



FAMILY NEWS

October 25, 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: No Evening Bible Study



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

Next Sunday on Search:

Nov. 1-Be Holy

When the Lord forgives and sanctifies us with His blood, He makes us holy. Such a marvelous blessing is truly wonderful, but it calls us to live holy lives and to continue to fight and put to death our sin.

Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, October 25th
Following morning worship service.

Brothers Keeper
Group 3 is in
charge.

A brief devotional will
follow our meal and there
will be no
5:00 Bible study.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Job 38-40 & 1 Peter 5

Monday

Job 41-42 & 2 Peter 1

Tuesday

1 Chronicles 1-3 & 2 Peter 2

Wednesday

1 Chronicles 4-6 & 2 Peter 3

Thursday

1 Chronicles 7-9 & Jude

Friday

1 Chronicles 10-12 & John 1:1-18

Saturday

1 Chronicles 13-15 & John 1:19-34

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Next Sunday

November 1st

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:

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

Larry Wade Stuteville and his girlfriend Addison Harvey were involved in a bad car accident on Thursday, October 15th. Larry Wade sustained several serious injuries. Addison did not survive the accident. Larry Wade is the grandson of Larry and Debbie Ernst.

Donna Hardin stumbled and broke her left foot. She will be in a boot and using a walker for the next few weeks.

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*

Lost & Found: The Lost & Found box located in the South entrance is starting to fill up once again. Please check the items in the box for things that may belong to you.

Directory App: Your family picture can be updated in the Instant Church Directory at any time! Download your updated picture to the app or email it to the office. Either way your picture will be current and up to date!

I choose joy, not because life is
easy, but because God is near.

*May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in
him, so that you may
overflow with hope by
the power of the Holy
Spirit.*
Romans 15:13 (NIV)



CALL ON GOD—
HE'LL NEVER
SEND YOU TO
VOICEMAIL.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:29

**The next day he (John) saw Jesus coming to him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**

The Shepherd became the lamb: Lambs were used in sacrificial worship since the time of Able in the very beginning (Genesis 4:4). Jesus the creator, became the lamb. The Shepherd became the sacrificial sheep. It was all in the plan of God and the reason Jesus became a man.

John the Baptist said, **“I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”** ³² John testified saying, **“I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.”** ³³ I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, **‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’** ³⁴ I myself have seen, and have testified that **this is the Son of God.**” (John 1:31-34).

Jesus is described as **“the Lion** that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.” And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders **a Lamb standing, as if slain** (Revelation 5:5-6). Jesus, the Creator, humbled Himself and obediently went to the cross to give His life as a voluntary lamb sacrifice for our sins – then God exalted Him in victory (Philippians 2:5-10). His Victory is an encouraging word for each of us.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Basic Case for the Resurrection

The case for the resurrection of Jesus is not that complicated. This is a case that is not built on what we feel, but rather on what happened in the past. "I just feel Jesus in my heart" is not evidence that can be investigated. However, historical events are open to investigation and we welcome this. The basis of the case is that there are first century sources claiming eyewitness testimony to a risen Jesus. The question is whether these sources can be trusted to give us good information.

When we investigate the sources, we will come away with one of three conclusions. These conclusions rest on the idea that the sources (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, etc.) intended to tell us about what really happened as opposed to intentionally writing fiction. To remind us of their intentions, we note, as an example, what Luke wrote in the opening of his gospel account:

"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:1-4).

Whatever one thinks of Luke, he states his intention to write down what happened based on eyewitness testimony. This is not a "Once upon a time" beginning, but one grounded in real space-time events. The same can be said for what Paul wrote within 20-25 years of the events (1 Cor 15). He makes his case from eyewitness testimony, then says that if Jesus was not raised, faith and preaching are vain (vv. 12-19). This shows that Christians rest upon historical truth-claims and invite investigation of these claims.

What are the potential conclusions?

1. The witnesses are lying and they know they are lying. This would mean they were intentionally false. The problem here is that there is no good reason to think that they were lying about Jesus. These are people who gave their lives, willing to give up everything for their testimony. This would be quite the conspiracy, for it would have taken several people who knew they were lying to be willing to die for these lies. Who does this? While people die for lies thinking they are telling the truth, who dies for lies knowing full well they are lies? When Jesus died, the disciples generally thought it was over. What would embolden them to suddenly start telling people they saw Jesus alive again? Is it more reasonable to think they are lying or that they are telling what they saw?

2. The witnesses are mistaken but think they are telling the truth. Maybe they were just deluded and thought they saw Jesus alive again. This delusion would have taken hold of many people at once. It was not just one or two people who were making the claims that they saw Jesus alive again; it was dozens, including over 500 at once (1 Cor 15:6). We know that eyewitnesses can be wrong, but when we have multiple witnesses, whose testimonies agree like this, the likelihood that they were just mistaken is greatly diminished. What would make us think they were so deluded?

We should note here that presuppositions about what we think of reality play a big role in how we treat the evidence. If we think that miracles are impossible, then we will necessarily conclude that the resurrection could not have happened and that the gospel accounts are erroneous. But this is not evidence; these are philosophical presuppositions driving our conclusions, and it is important that we recognize our starting points. If we accept the reality that God is, then, "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

3. The witnesses are telling the truth. If they were not lying or mistaken, then they were telling the truth and Jesus was indeed raised from the dead. This is the most direct conclusion that supports the total evidence. If we can recognize that the authors were in a position to know what they were talking about and that they intended to write down what happened, we have reason to believe that they are credible and were telling the truth.

If Jesus was raised from the dead, then He is who He claimed to be. He is Lord and what He says goes. When Jesus appeared to Thomas, Thomas' conclusion should become ours as well: "My Lord and My God!" (John 20:28). This conclusion drives everything we do as Christians. We believe in a risen Lord whose words and teachings will be the standard of judgment (John 12:48). We also believe, based upon the resurrection of Jesus, that everything we do for Him is worthwhile (1 Cor 15:58).

Again, we invite the investigation of the historical eyewitness testimony. They intended to tell us the truth, and the evidence points to that conclusion. Will you believe (John 20:30-31)?

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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 25

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

Welcome AM: Syd Morgan

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Jack Mattingly

Closing Prayer: Gil Turpin

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Paul Alexander

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: No Bible Study

Scripture Reading: Syd Morgan

**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