

NASA Astronaut Delivers Bold Easter Message from Deep Space: Earth Is God's Oasis in the Void

NASA's Victor Glover, the Christian pilot of the Artemis II mission, just dropped a faith-packed reminder straight from the Orion spacecraft thousands of miles from Earth. While the world obsesses over secular divides, this American hero looked back at our planet and saw the hand of the Creator.

"I'm glad you brought that up, though. I think these observances are important," Glover said. "And as we are so far from Earth and looking at, you know, the beauty of creation... when I read the Bible and I look at all of the amazing things that were done for us who were created, it's profound."

He described our world as no accident but a deliberate gift from God.

"You have this amazing place, this spaceship," Glover explained. "You guys are talking to us because we're in a spaceship really far from Earth. But you're on a spaceship called Earth that was created to give us a place to live in the universe, in the cosmos."

Glover didn't mince words about the emptiness beyond our atmosphere.

"Maybe the distance we are from you makes you think what we're doing is special, but we're the same distance from you. And I'm trying to tell you, just trust me, you are special in all of this emptiness. This is a whole bunch of nothing, this thing we call the universe. You have this oasis, this beautiful place that we get to exist together."

As Easter Sunday approached, he called for real unity rooted in truth.

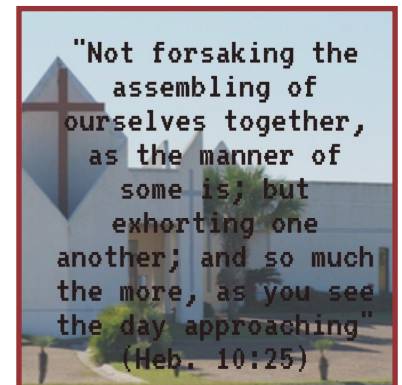
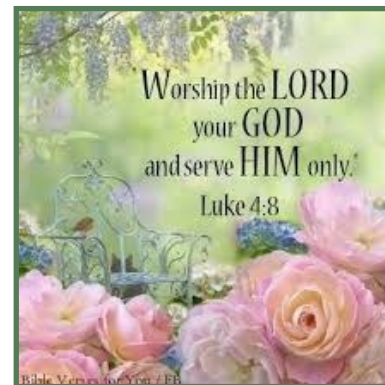
"I think as we go into Easter Sunday, thinking about, you know, all the cultures all around the world, whether you celebrate it or not, whether you believe in God or not, this is an opportunity for us to remember where we are, who we are, and that we are the same thing. And that we've got to get through this together."

This is the same spirit that drove Apollo 8's crew to read from Genesis while orbiting the Moon. In an age of doubt and division, Glover's words from the final frontier cut through the noise: America leads in space because we never forgot who built the stars. Faith isn't outdated. It's the fuel for greatness.

Note: Victor Glover is a member of the Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. He accepts the Genesis account of creation in the Bible as inspired by God. See more information at the right.

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Larry and Dorlene Butler need prayers for their health issues.
- ◆ Dale Strong got his stitches out and is allowed to get back on his tractor and lawn mower.
- ◆ Peggy Johnson will have a heart cath test on April 16th.
- ◆ Karen Langston will go to her doctor on the 16th for follow-up.
- ◆ Don Luna will have an angiogram on Tuesday, April 21st, to determine blockages.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Lloyd Ellis, Rene Blackburn, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins, Coe Hamm.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Jamie Crisp, 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, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Hardy.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hamblen, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ◆ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.



DEDICATED CHRISTIAN & MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

-  Faithful member of the Church of Christ (CoC).
-  Has worshiped with congregations in- Houston area.
-  Maintains a deep, lifelong connection to Christian faith.
-  Influenced by sermons and teaching from Orpheus Heyward.
-  Builds his mission, career, and family life on a foundation of faith.

A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE CHURCH

-  The first known faithful member of the Church of Christ to fly to moon.
-  Set to become the first person of color to orbit the moon, inspiring millions—especially Christians.
-  Previously carried communion cups and a Bible into space, openly demonstrating his faith in orbit.
-  Represents core biblical values on a global, cosmic stage.
-  Serves as a modern example of a scientist-believer, showing the harmony between faith and reason.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
4-4	Nichole Lane	4-7	Jim and Pat Kirkland (10)
4-6	Barbara James	Birthdays	
4-11	Vicki Smith	4-26	Mark Lane
4-14	Sailor Anderson (21)	4-27	Barbara Stevens
4-18	Lana Cockrum	4-28	Rebecca Hambelton
4-19	Logan Hillhouse		

Marsha will be serving taco salads and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Date	Event	Details
Friday, April 17 9 a.m.	Meet to cook, decorate, and prep for Sat.	Please come to help if you can.
Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch We are hosting!	Jane Wade Reynolds is our speaker. "Practicing the Presence of Prayer"
Saturday, May 2 8:30-1:00	Ladies' Day at Smith Chapel Church	Kara Hambelton Johnson is the speaker.
Saturday, June 13, 9-2	Vacation Bible School	Take a trip to Rainforest Falls

Make the decision to do
what Jesus Christ has
asked you to do.

April Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

4-5 Mark Lane
4-12 David Stevens
4-19 Don Luna
4-26 John Abraham

Communion & Closing Prayer

Waylon Strong
Titus Smith
Dana Crisp
Matt Kyle

Song Leader: John Abraham
Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna

The Family News

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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: ***Worship: Private or Public?***

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

#718, *We Shall Assemble*; #579, *Praise the Name of Jesus*

#2, *We Praise Thee, O God*; #349, *Ten Thousand Angels*

Communion Service; #144, *O, Worship the King*

Sermon and Invitation

#951, *The Savior Is Waiting*

#853, *When We All Get to Heaven*; 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