

## Behavior Advice

A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.  
—Proverbs 15:1

Keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile. —Psalm 34:13

### The Rule of “Three”

Three things to govern: Temper, tongue, conduct  
Three things to cultivate: Courage, affection, gentleness  
Three things to commend: Thrift, industry, promptness  
Three things to despise: Cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude  
Three things to wish for: Health, contentment, friends  
Three things to admire: Dignity, intellect, gracefulness

### Make Someone a Dinner

I have always believed that a church that can eat together can work together. Putting your feet under somebody’s table—eliminates doubts, suspicion, jealousy, envy, and pride. Preparing dinner for someone says, “Hey, I love you . . . I accept you . . . I care about you.”

A church that is heavy on fruit and fiber will not have time for fusses and fights. Jesus is our example—even when it comes to dinners. Read John 12:1–9. At the home of Mary and Martha, a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. An appreciation dinner! Can you imagine? Having Jesus over for dinner? What would you prepare? Pork chops (not for a Jew!)? Hamburgers? Fried chicken? Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches?

What Mary and Martha served was not important. The thing that impresses me is the timing of the dinner: “Six days before the Passover” (12:1). Jesus was approaching His crucifixion. He knew He was going to die (12:8). The chief priests wanted to kill Him (12:10). You talk about depressed and discouraged. Jesus was in upset city. He was experiencing some of the lowest moments of His life. But all of a sudden the invitation is extended by two sweet sisters. “Jesus, come on over and have dinner with us.” (I bet they could cook, too!) And up from the pits He arose!

When someone is going through tough times . . . make him a dinner. When someone is discouraged . . . make him a dinner. When a sister is lonely . . . make her a dinner. When a brother is mad at you . . . make him a dinner. (Nobody ever stays mad if he is invited over for T-bone steaks.) I’d rather have dinners than debates.  
—Keith Parker

# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Harold Reynolds is still taking more tests to determine the cause of the mass in his chest and how to proceed with treatment.
- ◆ Sympathy goes out to the Cook family and all the friends of Bill Cook who died from cancer last week. Burial is private.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Pat Casey, former preacher at Central in West Plains.
- ◆ Tracy Strong had additional back surgery this week.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Barbara White, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Rene Blackburn.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Cindy Gibson, Leroy Collins, Fred Strain.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes, Wilbern Uchtman. Jim Hamblen at Thayer. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home.

## Blessings

- ◆ Larry Butler’s CAT scan showed no growth of the aneurysm on the aorta behind his heart in the past year.

## Wonderful News!

Last Sunday after services the Hillhouse family—Corey, Hope, Lauren, and Logan—were all baptized!  
Please welcome them to the body of Christ.  
Hope is Kay’s daughter and Melinda’s sister.

## 2023 Ozark County Christians Unite to Worship

### “Unity of the Spirit”

October 23-27, 7 p.m. Nightly

**Monday**—Gainesville Church of Christ  
Halbert Smith—“One Lord”

**Tuesday**—Frontier Baptist  
Bruce DeWeese—“One Faith”

**Thursday**—Mammoth Assembly of God  
Ron Felker—“One Baptism”

**Friday**—Lilly Ridge Baptist  
Davin Friend—“One God”

Sermons followed by food and fellowship.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
10-14	Derek Lynne	10-19	Mark & Nichole Lane
10-15	Darren Crisp	10-19	Chris & Kelly Lemburg
10-16	John Abraham	10-26	Jason & Julie Schofield
10-19	Debra Lane	<b>Birthdays</b>	
10-19	Jim Hambelton	10-24	Addilyn Strong (6)
10-21	Amy Myers	10-26	Casey Hambelton
10-23	Sarah Hogan		

Date	Event	Details
Today	Basket Dinner & Wedding Reception/Shower	Reception for Alex and Kaiya German Lane
Today	Deliver pumpkins	Deliver pumpkins to Harlin Heights residents
Today	Make party sandwiches	Make sandwiches for Monday night
Wednesday 6:30	Fields of Faith	Football field for youth
Wed. Oct. 25	Singing and supper	Supper and singing
Oct. 23-27, 7 p.m.	Unite to Worship	Community Services—Monday night is here!

Please bring only desserts for fellowship time after Monday night's worship service. Sandwiches and other finger foods are already made.

### October Worship Assignments

<u>Welcome &amp; Prayer</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Shepherd's Prayer</u>
10-22 Ryan Stevens	John Abraham	Mark Lane
10-29 Heath Maddox	Tinker Langston	David Stevens

**Song Leader: Titus Smith**  
**Greeters: Tinker & Karen Langston**

## The Family News

October 22, 2023

### Gainesville Church of Christ

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### A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Topic: ***Taming the Tongue***

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Prayer

#1005, *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*; #694, *Servant Song*

#349, *Ten Thousand Angels*; Communion Service

#719, *Love One Another*

*Scripture Reading by Derek Lynne, Psalm 39:1*

Sermon and Invitation

#619, *A New Creature*

#875, *Home of the Soul*; Shepherd's Prayer

Offering baskets are at the back.

*We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.*

#### Elders

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Don Luna	417-712-1945
David Stevens	417-679-4700
John Abraham	870-421-5632

#### Deacons

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Dana Crisp	417-331-5090
James Langston	870-315-4355
<b><u>Preacher</u></b>	
Halbert Smith	417-257-3880

**Ministers:** Every Member—Each One of Us