

## If Jesus Were Running for President, Would He Win?

By Allen Webster

**Would one be elected today who held the beliefs Jesus held?**

### Abortion

"When Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb" (Luke 1:41; cf. Matthew 19:12). "Before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you" (Jeremiah 1:5). "Cursed be he that takes reward to slay an innocent person" (Deuteronomy 27:25). One of the seven things the Lord hates is "hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:16–17). Jesus was not anti-women, but He was pro-children. He loved them; He took time for them. He held them and held them up as examples of how all should behave (Matthew 18:3; 19:14).

### Marriage/Adultery

Jesus would run on a pro-family ticket (Matthew 19:4–5). His first miracle was performed at a wedding feast (John 2:1–11). "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). He opposed divorce (Matthew 5:32; 19:4–9; Mark 10:11–12; Luke 16:18), but He allowed it for fornication (Matthew 19:9). He encouraged reconciliation (1 Corinthians 7:10–11). "The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord" (1 Corinthians 6:13). On one hand, when a woman caught in adultery was brought to Jesus, He did not condemn her to die (John 8:1–11). On the other, He told her to go and "sin no more" (8:11).

### Homosexuality

"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Matthew 19:4–5). "To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband" (1 Corinthians 7:2).

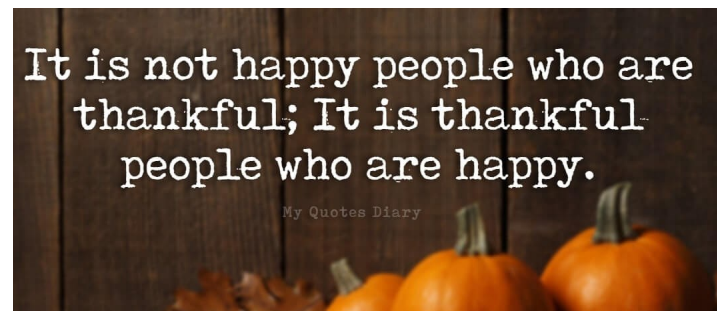
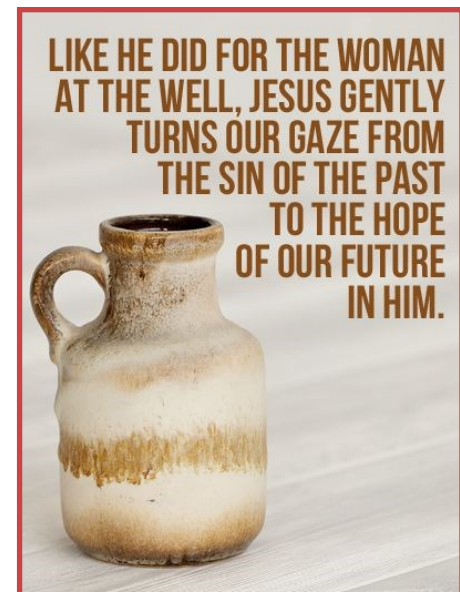
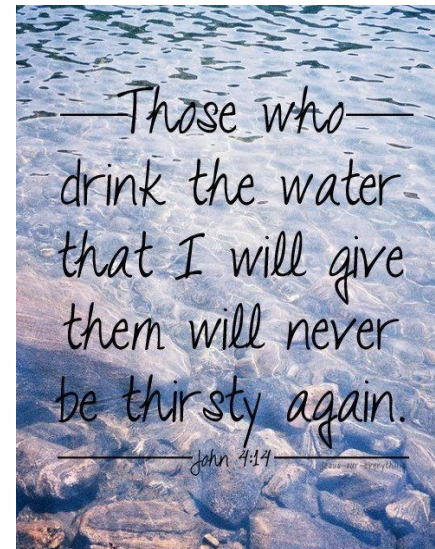
### The Resurrected Lord and Savior: The Winning Ticket

None of these is the most crucial issue. The thing most critical for each voter is not who is president, but who is Lord. It is not how the election affects the pocketbook, but how one's decisions affect his soul. "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

When Jesus comes, He will not be president. He will be King, and every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess (Romans 14:11). How will you mark the ballot for Lord of your life and Savior of your soul?

## Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Sadly Marian Luna, Brad's wife, lost her life to pancreatic cancer. There will be a graveside service Monday at 10 a.m. at Amy Baptist Church cemetery, Hocomo. Keep Brad and family in your prayers.
- ♦ Anna Luna, our granddaughter, has Lingular pneumonia.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger, Louise Patterson.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Cyprus Spring. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
11-25	Henry Flaughter	11-30	Harold and Mary Ann Reynolds
11-28	Andrew Hambelton	12-9	Bill and Lana Cockrum
12-6	Don Luna	12-31	Don and Karin Reynolds
12-9	Pat Kirkland	Birthdays	
12-9	Jim Lane	12-14	Joe Walrath
12-13	Dale Strong	12-15	Dana Crisp
12-13	Hope Hillhouse	12-25	Jessica Smith
12-14	Corey Hillhouse	12-27	Granger Stevens
12-21	Kim Anderson		

Melinda will be serving cheesy ritz chicken, baked beans, salad, rolls, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Dana and Marsha have a new granddaughter, Golden Rose Hart, born Wednesday to Nikki and Joseph, 8 lb. 10 oz., 20 1/4 in.

Date	Event	Details
Friday, Dec. 6	Gainesville Christmas Parade	Booths open at 5 p.m. Parade at 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.	Christmas Tea in place of prayer brunch	First Christian Church
Sunday Dec. 15 after church—\$10	Wreath Making See Bethany Snider	Bring ribbon and ornaments to decorate.
Wednesday night December 18	Christmas Play. Come watch the children	Cookies and hot chocolate after the play.

### December Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

1 David Stevens  
8 Don Luna  
15 John Abraham  
22 Mark Lane  
29 David Stevens

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

Halbert Smith  
R. J. Moyers  
Larry Butler  
Dana Crisp  
Dylan Abraham

**Song Leader: Titus Smith**  
**Greeters: Mark & Nichole Lane**

## The Family News

December 1, 2024

### Gainesville Church of Christ

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

[www.gainesvillechurchofchrist.org](http://www.gainesvillechurchofchrist.org)

### 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 a Samaritan Woman***

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#4, *To God be the Glory*

#100/101, *Holy Ground Medley*

#361, *Nailed to the Cross*; Communion Service

#638, *Harvest Time*

Sermon and Invitation

#909, *There's a Fountain Free*

#278, *Victory Chant*; Closing 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**

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