



FAMILY NEWS

October 4, 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 11-Believing In Jesus

The Lord promises to save and give eternal life to those who believe (John 3:16), but what does it mean to believe the way the Bible teaches. Believing is more than mentally agreeing; it is truly an obedient way of life.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Psalms 98-100 & Hebrews 4

Monday

Psalms 101-102 & Hebrews 5

Tuesday

Psalms 103-104 & Hebrews 6

Wednesday

Psalms 105-106 & Hebrews 7

Thursday

Job 1-2 & Hebrews 8

Friday

Job 3-4 & Hebrews 9

Saturday

Job 5-7 & Hebrews 10:1-18



Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)



Fill your heart

with reminders of God's faithfulness yesterday,

His presence today,

and the hope of all He is still preparing for tomorrow.

One day at a time, His grace is enough.



THANKSGIVING TURKEY HOTLINE

Oct. 11
to
Nov. 15



The collection of items for the Turkey Hotline will begin the week of October 11th. Please bring canned corn, green beans and cranberry sauce. Items can be placed on the counter of 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)

Justin Strickland has requested prayers for his cousin, Amanda Strickland. Amanda has been diagnosed with cancer.

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*

Turkey Hotline: Sign up for the Turkey Hotline is now open for members of our congregation in need of help with their Thanksgiving meal this year. The sign up will be open to the community of Seminole beginning October 26th and will continue until we have 50 families signed up. If you have any questions please see Tracy Lucas or contact the church office.

Updates?: If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address please give your updated information to the office so we can keep our directory current.

THE DEVIL DOES NOT HAVE TO
CONVINCE YOU THAT THE BIBLE
IS FALSE IF HE CAN KEEP YOU
TOO DISTRACTED TO READ IT.



Store the Bible in
your heart -
not on a shelf.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

Even though we cannot see God, Romans 1:20 *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made."*

The people of Jesus' day, believed in God, but they had not seen Him themselves, nor have we. However, when Jesus was among them, they could see Jesus and He was able to reveal clearly in person what God is really like. God is like Jesus for Jesus is like God, he is God in the flesh. Col 1:15 says He is the image of the invisible God. If God had a physical body and walked among the people, He would do the exact things that Jesus did, and teach the exact things Jesus taught. That is why the prophet Isaiah said Jesus would be called **Immanuel** (Isaiah 7:14) which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Later in the Gospel of John, Jesus will say to Phillip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Jesus fully knew the Father God in a way that no one else had ever known Him, no matter what kind of experience that they had had with God. Jesus knew the Father from the inside out, fully, and absolutely in every way because they had been together from Eternity before the creation of the world and universe.

One of the greatest things about God is His absolute love. --Jon 3:16-- another characteristic is God's righteousness. Jesus demonstrated God's love to all those around Him and fulfilled all God's righteousness by obediently bearing the sins of the world upon the cross, so we could live. That is an amazing encouraging word.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

What Do You Want Me To Do For You?

Imagine Jesus asking you this question. What would you say? How strong of a request would you make? How bold would you be? What would you really want Jesus to do for you?

Jesus asked this question twice in two successive episodes of Mark 10. The contrast between the two events are interesting and telling. Consider:

The first is an episode with His disciples (Mark 10:32-43). After Jesus foretold again of His suffering, death, and resurrection, James and John came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” Jesus responded, “What do you want Me to do for you?” (vs 36)

Their answer was pretty bold: “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory.” Jesus told them that they didn't really know what they were asking for. He also told them, essentially, that they were in fact going to follow in His steps of suffering. However, they were asking for something that He wasn't going to be giving them in the way they expected.

The other disciples became indignant about that request, and Jesus had to call them all out for their attitudes. Earthly kingdoms have worldly rulers and great men exerting authority, “But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (vs 43-45). The true nature of the kingdom is not like the kingdoms and rulers of the world. The true nature of Christ's kingdom is found in service, and greatness is found in serving.

“What do you want me to do for you?” The disciples wanted Jesus to give them positions of authority and power. They weren't looking to serve. Their motives and desires were elsewhere, and they didn't understand what they were really asking. Instead of being so concerned for the needs of others, they were concerned about their power and influence. This cannot be acceptable in God's kingdom. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). If this is what we want, we should not expect the Lord's favor to grant it.

The second episode involves a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). As Jesus passed by, the man cried out to Him, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Though many were telling him to be quiet, he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped, had the man come to Him, and

then asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man simply said, “Rabboni, to regain my sight.” Jesus told him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” The man received what he asked. Jesus responded favorably.

Now let's notice some of the contrasts.

1. Jesus asked the same question in both episodes, but received very different answers. James and John wanted power; Bartimaeus simply wanted to see. As James and John didn't know what they were really asking, they, too, were blind. But they didn't ask to see or understand; they asked for a position of importance. Bartimaeus had better foresight than the disciples here.

2. The text tells us that Bartimaeus had faith that made him well. While we wouldn't say that the disciples didn't have any faith (they did), we do see that they were caught up in bickering and fussing over wanting to be first. This demonstrated a failure of faith on their part.

3. The disciples asked for something that was outside of what Jesus would do. It's not that Jesus couldn't do it, but He pointed the disciples in a different direction. Bartimaeus asked what he knew Jesus could give, and he had no reason to think He wouldn't. There is a difference between asking for our own will to be done in contrast with asking for God's will to be done.

4. The disciples needed a lesson on what it means to serve; Bartimaeus, upon receiving his sight, simply followed Jesus. He became a servant.

“What do you want Me to do for you?” If Jesus asked you that question, what would you say? How would you respond? What would be your motivation? What is most important to you? Would you ask for power? For glory? Or would you seek simple salvation? Would you want to see the most important truth of all?

Jesus is not some Genie in a bottle waiting to grant our every wish. But He does respond to our faith and proper motivation. Perhaps we simply want to see and, upon seeing, we want to follow Him to become the servants patterned after His example. He didn't come to be served, but to serve. Should that not be our desire as well?

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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 4

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

Welcome AM: Syd Morgan

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Andy Scott

Closing Prayer: Gil Turpin

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Paul Alexander

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Nuben Barton

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