

## Bought to Be Set Free

A man walking through the park saw a young boy with a birdcage full of wild birds. The man asked the young boy what he was doing with them, to which the young boy replied, "Playing."

The man asked what the boy was going to do with the birds once he was done, to which the young boy replied, "I am going to kill them." The man asked, "How much do you want for the cage?" and the boy said he required \$50 for the cage. The man, to the boy's surprise, paid the price, and when the boy was gone, the man freed the birds.

Satan has the world in a cage. He is going to play with them. When the world ends, those whom Satan owns will be condemned to hell.

Christ asked what price must be paid for the world. It was His blood. Christ paid this, so the door to the cage is open. Too many are still in the cage. The price has been paid, and the transaction is finished, but still, some remain.

"He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8

## Colors of Calvary

**GREEN**—The Color of Envy: "For he knew that for envy they had delivered him" (Matthew 27:18).

**YELLOW**—The Color of Cowardice: "He took water, and washed his hands before the multitude" (Matthew 27:24).

**GREY**—The Color of Unbelief: "What is truth?" (John 18:38).

**PURPLE**—The Color of Royalty (mockery): "Hail, King of the Jews" (John 19:2-3).

**WHITE**—The Color of Innocence: "A lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:19).

**BLACK**—The Color of Sin: "There was darkness over all the land" (Matthew 27:45).

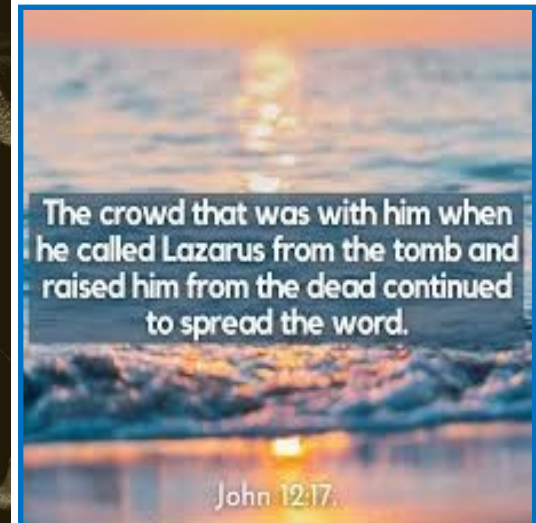
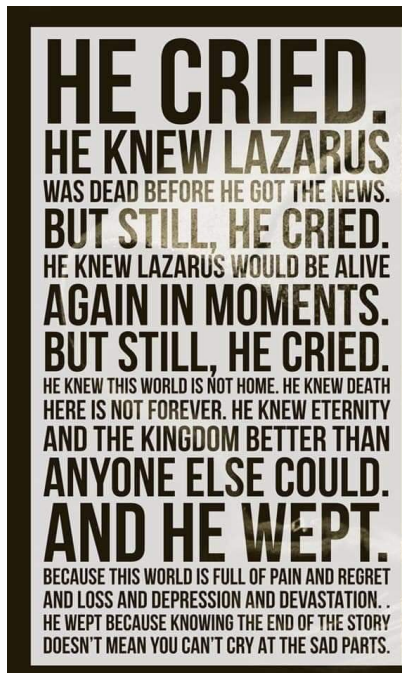
**CRIMSON**—The Color of Forgiveness: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Diane Siebels is experiencing health problems which complicates being the caregiver to Steve.
- ◆ Julie Johnson Schofield slipped on the mud a couple of weeks ago and messed up her hip. She has been missing work and using a walker since then.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve 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

- ◆ Amy Myers had her last chemo treatment Thursday. She will take radiation treatments later.



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
3-19	D. E. Pleasant	3-29	Richard Blackburn

Barbara and Lana will be serving pulled pork, mac and cheese, baked beans, slaw and dessert for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

Date	Event	Details
Saturday, March 15 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	Theodosia United Methodist—Karen Langston will be the speaker.
Sunday, March 16	Basket Dinner	Stay for lunch after services.
Saturday, April 19	Easter Egg Hunt	Details coming later.
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

3-2 Don Luna  
3-9 John Abraham  
3-16 Mark Lane  
3-23 David Stevens  
3-30 Don Luna

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

Paul Wade  
Titus Smith  
Tinker Langston  
Don Reynolds  
Halbert Smith

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

## The Family News

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### 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: **Lazarus**

#### 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

#303, *O, Worship the King*; #133, *The Love of God*

#412, *Jesus, Hold My Hand*

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

#386, *No, Not One*

Sermon and Invitation

#947, *Jesus Is Tenderly Calling*

#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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**Ministers:** Every Member—Each One of Us