

## Make Jesus Your Banker

By Allen Webster, *Heart to Heart, House to House*

Newspaper headlines read: “FDIC Must Rescue Major Banks;” “Embezzlement and Fraud;” “Insurance Companies File for Bankruptcy;” “Stock Market Takes a Tumble.” One wonders, “Is there financial security today? Where can I put my money and not have to worry about it?”

Did you know that Jesus is in the banking business? (Matthew 6:19–21). He is knowledgeable (John 2:24–25), trustworthy (1 Peter 2:21–22), and courteous (John 8:1–11). What better investment could one make than to invest in heaven’s bank?

### OPENING AN ACCOUNT

As with all accounts, heaven’s bank requires meeting certain requirements. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). God’s grace requires that one meet His conditions (Ephesians 2:8–9). Jesus requires faith, repentance, confession, and baptism before He begins to place one’s treasures in heaven (John 3:16; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32; Acts 2:38).

### RISK-FREE

Earthly accounts may claim to be risk-free, but they are based on national economics. If the stock market crashes and the dollar value tumbles, our legal tender will be worthless. This is not true of banking in heaven, for Jesus said, “Neither moth nor rust destroys . . . thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20). While one may remove his treasures from heaven (2 Peter 2:20–22), no one can force him to. Jesus promised, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand” (John 10:27–29).

### HIGH INTEREST

No earthly account can boast such a high yield! We give God our money, talents, time, love, and life (Matthew 22:37; Romans 12:1–2), and we receive eternal bliss (John 3:15), in a place so perfect it defies deserved description (John 14:1–6). John describes it: I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:1–4). *(continued next week)*

# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Harold Reynolds had to be hospitalized last Sunday for dehydration due to difficulty swallowing. While there they inserted a feeding tube to increase his strength, and he had his first chemo treatment.
- ◆ Don Luna’s bladder tumor was high-grade and aggressive. He will have a repeat surgery Monday to make sure there is no cancer in the bladder wall. He will then have bladder chemo treatments.
- ◆ Aleta Collins is suffering from extreme pain due to a pulled muscle and her back problems.
- ◆ Dale Strong broke a bone on the outside of his knee.
- ◆ Bob Stickles was hospitalized Monday with bowel obstruction.
- ◆ Deborah Hogue had kidney surgery complications at Barnes. They had to remove much of her intestines and she is still in serious condition. She is the mother of Robert at the Building Supply, Tamara at Town and Country, and John Adams, an ER nurse.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Barbara White, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Harold Reynolds, 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.

Harold and Mary Ann Reynolds will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 30. Harold has had health problems since July. Let’s make their day better by mailing them an anniversary card this week.

Their address is 16306 US Hwy. 160, Gainesville, MO 65655.

For where your  
*treasure*  
is, there your  
heart will be also

Matthew 6:21

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
11-13	Kay Young	11-4	Jim & Debra Lane
11-15	Kelly Lemburg	11-5	Dwight & Joy Banks
11-18	Sandra Wade	11-16	Tinker & Karen Langston
11-21	Merle Scott	11-30	Harold & Mary Ann Reynolds (60)
11-22	Larry Butler	Birthdays	
11-23	Imomdod (Ima) Odinaev	11-24	Clifford Lansdown
11-24	Lincoln Gosdin (2)	11-25	Henry Flaughter

Esther will be cooking something delicious for Wednesday night fellowship supper before Bible classes.

Date	Event	Details
Friday, Dec. 1 Community Event	Gainesville's Christmas Parade, 5-8 p.m.	Vendors, Food, Lighted Parade
Sat. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	Christmas Tea instead at First Christian Church
Sat. Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Downstairs	Ministerial Alliance Leadership Dinner	All elders, deacons, teachers, song leaders and their families

### December Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Prayer

#### Communion

#### Shepherd's Prayer

Today	R. J. Moyers	D. E. Pleasant	David Stevens
12-3	Dana Crisp	Tinker Langston	Don Luna
12-10	Spencer Wade	Paul Wade	John Abraham
12-17	Andrew Hambelton	D. E. Pleasant	Mark Lane
12-24	Ryan Stevens	Larry Butler	David Stevens
12-31	Jim Kirkland	R. J. Moyers	Don Luna

**Song Leader: Andrew Eller—Titus Smith**

**Greeters: Dana & Marsha Crisp—Mark & Nichole Lane**

## The Family News

November 26, 2023

### Gainesville Church of Christ

PO Box 7, 23550 US Hwy. 160, Gainesville, MO 65655

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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: *Treasures in Heaven*

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#296, *We Have Come Into His House*; #382, *Why Did My Savior?*

#834, *Tis Midnight*; Communion Service

*I Want to Be a Worker for My Lord*; #864, *Where the Gates*

Scripture Reading by Waylon Strong, Matthew 6:19-21

Sermon and Invitation

#684, *Nearer My God to Thee*; #833, *I Want to Be Where You Are*

#882, *No Tears in Heaven*; Shepherd's Prayer

Offering baskets are at the back.

#### Elders

Mark Lane	417-679-4835
Don Luna	417-712-1945
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
<b>Preacher</b>	
Halbert Smith	417-257-3880

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