

## God's Name

There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get Yah-WeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels.

But scholars and Rabi's have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing.

YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.

A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words.

Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs.

So, when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means, I speak His name constantly.

So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs.

In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down.

When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive.

**All of us, always, everywhere.**

**Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.**

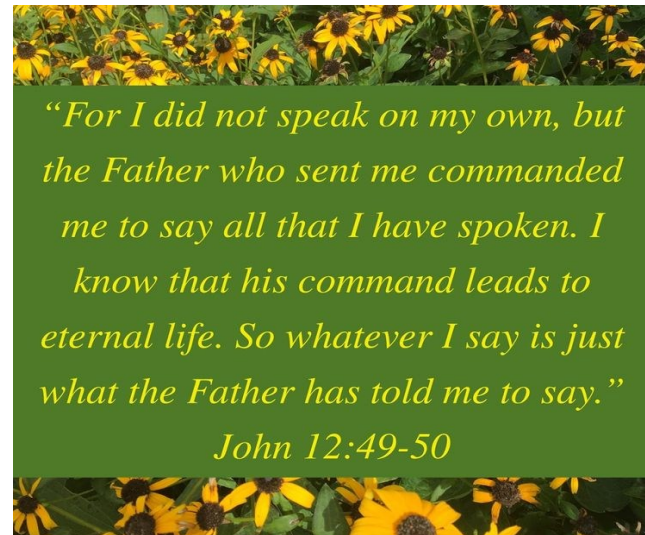
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# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Norma Jones is at home with Hospice care. Her hospital bed in the living room gives her a wonderful view out the window.
- ◆ Casey Hambelton fell and broke her good ankle.
- ◆ Sympathy goes to the Stevens family and friends of Bob Blackburn who died after a stroke. His service was yesterday.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to Kimberly Beard and friends of Shirley Beard of the Pine Ridge congregation. Her service was yesterday.
- ◆ Keep Andrew and Alyssa Eller in your prayers as they find out next week if and where Andrew matches for a residency program.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, 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, Sharon Fox (Dora).
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, West Plains.

## Blessings

- ◆ Lisa Goodnight's medical tests went well, and she is thankful for our prayers.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
3-6	Melinda Abraham	3-8	Doyle & Peggy Johnson
3-6	Tinker Langston	3-31	Dana & Marsha Crisp
3-8	Norma Jones	Birthdays	
3-11	Lauren Hillhouse	3-22	Renee Hambelton
3-18	Karen Langston	3-29	Rene Blackburn
3-18	D. E. Pleasant	3-29	Richard Blackburn

Vicki is cooking fried fish and fixin's, and dessert for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

**We are not living in fear.  
We are living in faith.**

Date	Event	Details
TODAY!!	Basket Dinner	Stay for lunch after services—all are welcome.
Saturday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	See Barbara Stevens if you can help.
Saturday, April 26 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	We Host! Karin Reynolds will be the speaker.
Saturday, June 21 9 a.m.—2 p.m.	VBS—Magnified!	Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

### March Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

3-16 Mark Lane  
3-23 David Stevens  
3-30 Don Luna

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

Tinker Langston  
Don Reynolds  
Halbert Smith

**Song Leader: Dylan Abraham**  
**Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp**

## The Family News

March 16, 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: ***Another Command?***

#### 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

#774, *Hide Me, Rock of Ages*; #548, *The Lily of the Valley*

#364, *Come Share the Lord*; Communion Service

#718, *We Shall Assemble*

Sermon and Invitation

#907, *Hark the Gentle Voice*

#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.*

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