

Eternal Revenue Service

By House to House Heart to Heart

I work for the Department of Internal Revenue. Yes, I'm the chap everybody loathes. I go over income tax returns. Recently I checked an odd return. Some guy making under \$20,000 claimed he gave \$2,624 to some church. Though under the 15% limit, it looked suspicious. So, I grabbed a taxi and dropped in on him to check his contributions. Most people get nervous and say they might have made a mistake, but not him! He said he had given \$2,624 without batting an eyelash. "Do you have a receipt?" I asked, figuring that would make him squirm.

"Sure," he said, "my canceled checks are right here in a drawer."

He had me! The checks showed he was on the level. I apologized and explained I had to check deductions that seemed too high.

At the door he said, "I'd like to invite you to our church some time."

"Thanks," I replied, "but I belong to a church."

"Excuse me," he said, "but that possibility hadn't occurred to me."

Riding home, I kept wondering what he meant by that remark. It wasn't until Sunday when I dropped my usual twenty into the collection plate that it came to me.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven – Matthew 6:20

Jesus, the Academic Marvel

In **chemistry**, He turned water into wine (John 2:1–10).

In **biology**, He was born without normal conception (Matthew 1:18–25).

In **physics**, He overcame the law of gravity by walking on water and ascending into heaven (Matthew 14:25; Acts 1:9–11).

In **economics**, He disproved the principle of supply and demand by feeding 5000 with two fish and five loaves (John 6:1–11).

In **medicine**, He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs (Matthew 8:1–34; 15:30).

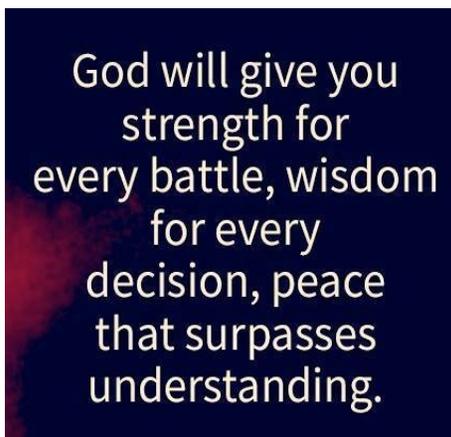
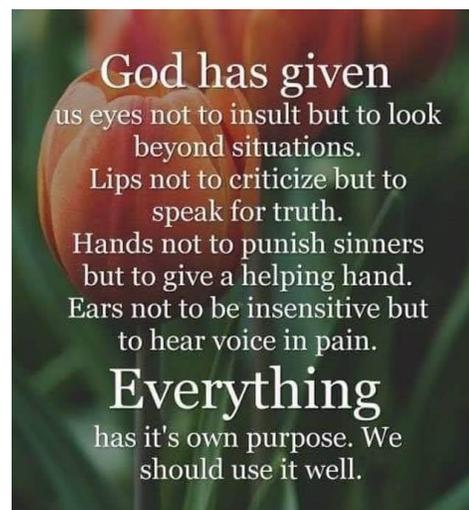
In **history**, He is the Beginning and the End (Revelation 1:8).

In **government**, He is King of kings (1 Timothy 6:15).

In **religion**, no one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

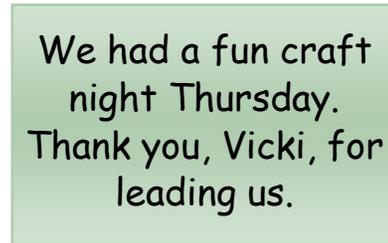
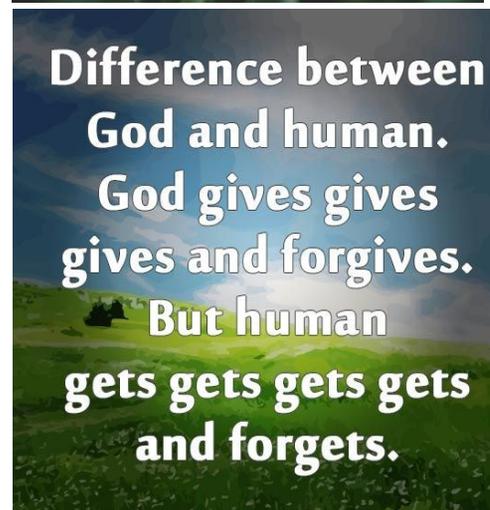
Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Bryce Hambelton will have knee surgery October 15.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—D. E. Pleasant, Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Vernon James, Mary Morrison, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Lisa Langston, Kay Schneider, 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.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.



Blessings

- ◆ Don Luna had a bladder scope Wednesday that showed no tumors. If his CT scan and scope in December are clear, he will only go every six months.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
10-1	Matthew Burton	10-19	Mark and Nichole Lane
10-4	Mary Ann Reynolds	10-19	Chris and Kelly Lemberg
10-7	Tristan Goodman	10-26	Jason and Julie Schofield
10-10	Aubree Schofield (3)	Birthdays	
10-13	Vernon James (95)	10-24	Paisley Goodman (1)
10-15	Darren Crisp	10-24	Addilyn Strong (8)
10-16	John Abraham	10-26	Casey Hamblen
10-19	Debra Lane	10-30	Karin Reynolds
10-21	Amy Myers		

Barbara and Lana are serving pinto beans and ham, cornbread, oven fried potatoes, and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship meal at 6 p.m. Come join us!

Send Vernon James birthday greetings for his 95th on 10-13.
Vernon James
2842 St. Hwy. T
Gainesville, MO 65655

Date	Event	Details
Oct. 12-15	Gospel Meeting at Thayer Church of Christ	Biblical Patterns—speakers vary—see bulletin board notice
Sat. Oct. 18	Halloween Party	Pumpkin carving and party

October Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Communion & Closing Prayer

Today Mark Lane
10-5 David Stevens
10-12 Don Luna
10-19 John Abraham
10-26 Mark Lane

John Abraham
R. J. Moyers
Dana Crisp
D. E. Pleasant
Titus Smith

Song Leader: Titus Smith; John Abraham
Greeters: John and Melinda Abraham; Tinker and Karen Langston

The Family News

September 28, 2025

Gainesville Church of Christ

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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: ***Relationship through Giving***

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

#552, *Have Thine Own Way*

#791, *On Bended Knee*

#354, *I Gave My Life for Thee*; Communion Service

#68, *Give Thanks*

Sermon and Invitation

#922; *Jesus Paid It All*

#973, *Everybody Will Be Happy over There*; 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

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John Abraham 870-421-5632

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Dana Crisp 417-331-5090
James Langston 870-315-4355

Preacher

Halbert Smith 417-257-3880