

FAMILY NEWS
November 8, 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 15-The Devil's Schemes

Satan is a crafty and scheming enemy of all people who want to follow the Lord Jesus and do what is right. We must put on the full armor of God that we may resist and stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday
2 Chronicles 7-9 & John 6:1-24

Monday
2 Chronicles 10-12 & John 6:25-71

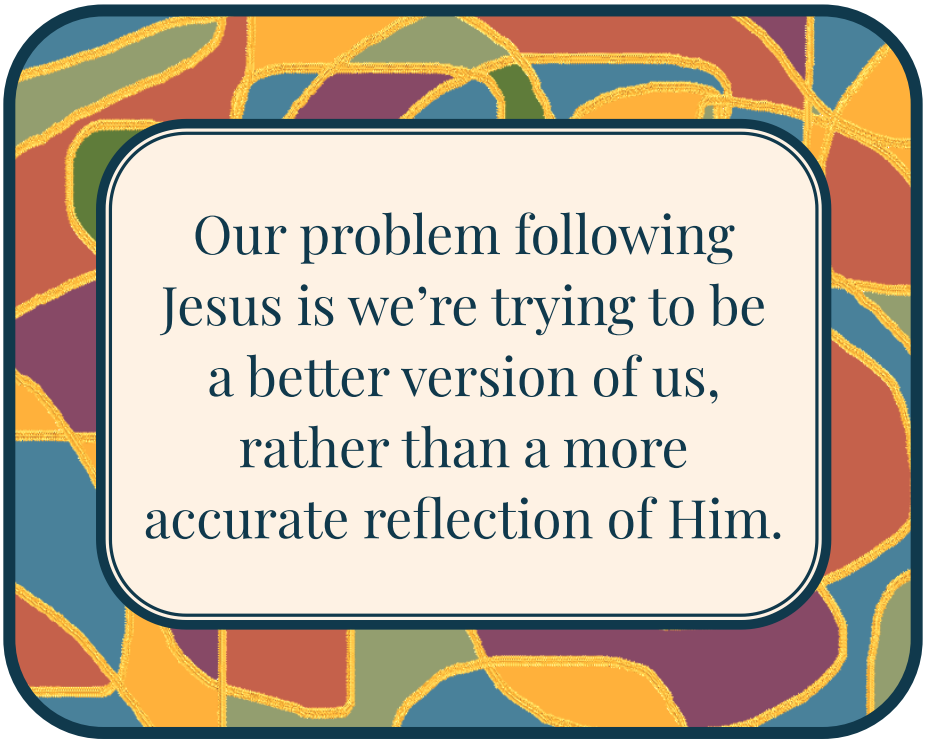
Tuesday
2 Chronicles 13-14 & John 7:1-24

Wednesday
2 Chronicles 15-16 & John 7:25-53

Thursday
2 Chronicles 17-18 & John 8:1-30

Friday
2 Chronicles 19-20 & John 8:31-59

Saturday
2 Chronicles 21-22 & John 9



To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. *1 Peter 2:21 (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)*

Kristin White was scheduled to have a surgical procedure on Friday, November 6th.

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*

Congratulations: We congratulate Emma Noey along with her teammates on the Seminole Junior College volleyball team for winning Regionals!

Tanzania Mission Update: We have received an update on the Tanzania Mission and Clean Water for Africa projects from Ralph Williams. If you would like a copy of Ralph's report, copies can be found on the table in the foyer.



Congratulations to Donna Hardin on the birth of her great granddaughter, Reese Anna Williams. Reese was born to Ethan & Madison Williams on Monday, November 2nd, weighing 8 lbs and measuring 20 inches.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

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

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



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 the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus. That is exactly what everyone who shares the Gospel should do. It is all about connecting people to Jesus, the Lamb of God. He is the one who came from heaven to lead us all back to His Father. In John 14:6, *Jesus said to him,* ***"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."***

Secondly, even today Jesus knows when someone is turning toward Him in Faith and wanting to follow Him (like the Father of the prodigal son in Luke 15:20 the Father saw him from afar, and the loving Father ran to meet him) our text reads.

