Larry's Lines...

Daily Bread

I wonder if the request, "Give us this day our daily bread," is going to become more and more meaningful?

Do you worry about poverty? I think that if we are honest with ourselves, most of us would confess to a fear of poverty. What if I lose my health? What if my company goes out of business? What if I am fired? You look around and discover men and women being laid off. They have debts they can't pay. And some are losing their homes.

Can we face the facts of life and still believe in our Father? Will God just "give" us food, or will we have to struggle for it? Does praying to the Father mean that we can sit down and do nothing? If a man will not work, neither shall he eat. That is the law of life. God has promised to do his part, but I must be willing to plow and plant; cultivate and harvest. It's a two way street.

There is, and always has been, a struggle for bread. It's a struggle which calls for togetherness. Men may hunt and kill alone, but they must sow and reap together.

Somewhere I read that "work is the author of love." I'm thinking now of all of the farmers where husbands and wives first of all were workmates. They came together to work for food for themselves and for their children, and by working learned to love. The family was a working unit. They depended upon one another and learned to love one another.

From family love came neighbor-love. They had barn raising's for miles around. Neighbor helped neighbor. When one became ill his neighbor came over and plowed his field.

Perhaps one of our problems today is that we all want to be independent and work away at our own little plot. We elbow and fight one another. We pretend that we do not need one another. We are mistrustful, stubborn and selfish. It's every man for himself.

I just had a terrible thought. What if it takes poverty to pull families back together? What if it takes hardship to make neighbors out of us? What if it takes hard-times to produce good-times? What if Christians have to depend upon other Christians? What if it becomes necessary to pray for our daily bread? It is certainly something to think about!

> Have A Great Week Larry

NOTICES

Today is your last day to contribute to the Honduras Children's Fund. Please make your check payable to Mount Comfort.

The Holiday meal will be on the 10th of December, right after morning services. The meat will be provided. The Elders and Deacons will host. Please plan to bring sides, desserts, and drinks.

Pantry Items needed: **Cereal and Powdered Milk**

We need a few volunteers to house the Harding Choir on January 6th and 7th. Please let Christa Wolfe know if you can accommodate some of these young people.

Our new quarter starts today. Please turn in your notebooks from last quarter as we reuse them. Thanks for teaching!

Please help keep our workroom clean. When removing items for use, please return them for the next person to use.

Upcoming Events

Family Night Coming Soon.

Enjoy a family night out! You are invited to an ugly sweater skating party from 6:00pm-8:00pm, December 18, 2017 at Roller City in Springdale. A sign up sheet is located in the foyer for those who plan to attend.

Christmas Caroling on the 17th.

Want to spread the holiday spirit? Please join us to go caroling on December 17, 2017. We plan to have two session, one before evening worship to a nursing home or two, and one after evening worship to the homes of family and friends who need a smile (shut-ins, widows and widowers, etc). For those interested, please sign up today in the foyer or add the names of those you would like to visit.

Happy Birthday

December 4th

Delaney Scott December 5th **Sharon Montgomery** December 7th **Cole Basinger** December 8th Luke Huffmaster December 9th **Price Bradford Ronnie Burns Beverly Cosby Trey Marvin Darryleen Scott December 10th** Collin Courville **Trey Garner**

Youth Notices/Events

The **Polar Express** party will be December 9, 2017. Parents can do a little shopping while we watch your kiddo's from 4:00 to 9:00pm for a donation to the JAR youth group. The youth group is using this as a fundraiser to help support a family for Christmas. Jammies will still be worn and dinner will be provided.

Deadline to sign up for Y.O.U. is December 15, 2017.

We will be having a teen lunch/Angel Shopping day on December 17th. More Info will follow.

Our Next Pre-Game will be December 20th at Fuzzy's restaurant at 5:30. We will not have class that evening, instead we will have a Christmas Devotion.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Genevra Montgomery recent hospitalization, Sharon Montgomery is having gout issues, Lawson Keeter is having medical issues and will be traveling a lot this month to different doctors.

Those who have lost loved ones: The Marvin Family, The Sandy Parker Family, and the Witt Family.

Those Who have been Deployed Overseas: Ron Burns and Jeremy Curlee (grandson of Hilma Curlee).

Those on Hospice: Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richey.

Those fighting Cancer: Mike Fine (son-in-law of Barbara and Ron Parsley), Keith Montgomery, and Leslie Cones Darvil Tester (Pam Hill's step-father).

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration! All of our Shut-ins: Arlie Pennington, Pearl Couch, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams and Roy Howard.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, the families that lost loved ones, those who are traveling this holiday season, as well as our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

*All names submitted to the prayer list will appear for four continuous weeks . After that time, they will be removed unless further updates are received. You can always resubmit a name should they need continual or additional prayers.

Class Studies for Winter Quarter:

Adult Class I (auditorium) Sunday Morning: 1 and 2 Corinthians Teacher: Joe Harriman Wednesday Night: II Samuel Kings and Chronicles Teacher: Terry Huffmaster Adult Class II: Sunday Morning: Revelations Wednesday Night: (Ladies Class) Parables

Sunday Morning: Jude

Teacher: Alan Fortenberry Teacher: Christa Wolfe

Adult Class III: Teacher: Matt Bassing

Wednesday Night: 1st Kings Teacher: Doug Goodpasture **Downstairs** Sunday Morning: (Young Professionals) 1st Samuel Teacher: JP Bradford

Wednesday Night: (Men's Class) 1st Corinthians Teacher: David Cherry

Third Floor Sunday Morning: College Class Teacher Ty Brunkhardt

Teens

Sunday Morning: The Mind of God Teacher: Jeremy Myers Wednesday Night: The Book of James Teacher: Jeremy Myers

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More information about these and other events can be found on the Events board in the foyer.

THE LORD'S DAY **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME

Announcements Joe Harriman

Song Leader Matt Johnson

Hymn #117 (1,2,3) God Is the Fountain Whence

> Hymn #351(1,3) He Bore It All

OPENING PRAYER Brad Harriman

Communion Hymn #382 (1,2,3) Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:37-39 **Terry Huffmaster**

COMMUNION PRAYER Michael Marvin

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn 496 (1,3) O Listen to the Wondrous Story

> Hymn #122 (1,3) The Love of God

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-17 **Ronnie Burns**



Invitation Hymn #912 (1,3) **Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary**

Closing Hymn #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

> **Closing Prayer** Chris Witt

Welcome Visitors! We are so happy to have you, and consider you our honored guest.

December Events

December 9th

Polar Express Party

December 10th

Holiday Meal

Deacons Meeting

December 12th

Threads of Love

Golden Age Christmas Party

December 15th

Elders Meeting

December 18th

Ugly Sweater Skating Party

December 20th

Teen Christmas Devo

December 24th

Singing Night

December 25th

Office Closed

December 27th New Year's Devo

December 28th

Elders Meeting

December 31st

New Years Eve Party

AM SERMON OUTLINE

"For God" The Greatest Being "So Loved" The Greatest Trait "The World" The Greatest Company "That He Gave" The Greatest Act "His Only Begotten Son" The Greatest Gift "That Whoever" The Greatest Opportunity "Believe" The Greatest Foundation "In Him" The Greatest Attraction "Shall Not Perish" The Greatest Tragedy "But" The Greatest Difference "Have Eternal Life" The Greatest Promise

PM Sermon Outline

Thinking Like A Christian

- A. 1. True
- 2. Honorable
- 3. Right
- 4. Pure
- 5. Lovely
- 6. Of Good Report
- B. Right Thinking

Acting Like A Christian

- A. Right Teaching B. Right Training
- If You Want The Peace Of God... Think Clearly and Act Rightly

December 3, 2017

Welcome

to Johnson church of Christ

