

## GOD VALUES US EVEN WHEN WE ARE IMPERFECT

Perhaps no composer captured the musical heart and soul of America as did Irving Berlin. He wrote *God Bless America*, *Easter Parade*, and *White Christmas*, which still ranks as the all-time best-selling musical score.

In an interview for the *San Diego Union*, Don Freeman asked Berlin, "Is there any question you've never been asked that you would like someone to ask you?"

"Well, yes, there is one," he replied. "What do you think of the songs you've written that didn't become hits? My reply is, I still think they are wonderful."

God, too, has an unshakable delight in what—and whom—He has made. He thinks all people are wonderful, and whether they're a "hit" in the eyes of others or not, He will always think they are wonderful.

Dear friend, since we are worth a lot to God, we need to learn to value ourselves. Just knowing that we are made in God's image should provide us with a solid basis for self-worth. Our human worth is not based on possessions, position, pigmentation, physique, or public acclaim. Instead, it is based on being made and created by God. Because we bear God's image, we can feel positive about ourselves. When we criticize or downgrade ourselves, we criticize God who has made us. Knowing that we are a people of worth helps us to love ourselves, which in turn will help us to love others. You are wonderful.

—Jim Adams, *Preachingtoday.com*

"God created man in His own image" ([Genesis 1:27](#)).

### Philippians 4:6-7

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

### Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be afraid, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you; I will help you;  
I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. (CSB)

### Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. (ESV)

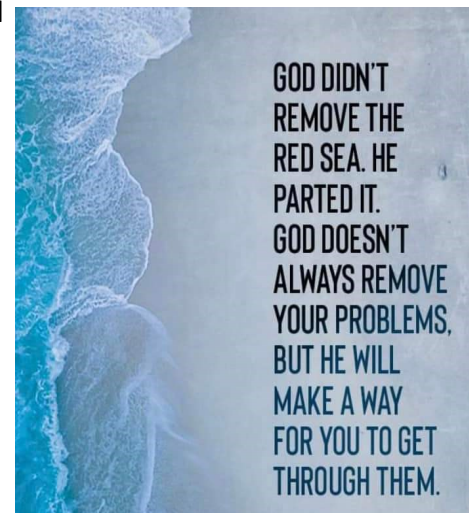
### John 14:1

Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. (HCSB)

Anxiety-Calmning  
Scriptures

# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Harold Reynolds will have another chemo treatment on Monday. He thanks everyone for the calls and prayers.
- ◆ Larry Butler has been suffering from high blood pressure, high blood sugar, and dizziness. Last week he added covid. He thanks everyone for the prayers for him and Dorlene.
- ◆ Jim Kirkland had knee replacement surgery last Monday.
- ◆ Brian Hambelton had carpal tunnel surgery on his wrist and elbow, but he has postponed surgery on the other arm for awhile.
- ◆ Melinda Abraham will have foot/ankle surgery February 6.
- ◆ Tinker Langston will have knee replacement on February 28.
- ◆ Barbara and Don Luna have had covid the past two weeks.
- ◆ Dwight and Joy Banks had flu this week.
- ◆ Jim Hambelton stopped eating and drinking a few days ago and mainly sleeps. Hospice doesn't think he has long to live.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Strain family after the death of Freddie from cancer on Thursday.
- ◆ Sympathy also goes to the McGinnis family for the death of Oscar Jiminez, son-in-law of Frances. His service was Friday.
- ◆ Norman Hartman died Wednesday morning, and his service was yesterday. Sympathy is extended to Gerry and family.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Don Luna, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Rene Blackburn, Annette Chisam Tilley.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes, Wilbern Uchtman. Jim Hambelton at Thayer. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
1-4	Aleta Collins	1-1	Spencer and Sandra Wade
1-7	Bill Collins	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
1-8	Robert Stover	Birthdays	
1-9	Bonnie Luna	1-24	Frances McGinnis
1-10	Marty Jones	1-25	Melinda Walrath
1-11	Rose Burton	1-25	Jean Blisard
1-11	Baylee Lynne	1-28	Sangchun Moyers
1-12	Sue Hambelton	1-29	Sarah Hossman
1-19	Brooke Hambelton	1-30	Waylon Strong

Date	Event	Details
Sunday, Jan, 28	Basket Dinner after services	Join us for food and fellowship
Mon., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.	Game Night; Fellowship	Bring Snacks
Saturday, Feb. 3	Movie Night at 5 p.m.	Hot dogs & popcorn

Melinda will be serving pizza, salad, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes.

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### January Worship Assignments

Welcome & Prayer		Communion	Shepherd's Prayer
1-7	D. E. Pleasant	Don Reynolds	Don Luna
1-14	Titus Smith	Vance Hambelton	John Abraham
1-21	Spencer Wade	Brian Hambelton	Mark Lane
1-28	Dylan Abraham	Andrew Hambelton	David Stevens

**Song Leader: John Abraham**  
**Greeters: John and Melinda Abraham**

**The Family News**  
**January 21, 2024**

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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: ***From Carpenter to Lamb of God***

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper  
7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Prayer  
Kids Singing up Front  
#133, *The Love of God*; #678, *More About Jesus*  
#332, *Lead Me to Calvary*; Communion Service  
#470, *Victory in Jesus*  
Scripture Reading by Ima, John 1:26-29  
Sermon and Invitation  
#904, *Have You Been to Jesus?*  
#738, *Take the Name of Jesus with You*  
Shepherd's Prayer  
Offering baskets are at the back.

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