

Larry's Lines....

FIRST FRUITS AND LEFTOVERS

Of his own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures." (James 1:18) In Israel the giving of the first fruits constituted an acknowledgement that the land and all its fruits were a gift of God. The concept involved nothing less than an acknowledgment of God's control of the universe and of one's life. To give the first fruits to something else was considered an affirmation of the existence of another God. *First fruits included the first born of man and beast (oxen, sheep, sons, Exodus 13:2; 22:29f), the first fruits of the land (grain, wine, oil, fleece, Deuteronomy 18:4), and the products of labor (flour and bread, Leviticus 23:16-20).* The Israelites offered the first fruits of the grain when it was harvested, the first fruits of the flour when it was ground, and the first fruits of bread when it was made. He was a God-made man in a God-made world and He acknowledged that fact every step of the way. The first fruits were considered to be non-redeemable, holy to Jehovah. *Although the first born of unclean beasts could be redeemed with money, the first born of clean beast could not be redeemed (Numbers 18:12-20). Ezekiel 48:14 warns, "And they shall sell none of it, or exchange it, nor shall the first fruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy unto Jehovah."* Never could one substitute the less costly or the more convenient for the first fruits. *Under Christ, we are the first fruits-we belong to God. (James 1:18)* Not simply what we have, but our total life belongs to God. To give the first fruits of time, money, energy, or intellect to something else is to acknowledge the existence of another God. That fact suggest these conclusions: **1.** There is no relationship between first fruits and leftovers. Our attitude is incredibly casual when we offer the leftovers of time or money to the Lord and juggle our budget or schedule as though it were a water bill or a car payment. There is an unbridgeable gap between first fruits; **2.** God's ownership of our lives in a non-negotiable matter. **3.** The Biblical concept of free will giving is a haven to keep more for themselves or to use Sundays for self-centered indulgence. **4.** Our commitment to God must be the finest we have. We cannot give the blind, the sick, the lame. No comfortable twenty dollar gift when we ought to be managing a fifty dollar gift. No convenient thirty Sundays a year when we ought to be worshiping with the saints fifty-two Sundays a year. **5.** There is not the remotest possibility of reconciling individual prosperity and corporate poverty. If the Holy Spirit lives in you, if you are committed to Jesus Christ, if you are a member of the body of Christ, you cannot separate your well being and the church's well being. It is spiritually unethical to live as though prosperous and give as though poor. **6.** Commitments made to God involve the sacredness of life itself - God's ownership. They are to be met first. A casual or manipulative attitude toward them is unjustifiable and intolerable. May all of us who are in the covenant relationship of this congregation resolve that from this day forward the first fruits are God's. They will not be used in any other way. We will have no other God's before Jehovah.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
Larry

Seeing The Good In the Bad Philippians 1:12-21

Outline

What Paul Saw While He Was In Prison

1. He Saw the Progress of God's Cause
2. He Saw the Preaching of the Gospel
3. He Saw the Provision of God's Favor



NOTICES

"The Sign Up Book"
Please check this for teacher sign up, nursery, Wednesday Night Devotions, and other events.

There are 12 Questions cards in the foyer. Please pick some up to pass out to the wait-staff at your favorite restaurants, neighbors, grocery clerks or anyone else that you may talk with. It is important to give everyone a chance to ask their questions.

We still have several change cans for the Children's Home. Please pick one up and take it home with you to fill up with your extra change.

"Let's be friends!"

Keep us informed by joining our Facebook group.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Lisa Sixkiller on the loss of her mother, Roberta Mae Baker, who passed away Sunday, June 19, 2016. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Johnson Church of Christ earmarked for the Honduras Mission Effort.

4th Sunday fellowship tonight.

If you are new to our family and would like to get more involved, please fill out an opportunity to serve sheet located in the foyer. You can always call the office at 479-541-3410 or email the secretary and one can be sent to your home.

We are now collecting vitamin, tylenol, or ibuprofen baby drops to take to Honduras. Also, lower strength reading glasses.

Keep us on top by checking out our website
johnsonchurchofchrist.com

If you would like a copy of the **Christian Chronicle** sent to your home, please fill out the needed information located in the sign up book.

Directory Correction:
Lee Pennington
479-365-3314

Happy Birthday

June 28th

Pat Gore

Steve Martindale

Hayden

Van Landingham

Kristen Lee

June 29th

Melissa Stephenson

July 2nd

Dixie Dalrymple

July 3rd

Cynthia Burns

Jackson House

Madelyn Bassing

Happy Anniversary

July 1st

David and Contessa

Shew

July 2nd

George and Julie

Martin

Upcoming Events

Songs and Shakes

Wednesday after services.
Please bring Ice Cream and toppings. Song request need to be submitted to Roby. A couple of blenders are needed as well.

Event Leaders are needed for LTC.

Check out our communication bulletin board and find an event that fits your talent. Kickoff is planned for July 17th and we would like all events to have event leaders before the kickoff. Please see David Shew or Chesley Martin for the event of your choice.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Mike Fine (Ron and Barbara Parsley's son-in-law) has a brain tumor and is seeking our prayers that he finds a treatment, **Tori Griffiths**, (Granddaughter of Larry and Pat Culbreath) is having health issues, **Ruth Rose** (mother of Trish Fortenberry) is in the hospital. **Dana Bradford** is recovering from surgery, **Kathy LaFerney** had recent surgery (Herb and Laura Hughes' daughter), **Glen Parker** is in WRMC, RM 4311, **Mary Hutton** is recovering from surgery. **Mae Wiles** (mother of Darreleen Scott) is recovering from recent illness, **Mary Ellen Johnson** is recovering from surgery, **Jon Warren** (Megan Bassing's uncle) had his lower leg amputated and is recovering, **Shirley Hester** had a heart stent put in, **Kristen Lee** may be having gall bladder surgery, **Leslie Cones** is having health issues (niece of Alan and Trish Fortenberry), **Denise Karnes** (daughter of Larry and Dixie Dalrymple) recovering from surgery.

