

God's Glue—WHAT A GOD!

A doctor-friend wrote: A couple of days ago I was running (I use that term very loosely) on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio, and I was BLOWN AWAY! I want to share what I learned, but I fear not being able to convey it as well as I want. I will share anyway.

He (Louie) was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is . . . how He spoke the universe into being . . . how He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire, etc. Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint), and I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork. I remember so many times thinking . . . 'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this???'

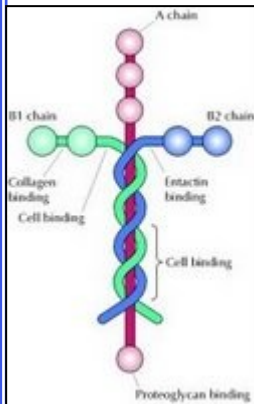
Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart . . . how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then I lost my breath. And it wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either!!! It was because he started talking about laminin.

I knew about laminin. Here is how wikipedia describes them: Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue. You see . . . laminins are what holds us together . . . LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what laminin LOOKED LIKE.

But now I do. And I have thought about it a thousand times since.

Here is what the structure of laminin looks like . . . AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it. If you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see . . .



Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing! The glue that holds us together . . . ALL of us . . . is in the shape of the cross. Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things HOLD TOGETHER.' Call me crazy. I just think that is very, very, very cool.

Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together . . . one cell to another . . . by the cross.

You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam even breathed his first breath!! (continued on back)

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Kevin Kastning has a heart blockage. Waiting on date for surgery.
- ◆ Randy Johnson will have back surgery on July 3rd.
- ◆ Melissa Rumenapp had back surgery Friday.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Bonnie Luna family. Her service was Friday.
- ◆ Hospice has been started for Clifford Lansdown to get him extra help at Hiram Shaddox.
- ◆ Renee Schmucker is improving after her double lung transplant.
- ◆ Scarlett Hall, girl injured while swimming is improving but needs prayers for no brain damage.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—D. E. Pleasant, Winston Abraham, Casey Hambelton, Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Vernon James, Mary Morrison, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Wayman King, Kay Schneider, Jack Moyers, 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, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth.
- ◆ Those in nursing homes and/or homebound.

Blessings

- ◆ Mark Lane had a clean scan last week—no cancer.
- ◆ Don Luna had a clean scan on his bladder and is finished with chemo treatments.

But may all who seek You
rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who love
Your salvation
say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"

Psalm 40:16

Letting go and surrendering unto the Lord is not giving up. it is giving in, and it is giving in to a power greater than anything that causes us to fear or worry.

Let go, and let the Lord be mighty for us in all things.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
6-27	Adeline Smith (6)	7-1	Larry and Dorlene Butler
6-29	Stetson Pleasant (8)	7-4	David and Barbara Luna
6-29	Denise Crisp (60)	7-10	Dale and Brenda Strong (60)
7-3	Ronnie Hambelton	7-15	Titus and Jessica Smith
7-4	R. J. Moyers	Birthdays	
7-8	Emma McGinnis	7-23	Diana Moyers Siebels
7-9	Bryce Hambelton	7-25	Vance Hambelton
7-13	Oakley Goodman (4)	7-27	Mary Pepergerdes (90)
7-15	Jack Moyers (95)	7-28	Myles Smith (4)
7-22	Chance Strong	7-30	Esther Strong

Date	Event	Details
Friday, July 4th, 7 p.m.	Barbecue Cookout Celebration	Eat supper at the pavilion with homemade ice cream. Then fireworks show on the square.

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"Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing who holds the future."

We are being held together by the cross of Jesus Christ! His love! His forgiveness and His marvelous power!

July Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Today John Abraham
7-6 Mark Lane
7-13 David Stevens
7-20 Don Luna
7-27 John Abraham

Communion & Closing Prayer

Halbert Smith
Don Reynolds
Paul Wade
Titus Smith
Tinker Langston

Song Leader: John Abraham

Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp; Kay Young and Mary Lou Snelson

The Family News

June 29, 2025

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: **Magnified**

Wednesday

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#779, *I Love You, Lord*; #77, *Glorify Thy Name*

#508, *A Wonderful Savior*

#431, *Break Thou the Bread of Life*; Communion Service

#144, *O' Worship the King*

Sermon and Invitation

#945; *Kneel at the Cross*

#300, *Praise Him*; 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.

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Preacher

Halbert Smith 417-257-3880

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us