

FAMILY NEWS
November 15, 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 22-God's Gifts

As Christians we are deeply blessed with all the gracious gifts of our Father in heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ not only in this life but also in the ages to come. Each year at this time, we count our blessings and give thanks to God.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday
2 Chronicles 23-24 & John 10:1-21

Monday
2 Chronicles 25-27 & John 10:22-42

Tuesday
2 Chronicles 28-29 & John 11:1-16

Wednesday
2 Chronicles 30-31 & John 11:17-57

Thursday
2 Chronicles 32-33 & John 12:1-19

Friday
2 Chronicles 34-36 & John 12:20-50

Saturday
Ezra 1-2 & John 13:1-20

When you worry about your finances and resources, *remember the "math" of Jesus.*

Five loaves and two fish.
Five thousand people fed.
Twelve baskets left over.

Because in the hands of Jesus, what seems too little becomes more than enough.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

THANKSGIVING TURKEY HOTLINE

Helping 50 Families



Sunday, November 15th
Last names beginning with:
A thru M— bring hot rolls
N thru Z— bring potatoes
Saturday, Nov. 21st—Pick up day

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)*

We have had several members and their families out of commission with the flu. Please remember all those dealing with illness and different healing situations.

Sara Shelton, daughter of Andy and Catherine Scott, had spinal surgery in Dallas on Monday, November 9th. The surgery did not provide the results they were hoping for.

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 Vanlandingham, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell,

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

Study Material: Each month we receive the *Seek The Old Paths* publication. This paper is published by the Leoni Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN, and is full of articles that can help you in your daily Bible study. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a copy located on the kiosk in the foyer.

One quiet moment with God can give your heart more strength than a thousand anxious thoughts ever could.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Wed., November 25th - No Mid-week Bible study

Sun., November 29th - No potluck & No 5:00 Bible study

AWTG

We will be hosting the Area Wide Teen Gathering on Sunday evening, November 15th!

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

John 1:40-42

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ "the anointed"**). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter**, a ROCK**).**

Andrew first excitedly shared His new knowledge about Jesus with His brother. He had to go find him, and when he did, he said, **"We have found the Messiah."** The two brothers had been searching for the long-promised Christ of God. For centuries the prophets had said he was going to come, and He did.

We often think of the great leadership Peter provided to the church by preaching the first gospel sermon in Acts 2, and many other miraculous events, blessings, and stories. But it was his brother, Andrew, that found his brother Peter and brought him to Jesus. Andrew was not trying to be great or important or get a name for himself, but he was excited about the message of life, salvation, and kingdom Jesus was sharing with those who came to spend time with Him. Our text says, **"He brought him to Jesus."** We too should be excited about who Jesus is and sharing the message about Jesus because He can and will help not only us, but also those we love. Jesus, the Son of God, is the greatest man that ever walked the earth. That is an encouraging word for all of us.

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Basic Case for The Reliability of Scripture

Since Christians have a faith grounded in history, and since this history is written down in documents that date back to the first century A.D., then it is important to know that we can trust those documents. Books are written on this topic, but here we want to summarize some basic questions that we might want to ask of any ancient document that purports to tell us about real people, places, and events. [1]

1. Do we possess copies that are reasonably close to the originals? We do not possess the original first century documents, but we do have many copies. These copies are closer to the originals than exist for any other ancient work. Thousands of manuscripts dating from about 50 to 1,500 years bear testimony to what those originals said, and they show that the text is reliable. This is not about the content of the text, but the text itself, and the answer to this question is, "Yes!"

2. Did the authors intend to tell us what happened? This is about the intent of the authors. Were they intending to write fiction, or to tell others about real people, places, and events that happened in real time? It is not difficult to show that the biblical writers intended to convey what really happened. For example, see Luke 1:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 15. These are not meant to be fiction, but rather tell the truth about real events.

3. Were the authors in a position to know what they were talking about? This is about the credibility of the authors. Are the accounts based on eyewitnesses? Were they in a position to know about the people and places? Do the texts demonstrate their knowledge of the times? The answer, again, is, "Yes." They were in a position to know and the eyewitnesses helped verify the accounts.

4. Did author bias distort their historical reporting? Some will try to dismiss the records on the grounds that the authors were just too biased and therefore cannot be trusted. But this cuts both ways, for critics are also biased. This is an assumption on the part of critics and essentially dismisses anything that supports the story of Jesus. There is no reason to think they were too biased to write about Jesus.

5. Are the reports consistent with eyewitness testimony? Eyewitness testimony generally contains casual details because this is what they saw. There would be no reason to include such details unless this is what really happened. The gospel accounts do contain this type of material. For example, the inclusion of Aramaisms (cf. Matt 27:46) and personal names (e.g., Cleopas in Luke 24:18) are consistent with eyewitness testimony.

6. Is self-damaging material included in the accounts? The inclusion of this material tends to bolster the credibility, for why would an author include it if he was fabricating records? This would include the disciples fighting about who was greatest in the kingdom (Mark 9:34), Peter's denials of Jesus (Matt 26:69-75), and Judas' betrayal of Jesus (Matt 26:47). Many such examples exist, showing the intent was to tell what really happened.

7. Are the documents reasonably consistent with one another? There are differences, but these do not equate to contradictions. The core issues (e.g., the death and resurrection of Jesus) are fully agreed upon, and the peripheral details, while different, do not contradict the core facts. More can be said about the nature of contradiction, but the answer to the question here is, "Yes!"

8. Are the recorded events believable? This gets to the issue of presuppositions. People object if they do not believe in God or think miracles are not possible. What we presuppose about reality or what we think could happen will affect how we answer this question. If we believe that God is, then, "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8). Certainly from a believer's perspective, the records are believable.

9. Are there other writings that help verify any events in the documents? That is, is there anything outside of the Bible that verifies anything in the Bible? While we should not expect other non-Christian sources to verify the resurrection (for example), we do have other works that testify to various people, places, and events found in Scripture. For example, Tacitus speaks of Jesus being put to death by the extreme penalty under Pilate. Josephus speaks of Jesus and James. Other sources do the same.

10. Does archaeology shed light on the recorded events? While archaeology is limited in what it can do, and we do not expect it to verify everything, there are plenty of finds that show the reality of the people and events in Scripture. For example, the ossuary of Caiaphas has been found and Pilate's name has been found in stone.

This is a basic outline of the types of questions asked about ancient works. When put under scrutiny as ancient history, the Scriptures, particularly the gospel accounts, give us solid reasons to accept that the history found therein is reliable. We have strong reason to believe that the Jesus of the gospels is the real Jesus that we ought to be following.

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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 15

In Charge: Alan Morgan (405-481-6163)
Welcome AM: Andy Scott
Song Leader: Steve Johnson
Opening Prayer: Tyler Turpin
Closing Prayer: Steve Johnson
Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Daniel White
Lord's Supper & Offering PM: Gil Turpin
Scripture Reading: Jack Mattingly



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