

## Telling My Brother in the Woods

*By House to House Heart to Heart*

Missionary Egerton Ryerson Young served the Salteaux tribe in Canada in the 1700s. The chief of the tribe thanked Young for bringing the good news of the gospel to them, noting that he was hearing it for the first time in his old age. Since he knew that God was Young's heavenly Father, the chief asked, "Does that mean He is my Father too?" When the missionary answered "Yes," the crowd gathered around burst into cheers.

The chief was not finished. "Well," said the chief, "I do not want to be rude, but it does seem to me that it took a rather long time for you to tell your brother in the woods." It was a remark that Young never forgot.

Many times you and I get frustrated by the zigs and zags that life throws at us, thinking of the people we need to reach with the gospel while thinking, "If only this," or, "If only that."

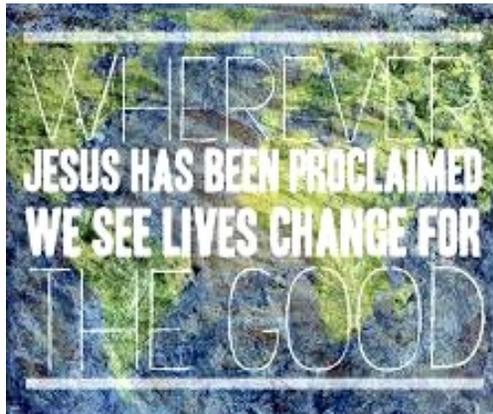
The Word of God reminds us to look around right where we are and we will discover many who may never have heard the gospel. We are reminded that we have a message to relate wherever we go, "for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" (Romans 10:12-13). Sharing the good news of salvation with those who are lost is like one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread!

—Tim Woodward, Smithville, Tennessee

## The Christian's Calling

- Its source is God (Acts 2:39; Hebrews 3:1).
- It is characterized by a humble, willing-to-learn attitude (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).
- The sacred calling is by means of the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14).
- Its design is for a holy, worthy life (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 4:1).
- Its direction is upward (Philippians 3:14).
- Its sphere of operation is "in Christ" (Philippians 3:14).
- The ultimate hope is in a single destiny—heaven (Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:5).

—Wayne Jackson



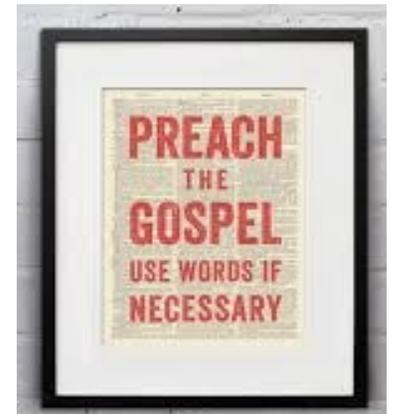
# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Bryce Hambelton will have knee surgery October 15.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Reynolds family. The graveside service for Eileen Plemones, older sister of Charles and Harold, was Thursday. She was 97.
- ◆ Sympathy is also extended to Dana and Marsha. Dana's great uncle Marvin Looney died at 97, and his service was yesterday.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—D. E. Pleasant, Dordene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Vernon James, Mary Morrison, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—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.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.

This statue is called "Emptiness" and was created by a grieving parent. It is a great attempt at describing how a parent feels after losing a child.



Karen Langton will lead a series of grief recovery classes beginning Tuesday 10/7-11/4 from 6:00-7:30 at the First Baptist Church in town. Her helpers are Nancy Wilson and Kay Young.



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		

Pat Kirkland is serving hamburger sliders, sides, 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	Biblical Patterns—speakers vary
Wed. Oct. 15	Fields of Faith at football field	6 p.m. food 7 p.m. service
Sat. Oct. 18	Halloween Party	Pumpkin carving and party—donate candy
Oct. 20-24, 6 p.m.	Unite to Worship—Jesus Is . . .	Monday night we host

### October Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

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

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

**Song Leader: Dylan Abraham**  
**Greeters: Tinker and Karen Langston**

## The Family News

October 5, 2025

### Gainesville Church of Christ

PO Box 7, 23550 US Hwy. 160, Gainesville, MO 65655  
[www.gainesvillechurchofchrist.org](http://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 Proclamation***

#### 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

#885, *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*

#764, *Teach Me, Lord, to Wait*

#350, *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*; Communion Service

#416, *Footsteps of Jesus*

Sermon and Invitation

#915; *Trust and Obey*

#704, *Bind Us Together*; 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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 James Langston 870-315-4355

#### Preacher

Halbert Smith 417-257-3880