John 1:38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. Jesus invited them to come to where he was staying and spend time with Him. They knew He was the teacher (rabbi) and had a special message from God.

As disciples of Jesus, we should want to spend time with Him, learning from, Him reading His word and visiting with Him in prayer. However, these two disciples had the blessing of being invited by Jesus to come stay with him. Wow! What an opportunity to learn who Jesus really is—and they found out, and passed the encouraging message on to others, including us! Pass it on!

For the Master's Cause,
Andy Scott

The Basic Case for Reasonable Faith

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). Faith is one of those words that culture often sees differently from what the Bible teaches. To many, faith means believing something without or in spite of evidence. It may be superstitious, unreasonable, and unworthy of a modern, scientific mindset. However, this falls far short of the biblical concept of faith.

Faith is not just mere belief. It is a trust, a conviction about the reality of what we cannot see by the physical eyes alone. This does not mean that evidence is lacking or that it is based on one's whim. God never asks His image-bearers to be gullible or to avoid evidential considerations. Rather, faith follows the evidence, trusting that God is and that He rewards those who seek Him (Heb 11:6).

While it is possible to have ill-conceived, whimsical faith, this is not something that is ever taught or defended as faith in Scripture. Biblical faith is reasonable. It is thought-through, follows the logic and evidence, and reacts accordingly. Faith is an allegiance to God as it seeks His kingdom first (Matt 6:33). It buys the truth and is unwilling to sell it (Prov 23:23). Faith is dedication, commitment, a willingness to deny self to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). Mere belief does not cut it for the child of God; faith digs deep in conviction and action, determined to remain true throughout one's life.

Faith is reasonable in that it is based on what we can know. When Paul spoke to the Athenians (Acts 17:22-31), He spoke about what they called the "unknown God," "who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth." We do not worship God in ignorance, and faith is not based on what is unknown. Yet this does not mean that we know everything about God. God is able to do what we cannot think (Eph 3:20). Nevertheless, we start with what we can know, and that serves as the basis for conviction even about those matters that go beyond our knowledge. For example, our faith can act even when we do not understand something because we trust that God does know and has our best interests in mind. We know enough to trust His wisdom and understanding.

None of that should surprise us because we all exercise faith in something without having to know everything. One can operate a vehicle without understanding exactly how it runs. We use computers and phones without having perfect knowledge of how they work. We trust people even though we don't know all possible scenarios. Faith is a part of life, and we don't consider any of this to be unreasonable. Indeed, we would consider it unreasonable not to trust anyone or anything.

We recognize that there are abstract realities that we cannot always see but that we know are real, and because they are real, it is reasonable to accept their truth value. For example, justice, love, truth, beauty, goodness, hope, and much more, are abstract, but we believe they are part of our reality and we would be unreasonable to deny them. These are not tangible or scientifically verifiable. We cannot see them as objects, but this does not change our acceptance of them.

Biblical faith is reasonable because it acts upon what is known. James said, "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jas 2:17). It would be unreasonable to say that we have faith in something but then fail to demonstrate that faith through how we act. In this way, faith can be seen. When four men let down a paralyzed man through a roof to get to Jesus, Jesus "saw their faith" (Mark 2:5). This is because they were acting on what they believed about Jesus.

Faith appeals to one's emotions, intellect, and will. It is possible to touch the emotions and intellect without the will, but this is incomplete. For example, James tells us, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!" (2:19). The demons knew who Jesus was. They believed truth about Him intellectually and they were emotionally affected by it, but this was not enough. For biblical faith, the emotions and intellect are important, but the will needs to be enacted. This is what reasonable faith looks like.

We need not sacrifice faith to have reason; they are not at odds. Even reason requires faith, for how could we reason at all unless we accepted that reason is real and attainable, though not a material thing? We can trust that our senses give us good information and that we can think and reason properly. One cannot scientifically verify this without first assuming it to be true. Yet we know that it would be unreasonable to deny reason.

We all must decide what we will place our faith in. Is our faith grounded in materialistic reality only, or do we accept that reality is bigger than what materialism allows? Which worldview has reason on its side?

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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 8

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



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