

The Privilege of Knowing God

By House to House Heart to Heart

Paul confided, “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12). He said, “I know whom [not merely what] I have believed.”

The Christian’s assurance is linked to God the Father’s character. God the Father has some astonishing metaphysical attributes:

- ◆ Self-existent (Psalm 90:2; John 5:26);
- ◆ Eternal (Psalm 90:1–2);
- ◆ Omniscient (Hebrews 4:13);
- ◆ Omnipotent (Daniel 4:35);
- ◆ Holy (1 Peter 1:15–16; Revelation 4);
- ◆ Faithful and just (John 7:24);
- ◆ Merciful (Titus 3:4–7).

He has an even more amazing moral characteristic: **God is a being of absolute love** (1 John 4:8, 11). This is one of the great themes of the New Testament (John 3:16; 10:28–29; Romans 8:31–39; Ephesians 2:5, 8–9; 1 Peter 1:3–5; 1 John 4:7–21). **God’s love shows that He gave His Son to die in our place (John 3:16), while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). It also shows that He does not want a single person to be lost (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4).**

God’s faithfulness also leads us to confidence in our salvation. He promised (1 Peter 1:5–7; 2 Peter 1:1–2). A faithful Christian’s “I don’t feel saved” equals a lack of faith in the promises of God.

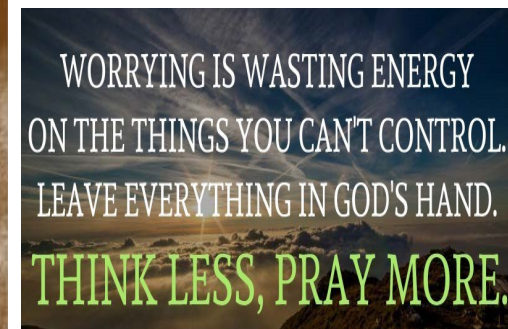
DEEP BIBLE PARADOXES

- ◇ Finding through losing (Matthew 10:39).
- ◇ Living through dying (John 12:24).
- ◇ Receiving through giving (Acts 20:35).
- ◇ Freedom through servitude (Romans 6:18).
- ◇ Strength through weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10).
- ◇ Gaining through loss (Philippians 3:7).

Thank you to all our veterans for your service!

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ John Abraham had a heart attack Tuesday night. Melinda rushed him to the ER where he had three stents inserted. He came home Thursday. He starts cardiac rehab next week. He lost about 20 percent heart function, but that can improve.
- ◆ Harold Reynolds had a port installed to begin treatments to shrink the mass before surgery to remove it. He is having trouble eating and speaking and has been suffering for a few months.
- ◆ Don Luna had a bladder scope on Monday. The doctor removed one small tumor, which he assumed was cancer. He will get the pathology report Tuesday and plans for treatment.
- ◆ Dorlene Butler had to be hospitalized Tuesday and had a blood transfusion. Hopefully she will feel stronger now.
- ◆ Tinker Langston is suffering from severe back pain.
- ◆ Pat Kirkland is feeling much better after her injury.
- ◆ Barbara White is waiting to get a date for surgery on her heart.
- ◆ Joan Nash is recovering from a fall last week.
- ◆ Rene Blackburn is home in Belton after suffering a stroke last week.
- ◆ George McGinnis, grandson of Frances, had a heart attack Tuesday and had stents inserted. He lives in South Carolina.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins.
- ◆ 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 Hambelton at Thayer. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
11-5	Bill Cockrum	11-4	Jim & Debra Lane
11-7	Wanda Beard	11-5	Dwight & Joy Banks
11-8	Ashley Hossman	11-16	Tinker & Karen Langston
11-13	Kay Young	11-30	Harold & Mary Ann Reynolds
11-15	Kelly Lemburg	Birthdays	
11-21	Merle Scott	11-24	Lincoln Gosdin (2)
11-22	Larry Butler	11-24	Clifford Lansdown
11-23	Imomdod (Ima) Odinaev	11-25	Henry Flaugher

Date	Event	Details
Wed. Nov. 15 7 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service	Halbert speaking at Lilly Ridge Church
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 7 p.m.	Gospel Meeting at Smith Chapel, "The Supremacy of Christ"	Speaker Scott Johnson, Kara Hamblen's husband.
Sat. Nov. 18	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	Frontier Baptist at Pontiac 10 a.m.
Sun. Nov. 26	Basket Dinner after services	Stay for lunch and fellowship

Wednesday night is our Community Thanksgiving Service. Halbert will be speaking at Lilly Ridge. There will be a collection for Ministerial Alliance yearly benevolence needs. Stay after for food and fellowship.

November Worship Assignments

Welcome & Prayer		Communion	Shepherd's Prayer
11-5	Paul Wade	Titus Smith	Don Luna
11-12	Larry Butler	Spencer Wade	John Abraham
11-19	R. J. Moyers	D. E. Pleasant	Mark Lane
11-26	Ryan Stevens	Vance Hamblen	David Stevens

Song Leader: John Abraham
Greeters: Dana & Marsha Crisp

The Family News

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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: *If the Lord Will*

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

Song Service; Communion Service

Scripture Reading by Dustin Lynne, Matthew 6:33-34

Sermon and Invitation

Invitation Song

Closing Song; 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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David Stevens	417-679-4700
John Abraham	870-421-5632

Deacons

Larry Butler	817-504-1604
Dana Crisp	417-331-5090
James Langston	870-315-4355
Halbert Smith	417-257-3880

Preacher

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us