

THE STORY OF TWO POTS

A water bearer in India had two large pots, one hung on each end of a pole that he carried across his neck. One pot was cracked; the other delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house. The cracked pot arrived only half full.

This went on daily for two years. The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection and sad it could accomplish only half of what it was made to do.

It spoke to the water bearer one day. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer.

"I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack causes water to leak out. Because of my flaws, you have extra work," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old pot. He said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

As they went up the hill, the cracked pot saw the sun warming beautiful wildflowers on the side of the path. This cheered it some, but it still felt bad.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I took advantage of your flaw. I planted flowers on your side, and every day, you've watered them. For two years I have picked beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being as you are, he would not have this beauty."

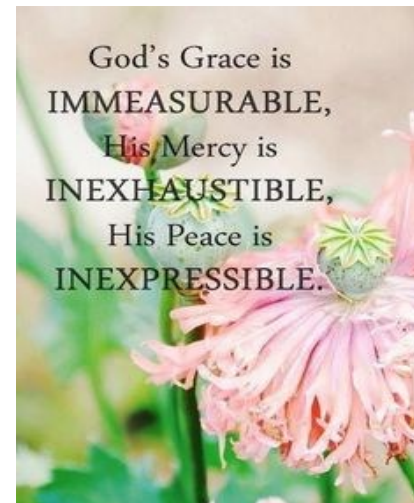
Each of us has unique flaws. We are all cracked pots, but it is cracks and flaws that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding. We have to take people for what they are and look for the good in them. There is a lot of good out there. There is a lot of good in you.

—From Glenn Hitchcock

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Melinda Abraham suffered a stroke on Monday afternoon. She has had several tests that haven't shown any permanent damage.
- ◆ Deloris Larsen, Nichole's aunt, had open heart surgery a week ago. She has had blood pressure problems since surgery, and a scan showed several spots of lymphoma that had returned.
- ◆ Bill Cockrum's stress test showed some issues. They will determine if he can have an angiogram.
- ◆ Vicki Boland, Angie Hill's sister, fell last week breaking five vertebrae.
- ◆ Faron Price, friend of Randy Johnson, will have mouth cancer surgery.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob Robbins. His service was Thursday. He was Mary Lou's brother.
- ◆ Janelle Calvert House has been moved to Mt. Vista nursing home in Harrison and is receiving Hospice comfort care. Angie Calvert is home recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Adam Shaw, 16 year old struggling with mental and emotional issues in Searcy rehab. Halbert met his mother while in Searcy.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dale Strong, Randy Johnson, Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Lloyd Ellis, Ruth Strain, Coe Hamm.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Lionel Daugherty, Terry Pennington, Pat McKaig, Jamie Crisp, Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Hardy.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Delphia Holmes, Sonja Grisham. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ◆ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
5-5	Peggy Johnson	5-2	Angie and John Hill
5-5	Patty Donley	5-9	Paul and Beth Wade
5-11	Brenda Strong	5-20	Ryan and Amy Stevens
5-15	Bentley Goodman (8)	5-21	D. E. and Tiffany Pleasant
5-18	Halbert Smith	5-25	Darren and Denise Crisp
5-20	Gannon Schofield (11)	5-31	R. J. and Sangchun Moyers
5-23	Barbara Luna	Birthdays	
5-28	Ryan Stevens	5-31	Sabra Bryant (8)
5-29	Beth Wade	5-31	Julie Schofield

Date	Event	Details
Wed. June 3	No fellowship suppers for summer	Men's Class—Ephesians Women's Class—Prayer
May 31—June 3	Gospel Meeting Thayer Church of Christ	Christian Family Dynamics Derek Yarber, speaker
Sunday, June 14	CRC Fundraising Day	Crowleys Ridge College
Saturday, June 13, 9-2:00	Vacation Bible School	Take a trip to Rainforest Falls



June Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Today Don Luna
6-7 David Stevens
6-14 John Abraham
6-21 Mark Lane
6-28 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

R. J. Moyers
Matt Kyle
Dana Crisp
Waylon Strong
Titus Smith

Song Leader: Titus Smith; John Abraham
Greeters: Tinker and Karen Langston; Dana and Marsha Crisp

The Family News

May 31, 2026

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: ***Gifts and the Giver***

Wednesday

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

Worship God by Singing Praises

Communion Service

Song before Sermon

Sermon and Invitation

Invitation Song

Closing Song and Prayer

Offering baskets are located 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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Preacher

Halbert Smith 417-257-3880

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us