgan

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Daniel White

Closing Prayer: Andy Scott

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Paul Alexander

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Syd Morgan

Scripture Reading: Tyler Turpin

**October Nursery Attendants**

October 4 - Debbie Crane

October 11 - Ashley Noey

October 18 - Kay Lashley

October 25 - Ginger Posey

October Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Betty Smith & Beverly Ramsey

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan