Larry's Lines...

Good For Evil

One of the true tests of any Christian comes when he is called upon to suffer persecution. Yet from all that Jesus said, and from what the apostles said, persecution will come. The Christian is persecuted because he is a certain type of person and because he behaves in a certain manner.

Of course some people deserve to be persecuted. They act and speak in an objectionable manner, and then scratch their heads and wonder why people don't appreciate them. It has nothing at all to do with being a Christian. Few people are happy to tolerate an obnoxious fool or bully. We need to make certain that we are not just getting what is coming to us. As Peter said, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker" (1 Peter 4:15). The latter part of that verse is translated in the King James Version to read, "or as a busybody in other men's matters." If we meddle around in other men's affairs, we should not be surprised if someone takes offense.

Being righteous, practicing righteousness, really means being like the Lord Jesus Christ. And that, within itself, is enough to provoke the hatred of the world. The servant is not greater than his Master. "Yea, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

When persecution comes the Christian proves that he is different. He does not try to get even with the one who has hurt him, or curse those who have abused him. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth is one of the most ancient laws known to man. But when the Spirit of Christ enters into a man he doesn't practice tit-for-tat. Vengeance is replaced by the spirit of non resentment and non-retaliation. In fact, it even goes further than that. Even if he has been wronged as the Christian turns to bless those who have cursed him.

"Bless those who persecute you; Bless and do not curse them: (Romans 12:14).

> Have A Great Week Larry

NOTICES

Congratulations:

Lisa Sixkiller is now grandma to twin boys, born on October 24, 2017. River Jim was 6 lbs. 5 oz. and 17 3/4 inches long. Canyon Everett was 6 lbs. 1 oz. and 19 inches long. She is one proud grandma!

If you would like to add someone to the **Cards of Encouragement** program, please let Andrea Huffmaster know by sending her a text, a message on Facebook, or just make contact with her at church.

There will not be a 4th Sunday fellowship for November due to the Holiday meal on the 10th of December. The meats will be provided and the Elders and Deacons will host. Please plan to bring sides, desserts, and drinks.

Upcoming Events

Deacons Meeting Today!

Banner will meet downstairs today, for a few minutes after morning services.

If you would like to contribute to the Honduras Children's Fund, we will accept donations until December 1, 2017. Please make your check payable to Mount Comfort. We will be sending the money to Honduras in December to buy school supplies for the new school year. Thanks again for your support of the work in Honduras.

Thanksgiving Devotion on Wednesday Night, November 22, 2017.
All classes are cancelled. We will all meet in the Auditorium.

Pantry Items needed: Pancake Mix and Syrup



Youth Notices/Events

Pregame is on the 8th.

We will be leaving the building at 5:30.

Your Jar Youth T-shirt is in.

Please pick it up today, The cost is 12.00. Cash is accepted or make your check payable to the church. If you missed the deadline, there are 8 extra T-Shirts available. Let Jeremy know if you are interested.

Teen Devo is this Friday night, November 18, 2017 at Larry and Pat's house. 6:30-8:30 pm. Food is provided! Come on out for some games and a lesson from God's word.

Jeremy will be leading another trip to Honduras this summer to Tegucigalpa. If you are interested in that trip please see him very soon. Details are being planned.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

MaryEllen Johnson recent hospitalization, Carrie Davis (daughter of Barbara Parsley) recently had her thyroid removed, Cole and Jennifer Law pray for their unborn baby, Joyce Strope had a heart cathe and all went well, Kelly Dawson who is 7 years old had brain surgery on the 9th (the daughter of a friend of Alan Fortenberry), Ron Parsley recent hospitalization, Lawson Keeter is having medical issues and , Chub Hughes recent hospitalization, Millie Hood is having health issues, Fannie Guion (Andrea Goodpasture's mom) recovering from hip surgery, Bill Bohanan (Brother in law of Wilma Dickard) is not doing well.

Those who have lost loved ones: The Matt Johnson Family

Those Who have been Deployed Overseas: Ronnie Burns Jr.

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.

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 in the Texas shooting 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017

Lord's Table **Ushers** Darby York Colton Lewis Terry Huffmaster Matt Johnson Pete Ball Brad Harriman JP Bradford David Shew Joe Harriman George Martin Eric Keeter Larry Lloyd Josh Fortenberry **Announcements** Tracy Scott Lee Pennington Virgil Harmon Erin Bradford Chesley Martin Josh Fortenberry Phil Curlee **Deliver Communion Prepare Communion** Jared Cobb Tracy Scott 0 Jordan Scott **Nursery Attendants** P.A. System S Amy Scott Tv Brunkhardt Abi Scott Ε Song Leader

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment, please

provide the office with your email address.

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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**

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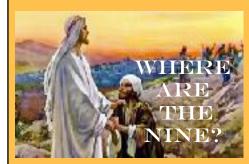
COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

Charles Couch

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING



Closing Hymn #464

Welcome Visitors! We are so happy to have you, and consider

November Events

November 12th

Deacons Meeting

November 14th

Threads of Love

November 18th

Teen Devo at Larry and Pat's

November 22nd

Thanksgiving Devo

November 23rd and 24th

Office Closed

November 26th

Singing Night

November 28th

Threads of Love

December Events

December 1st

Teen Christmas Party and Devo

AM SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. Ingratitude In Jesus' Day
- a. Ten Leprous (Verse 12)
- b. Stood At A Distance (Verse 12)
- c. They Raised Their Voices (Verse13)
- d. And When Jesus Saw Them (Verse 14)
- e. They Were Cleansed (Verse 14)
- f. He Turned Back, Glorifying God (Verse 15)
- g. Were There Not Ten Cleansed (Verse 17)
- 2. Ingratitude In Our Day
- a. What's My GQ (Gratitude Quotient)
- b. In Everything Give Thanks
- (1 Thes. 5:18)
- c. The Sin of Being Unthankful (Romans 1:21)

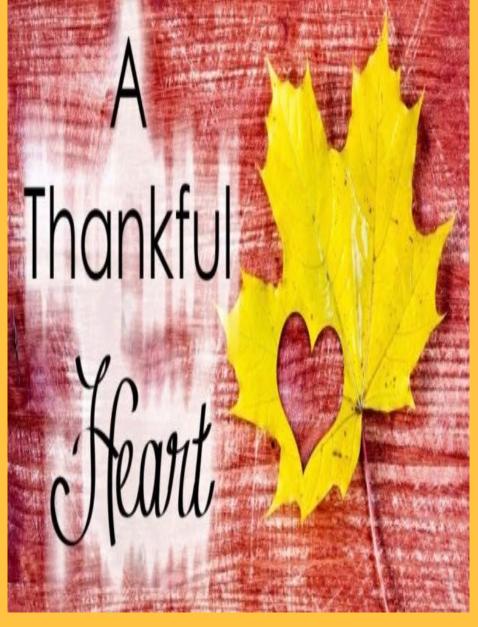
PM Sermon Outline

- 1. Why Don't We Have Peace
- 2. Steps to Obtaining Peace
- a. Rejoice In The Lord (4:4)
- b. Relating to Others (4:5)
- c. Refraining From Worry (4:6)
- d. Requesting Help (4:6)

3. The Almost Unbelievable Promise (4:7)

Welcome

Johnson church of Christ



November 12, 2017