

## What Is the Gospel of Christ?

By Bob Prichard

The theme of all the New Testament is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Practically every page provides information on the topic. In its simplest terms, the gospel of Jesus is the “good news” concerning Him. In a day when there is so little good news, it is important to spread the good news of Jesus.

The gospel message is that although man is a sinner, deserving of death, God loved mankind enough to provide salvation. Paul warned that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), and “the wages of sin is death” (6:23). Comfort comes, however, in knowing that “the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (6:23). Christians are “justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (3:24). The amazing grace of God is truly good news.

At the gospel’s heart is Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. As Peter preached the first gospel sermon on Pentecost, he spoke of “Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst” (Acts 2:22). Although He was put to death, death could not hold Him: “This Jesus God has raised up” (Acts 2:32). “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). The people were pricked in their heart, and said, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). Peter told them how to accept the good news: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). The gospel is for “all who are afar off” (Acts 2:39). The church would include the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

Faith moved many to obey: “Those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them” (Acts 2:41). The church grew rapidly as many were added to the church (Acts 2:47).

Christ commands: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen” (Matthew 28:19–20).



## Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Vance Hambelton suffered a significant brain bleed Thursday night and fell outside. He was airlifted to Cox South and is in the neuro-trauma ICU on a vent. They cannot do surgery.
- ♦ Sympathy is extended to the Rackley family after the death of their Aunt Judy VanGilder’s husband Tom. His service is tomorrow in Jonesboro.
- ♦ Rene Blackburn will have spinal surgery on her neck Monday morning. She has been in pain from bulging discs.
- ♦ Kim Nash spent ten days in the hospital.
- ♦ 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.

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve..

Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.

Blessings are when the Lord is generous with both.

Truly we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.

God is good all the time... Mar Razalan

Larry Butler has asked to step down from his position as a deacon. His health is preventing him from being able to serve.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

| Birthdays |                  | Anniversaries |                              |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 3-6       | Melinda Abraham  | 3-8           | Doyle and Peggy Johnson (40) |
| 3-6       | Tinker Langston  | 3-31          | Dana and Marsha Crisp        |
| 3-11      | Lauren Hillhouse | Birthdays     |                              |
| 3-18      | Karen Langston   | 3-22          | Renee Hambelton              |
| 3-18      | D. E. Pleasant   |               |                              |

Nichole will be serving something delicious for our Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes. Please join us.

| Date                        | Event                                                          | Details                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, March 22            | Basket dinner and baby shower for Alyssa. She's having a girl. | Basket dinner after services followed by a baby shower for Alyssa and Andrew Eller. |
| Sat. March 21, 10 a.m.      | Ladies' Prayer Brunch                                          | Theodosia Methodist                                                                 |
| Saturday, April 4           | Easter Egg Hunt                                                | Details will follow                                                                 |
| Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. | Ladies' Prayer Brunch                                          | We are hosting                                                                      |
| Saturday, June 13, 9-2      | Vacation Bible School                                          | Take a trip to Rainforest Falls                                                     |

### March Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

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

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

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

**Song Leader: Titus Smith**  
**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: ***Human Response to God's Grace***

#### 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

#560, *Living by Faith*; #144, *O, Worship the King*

#342, *We Saw Thee Not*; Communion Service

#469, *Faith Is the Victory*

Sermon and Invitation

#915, *Trust and Obey*

#898, *Paradise Valley*; 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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**Ministers:** Every Member—Each One of Us