

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.'

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. How is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked.

"So sad, the angel sighed. After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. "Just say, Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world."

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy."

"And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness . . . You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.:"

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation . . . You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world.:"

"If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

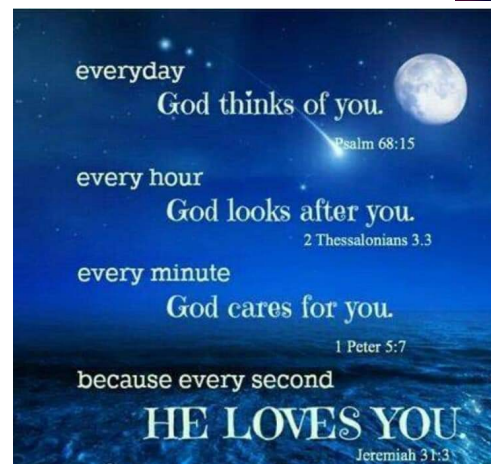
Have a good day and count your blessings.

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Don and Karin Reynolds have been in Florida with the Sojourners group providing service to those in need.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Vance Hambelton, Larry Butler, Dale Strong, Aleta Collins, 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, 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.

Mark Your Calendars!
VBS—Saturday
June 13, 2026
Take a trip to
Rainforest Falls!

**God will give you
strength for
every battle, wisdom
for every
decision, peace
that surpasses
understanding.**



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		

Jessica will be serving taco soup and desert for our Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes. Please join us.

God

didn't promise:
days without pain,
laughter
without sorrow,
nor sun without rain,
but he did promise:
strength
for the day,
comfort
for the tears
&
light for the way

Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The Lord is my shepherd = **Relationship**
I shall not be in want = **Supply**
He makes me lie down in green pastures = **Rest**
He leads me beside quiet waters = **Refreshment**
He restores my soul = **Healing**
He guides me in paths of righteousness =
Guidance
For his name's sake = **Purpose**
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death = **Testing**
I will fear no evil = **Protection**
For you are with me = **Faithfulness**
Your rod and your staff they comfort me =
Discipline
You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies = **Hope**
You anoint my head with oil = **Consecration**
My cup overflows = **Abundance**
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the
days of my life = **Blessing**
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = **Security**
Forever = **Eternity**

March Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Today Don Luna
3-1 John Abraham
3-8 Mark Lane
3-15 David Stevens
3-22 Don Luna
3-29 John Abraham

Communion & Closing Prayer

Matt Kyle
R. J. Moyers
Halbert Smith
Tinker Langston
Paul Wade
D. E. Pleasant

Song Leader: Dylan Abraham; Titus Smith
Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna; Dana and Marsha Crisp

The Family News

February 22, 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: **God's Response to Human Need**

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

#784, *Oh, Thou Blessed Rock of Ages*; #707, *Lord, We Come Before Thee*

#912, *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*; Communion Service

#837, *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Sermon and Invitation

#940, *Only a Step*

#414, *Anywhere with Jesus*; 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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Preacher

Halbert Smith 417-257-3880

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us