## Larry's Lines....

## HOLD ON FOR DEAR LIFE

When our son Mike was just a toddler, I would put his little hands on a broomstick, and hold him over the couch and make him hold on until he finally would drop off. I know you probably think that was brutal - Pat did too. She would just fuss at me. Of course, Mike loved it, and as soon as he dropped off, he would reach out and want me to do it again. One day he had crawled over and pulled up on the screen door to look outside. The screen door had not latched good, so when he leaned against it, the door swung open. Instinctively, the little fellow just grabbed on to the door and swung out over the concrete steps leading up to the back of the house. When Pat saw him she panicked, of course. However, he wasn't crying; he was just holding on for dear life. In fact, he had a death grip on that door and his little hands were white and unyielding as she pried them loose. He certainly could have been badly injured had he not been accustomed to grabbing on and holding tight. Pat never fussed at me about doing that ever again.

That experience helped me to understand what happened to one of David's mighty men, Eleazar. "He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand cleaved to the sword." (Samuel 23:10) You know, that's what the apostle Paul calls upon us to do in regard to good. "Hold fast," he says, "to what is good." (Romans 12:9) Be glued to it. Hang on for dear life. Don't let go.

In a day when men shade the difference between good and evil, right and wrong, and we are tempted by society to modify our commitments to God, the words of Paul need to echo in our ears: "Hold fast to what is good."

THANKS FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY WONDERFUL.

> **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!** Larry

Thank you for visiting with us today.

We have a wonderful lunch prepared just for you downstairs after morning services, and we would be honored if you would join us for this special meal

## **Upcoming Events**

Keepers meet tonight at 6:00 pm.

## Bible Economics: God, Money, and Me

Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Forum Church of Christ, 36529 Hwy 23, Huntsville, AR 72740. This is a free study on how to use good stewardship and Bible principles in our dally affairs.

### "We Are Living By Faith"

Combs Street Church of Christ Revival, May 1-4, 2016, at 502 S. Combs Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701. Details on the bulletin board.

**Carver's Coloring Crew is** coming up in May. Start collecting coloring books and art supplies for the Arkansas Children's Hospital.

**Am Sermon Outline** 

When Your Faith Is In The Fire

- The Reality of Suffering
- a. Common Suffering
- b. Carnal Suffering
- c. Christian Suffering
- 2. The Results of Suffering
  - a. Purification
  - b. Partnership
  - c. Power
  - d. Persuasion
  - e. Perfection
- 3. The Reaction To Christian Suffering

a. Rely on God

### **NOTICES**

### Our new website is Beautiful!

ionhnsonchurchofchrist.com Look here for events, sermons, bulletins, reservations, youth updates, and general information along with beautiful pictures taken by Mike Mitchell.

## Congratulations

Alex and Jenny Jones are the proud parents of August Anne Jones born on April 5, 2016, weighing 7lbs 8oz and 191/2 inches long. Grandma is Janice Jones and Great Grandma is Ruby Wall.

> Happy Birthday April 18 Conner Trolinger April 19th Melanie Snawder April 20th Garol Newman April 24th Parker Gobb

Happy Anniversary April 18th Tim and Sharon Olmstead April 19th Darby and Aimee York April 24th Justin and Amy Scott

Check it out at

This Week's Memory Verse **Pantry Items:** Whatever you do, work at it with Pancake Mix and Syrup all your heart, as working for the

**Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:** 

elbow, Hilma Curlee fell and broke her collar bone, David Snawder had

Those with recent health issues:

Madison Fortenberry fell and broke both of her wrists and her left

a heart valve replacement, Shirley Hester at home recovering from pneumonia, Shirley Bates fell, Diane Murray is home recovering from heart surgery, **Doris Downum** cancer treatments (Tommie Ball's sister),

Larry Dalrymple at Health South for Rehab, Jim Allen is recovering

from shoulder surgery, Kathy LaFerney had surgery (Herb and Laura

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Keith Montgomery, Bessie Richey, Sibyl Stroup, Oma

Leta Smith. Glen Parker. Don Neal. Pearl Couch. Arlie

Pennington, James Allen, Irene Matthews, Shirley Bates,

Terrance Tewell, Roger and Shirley Gross, Roy Howard.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country,

voters this fall and our troops.

May 5, 2016 is our National Day of Prayer

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN** 

THE MONTH OF April 2016

Lord's Table

Check the bulletin board for events in our area.

Events are added weekly.

Get ready for the "Summer Food Drive" it will take place in May 2016.

### Bobby Hill <u>Greeters</u> Kristi Jackson David Cherry Lacy Cherry Shirley Hester

Hughes's daughter)

and Emmett Windham.

Lord, not for men.

Colossians 3:23 ESV

Doug Goodpasture

Kevin Murray

Terry Huffmaster

Phil Terry

## **Announcements**

Joe Harriman **Dustin Mayhew** John Cobb

Randall Harriman

Michael Marvin

Lincoln Philips

**Charles Couch** 

Paul Dickard

### Song Leader Mike Mitchell

<u>Ushers</u>

Jared Cobb

JP Bradford

Eric Keeter

### **Prepare Communion** Trish Fortenberry and Mary Hutton

## **Nursery Attendants**

**Deliver Communion** 

Steve Martindale

Pat Culbreath Kristen Lee Kylie Keeter

P.A. System Steve Martindale

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

> **WELCOME Randall Roby**

Hymn #608 (Steve Lance) **He Gave Me Song** 

Hymn #258 (Charles Couch) The New Song

Hymn (PP Only) (David Cherry) How Deep the Father's Love

> **OPENING PRAYER Chesley Martin**

Hymn #4 (Brad Harriman) To God Be The Glory

Hymn #318 (Doug Goodpasture) O Sacred Head

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** George Martin

**COMMUNION PRAYER Dustin Mayhew** 

**LORD'S SUPPER** 

Hymn (PP Only) (David Cherry) **Great Are You Lord** 

**OFFERING** 

Hymn #448 (Randy Harriman) **The Greatest Commands** 

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

1 Peter 4:12-19 Phil Curlee

**AM SERMON** When Your Faith Is In The Fire

**Invitation Song** Hymn #712 (Mike Mitchell) **Jesus is Coming Soon** 

**Closing Remarks** 

**Announcements** Joe Harriman

Hymn#76 (Randy Harriman) **How Great Thou Art** 

> **Closing Prayer Bobby Hill**

### **Welcome Visitors!**

We are so happy to have you, and consider you our honored guest. If we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask any of our members. We would love to help make your visit a pleasant one.

# April EVENTS

23rd **Bible Economics at Forum Church of Christ** 24th Foster Care Workshop at **Mount Comfort** There will not be a 4th Sunday Fellowship 26th Threads of Love 28th **Elders Meeting** Ladies Day at Mt. Comfort **Church of Christ** 

# **MAY EVENTS**

1-4th **Combs Street Church of Christ Revival** 7th MS Walk at Lake **Fayetteville** 8th **Mothers Day Deacons Meeting** 10th Threads of Love 12th **Elders Meeting** 15th **GRADUATION SUNDAY** Lads 2 Leaders Kickoff Keepers 22nd 4th Sunday Fellowship 24th Threads of Love 26th

**Elders Meeting** 

Youth Led Services

Johnson church of Christ 5602 Elmore Street Springdale, AR 72762

СОМЕ WORSHIP WITH US

to Johnson church of Christ



Welcome Friends AND FAMILY

**APRIL 17, 2016**