

Church? Why Bother?

"Bother" with Worship Because God "Bothered" to Make You

Despite evolutionary claims, sensible people still acknowledge to God: "Thine hands have made me and fashioned me" ([Job 10:8](#)). Unlike the animal creation, God made us in His own image and after His likeness ([Genesis 1:26-27](#)), demonstrating His unlimited power ([Romans 1:20](#)) and boundless wisdom ([Proverbs 3:19](#)).

Consider how He made *you*. Your skeleton has 206 bones more durable and longer lasting than the best steel. Your ear can distinguish over 2,500 different keys (a grand piano has only 88). Your eye is the most perfect camera known to man. Even Charles Darwin said, "That the eye...could have been formed by natural selection seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." Yes, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" ([Psalm 139:14](#)) by a fearful and wonderful God ("Who is like unto thee...glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?," [Exodus 15:11](#)). We agree with John: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" ([Revelation 4:11](#)).

"Bother" with Worship Because God "Bothers" to Sustain You.

Imagine you were rich. After hearing of a starving, destitute family's need, you decided to give them a house, a weekly supply of food, a constant quantity of clothes, and whatever else they needed. Would you expect them to say "thanks?" God is worthy of our worship because He does this for us...and more. Every bite of food, every drink of water, every breath of air, every gravitational pull, every ray of sunshine, every drop of rain, every harvested fruit, every medical treatment, every thread of clothing, every square foot of house, every yard of land, every smile, laugh, and moment of peace and safety we have ever had is because of God. We depend upon Him for "life, breath, and all things" ([Acts 17:25](#)); He "upholds all things by the word of His power" ([Hebrews 1:3](#)). Yes, we work to pay for these things, but who gave us health and strength to work? Who made the earth inhabitable? Who sends sun and rain for the crops that grow upon it? God, our Sustainer!

"Bother" with Worship Because God "Bothers" to Save You.

If you are saved, it is only because of God's astounding grace ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)). If you are still in your sins, it is no fault of God's. His offer, and long-suffering patience to see it accepted, stands ready ([2 Peter 3:8](#)). John heard a crowd of ten thousand times ten thousand angels, beasts, and elders say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" ([Revelation 5:12](#)). Since sin separates us from God ([Isaiah 59:1-2](#)), and books us a

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Barbara White is finally home after being in the hospital, rehab, and her daughter's since early February. She is still weak.
- ◆ Tinker Langston is recovering from his knee manipulation.
- ◆ Brad Luna will have prostate surgery tomorrow at Cox.
- ◆ Cindy Gibson, Nichole's aunt, has brain tumors.
- ◆ Sympathy goes to the Dobson and Cockrum families after the death of Laura Ryder, Jana Cockrum Dobson's mother.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Clifford Lansdown, Sue Hamblton, Barbara White, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Cindy Gibson, Leroy Collins, Nikki Smith.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains.



reservation in Lucifer's Lakeside Inn ([Romans 6:23](#); [Revelation 20:15](#)), until Jesus came we were without hope of anything better than an eternity in hell with a sadistic Satan. God saw our predicament, and at great cost to Himself, provided a way for us to be snatched from Satan's grasp and ushered into the Master's Mansions ([John 14:1-2](#)). Jesus, His very own Son, took our place at the whipping post, the cross, and the hopeless grave. He carried the burden of our sins in His body as He hung upon that cross, where He poured out His blood as the price of our forgiveness ([1 Peter 2:24](#); [Matthew 26:28](#); [2 Corinthians 5:20](#)). God did that while we were yet rebels ([Romans 5:8-10](#)). He still waits at the window for the prodigal boy's figure to appear on the distant skyline ([Luke 15:20](#)).

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
4-26	Mark Lane	4-7	Elmo and Sue Hambelton
4-28	Rebecca Hambelton	5-9	Paul and Beth Wade
4-27	Barbara Stevens	5-14	Lee and Stephane Bearden
4-29	Harold Reynolds	Birthdays	
5-5	Peggy Johnson	5-14	Howard Wade
5-11	Brenda Strong	5-15	Bentley Goodman

Esther is serving breakfast burritos, fruit, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Thank you, God, for the needed rain!

See Jessica Smith if you haven't had your family's picture taken for the directory.

Date	Event	Details
Today after worship	Splatter Paint Party	Party for youth
Sat., May 18, 3 p.m. games; BBQ at 5:30; ice cream sundaes dessert	Family Fun & Fellowship	Bounce house, yard games.
Sat., June 1st	Vacation Bible School	Here

May Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Communion & Closing Prayer

Today	Don Luna	Don Reynolds
5-5	John Abraham	Ryan Stevens
5-12	Mark Lane	Titus Smith
5-19	David Stevens	Larry Butler
5-26	Don Luna	Vance Hambelton

Song Leader: Titus Smith; John Abraham

Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna; Tinker and Karen Langston

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: ***Jesus Teaches in Parables***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#77, Glorify Thy Name; #794, *Unto Thee, O Lord*

#313, *Old Rugged Cross*; Communion Service

#671, *Purer in Heart, O God*

Scripture Reading by Dylan Abraham, Matt. 13:13-15

Sermon and Invitation

There's a Great Day Coming

#300, *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located 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
Preacher	
Halbert Smith	417-257-3880

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us