

Why Should You Believe in God?

How could we ever know if God exists? We cannot see, hear, touch, smell, or taste Him. We cannot weigh Him like we can a five-pound bag of potatoes. We cannot put God under an electron microscope to study Him on an atomic level. So, how can we know that God exists?

Belief in God is not the result of literally seeing His Spirit or touching His essence. What we have at our fingertips, however, is a mountain of irrefutable, indirect, credible evidence that testifies on God's behalf, including the fundamental fact that matter logically demands a Maker. A study of the material universe reveals that every physical effect must have an adequate cause that came before it (or was simultaneous to it) and is greater than it—a truth known as the Law of Cause and Effect. The U.S. flag that stood tall on the surface of the moon in 1969 was neither eternal nor without a cause. Its existence on the moon demands a sufficient cause.

Some leading atheists contend that “nothing” gave rise to the universe. But the fact is, as renowned atheist Richard Dawkins once admitted, “Common sense doesn't allow you to get something from nothing.” At one time in the past, the material universe did not exist. Then, at some point, it came into existence. But since matter is not eternal and cannot create itself from nothing, then something outside of the material realm must have brought it into existence. Indeed, the very existence of matter demands a Maker.

Atheism irrationally contends that an accidental explosion (from nothing) caused exquisite order—that a well-designed universe came about without a Designer. In truth, atheism is unreasonable, while belief in God is entirely rational. —Eric Lyons

One-Liner Church Wisdom

By House to House Heart to Heart

- ✦ People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church building.
- ✦ Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your door again and again.
- ✦ Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited . . . until you try to get into their pews.
- ✦ Some want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- ✦ When you get to your wit's end, you will find God lives there.
- ✦ Some minds are like concrete—thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Brandy Hamm (oldest daughter of Jim Kirkland) has liver disease and is in a St. Louis hospital.
- ♦ Imogene Hughes, wife of Dene Hughes and aunt of Jim Kirkland, is at the nursing home and is at end of life.
- ♦ Jamie Crisp, sister of Darren and Shane Crisp and Marketa Hambelton, has stomach cancer.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Vance Hambelton, Larry Butler, Dale Strong, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins, Coe Hamm.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Jim Kirkland, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Jenny James, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Hardy.
- ♦ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ♦ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.

VBS Saturday, June 13, 2026

Get a frog for your fridge to remind you to pray for the success of our VBS. To volunteer to help, scan the QR code on the bulletin board or fill out one of the questionnaires.

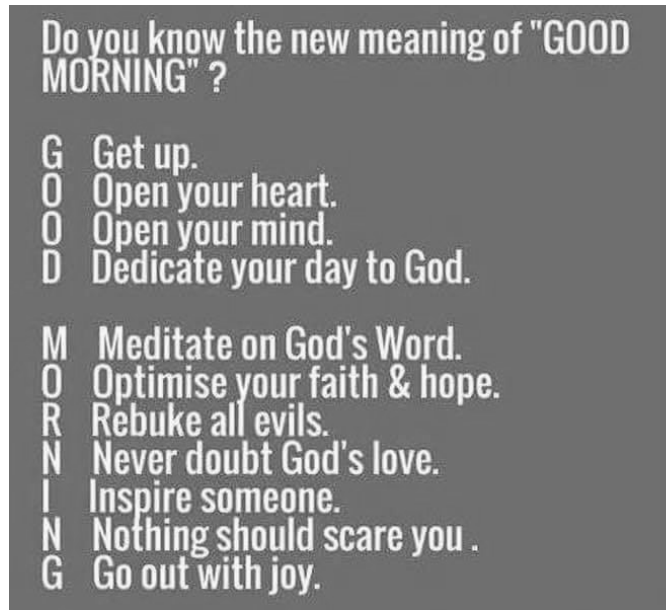
"OF COURSE THERE ARE
HYPOCRITES
IN THE CHURCH....
THERE'S A BUNCH
IN WALMART TOO...
BUT YOU STILL
SHOP THERE!!
QUIT MAKING EXCUSES..
**GO TO
CHURCH!!**"



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2-4	Megan Goodman	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
2-5	Jim Kirkland	Birthdays	
2-7	Joan Nash	2-28	Don Reynolds
2-27	Mary Lou Snelson		

Marsha Crisp will be serving hot dogs, mac and cheese, chips, and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes.

Date	Event	Details
Saturday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m.	Valentine's Dinner	Men will cook for and serve the ladies.



February Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

2-1 John Abaham
2-8 Mark Lane
2-15 David Stevens
2-22 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Jim Kirkland
D. E. Pleasant
Dana Crisp
Matt Kyle

Song Leader: Dylan Abraham
Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna

The Family News

February 8, 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: ***Images of the Church***

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

#66, *Doxology*; #429, *Oh, to Be Like Thee*

#709, *How Sweet, How Heavenly*

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

#711, *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Sermon and Invitation

#951, *The Savior Is Waiting*

#810, *Listen to Our Hearts*; 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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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us