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Genevra Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's mother) is not doing very well. **Keith Montgomery** is having cancer treatments, **Bessie Richey** is on Hospice, **Sibyl Stroup**, **Oma Leta Smith** is on Hospice, **Don Neal**, **Pearl Couch**, **Arlie Pennington**, **James Allen**, **Irene Matthews**, **Shirley Bates**, **Terrance Tewell**, **Roger and Shirley Gross**, **Roy Howard**, and **Emmett Windham**.

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

July 4th is just around the corner. As you celebrate, please take time to pray this year that our country may be restored back to the principals of our founding fathers and that God will bless our nation once again.

Pantry Items:
Dry Rice, Dry Beans, and Cereal

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

Lord's Table

James Goodpasture	Jonathan Martindale
Matt Bassing	Steve Martindale
Darby York	Ty Brunkhardt
Jim Olmstead	Chesley Martin
John Cobb	Phil Terry

Ushers

Jim Allen
Rodney Friend
Josh Fortenberry

Greeters

Lee Pennington	Phil Curlee
Becky Bluse	Jennifer Fortenberry

Announcements

Alan Fortenberry
David Cherry
Rodney Friend

Deliver Communion

Steve Martindale

Prepare Communion

Vickie Craft/Becky Bluse
Norma Williams

Nursery Attendants

Julie Marvin
Anna Claire Marvin

P.A. System

Larry Lloyd

Song Leader

Brad Harriman

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Kevin Murray

Song Leader
David Cherry

Hymn # 779
I Love You Lord

Hymn #412
Jesus Hold My Hand

Hymn #587
Sing and Be Happy

OPENING PRAYER
Bruce Casada

Hymn #186
Christ We Do All Adore Thee

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Steve Martindale

COMMUNION PRAYER
David Cherry

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn
How Great Is Our God

SCRIPTURE READING
Philippians 1:12-21
Ty Brunkhardt

AM SERMON
*Seeing The Good
In The Bad*

Invitation Song #790
Lord, Take Control

Hymn
Days of Elijah

Closing Prayer
John Cobb

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.

June EVENTS

26th
4th Sunday Fellowship
20's and 30's Hosting
28th
Threads of Love
29th
Summer Series Speaker
Jack English
Center Street Church of Christ

July EVENTS

4th
Office Closed
In Observance of
Independence Day
6th
Summer Speaker
Harry Fitzgerald
Robinson Ave Church of Christ
10th
Deacons Meeting
12th
Threads of Love
13th
Summer Series Speaker
Jimmy Allen
Robinson Ave Church of Christ
14th
Elder's Meeting
16th
Breakfast with the Pastors
Servant Sunday
July 20th
Summer Series Speaker
Luke Dockery
Farmington Church of Christ
July 24th
4th Sunday Fellowship
July 26th
Threads of Love
July 27th
Summer Series Speaker
Sabino Rodriquez
Robinson Ave Church of Christ
July 28th
Elder's Meeting

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<p>COME WORSHIP WITH US Sunday: Bible Class: 9:30 AM Morning Worship: 10:20 AM Evening Worship: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>MINISTER Larry Culbreath (479) 521-3410 Office (479) 444-1467 Home (479) 856-3801 Cell preacherlcs@aff.net</p> <p>Youth/Family Minister Randall Roby (479) 521-3410 Office (731) 467-0014 Cell robby@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p> <p>SECRETARY Stefanie Curlee (479) 521-3410 Office stefaniecurlee@aff.net office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p> <p>Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday 8:30 – 4:30 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30 – 2:30</p> <p>MISSIONARIES Marco Antonio Herbert Chukwu</p>
<p>PROOF OF OUR LOVE June 19, 2016 Bible Study: 120 Morning Worship: 224 Evening Worship: 83 Wednesday Night: 109 Chapters Read: 87 Contribution: \$ 4642.00</p> <p>OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Sunday Evening June 26, 2016 Song Leader: Devo Opening Prayer: Devo Devo : Lessons From Jesus Scriptures from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John Announcements: Devo Closing Prayer: Devo</p> <p>Wednesday Evening June 29, 2016 Song Leader: Steve Martindale Opening Prayer: David Cherry Summer Series Speaker: Jack English Announcements: Chesley Martin Closing Prayer: Terry Huffmaster</p> <p>Week of July 3, 2016 Sunday Morning Announcements: Alan Fortenberry Song Leader: Brad Harriman Opening Prayer: David Shew Communion Scripture: Phil Curlee Communion Prayer: Charles Couch Scripture Reading: Richard Hutton Closing Prayer: Eric Keeter</p> <p>Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>ELDERS Alan Fortenberry Virgil Hammon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray</p> <p>DEACONS Jim Allen Pete Ball JP Bradford Jared Cobb Josh Fortenberry Doug Goodpasture Randall Harriman Richard Hutton Heath Huffmaster Chesley Martin Steve Martindale Michael Marvin Dustin Mayhew</p>

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JUNE 26, 2016