

# Larry's Lines....

## THE FALL OF A NATION

It happened a long time ago, but I am persuaded there is a lesson there for nations of today. I refer to the chilling words of the prophet Jeremiah, "Moab is destroyed." What hot language the prophet employs: "Desolation and great destruction"; "they go up weeping"; "Flee! Save yourselves!"; "the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed"; "The renown of Moab is no more." This description comes from the forty-eighth chapter of Jeremiah. A great, rich, and powerful nation has been laid to waste.

Why? Let us listen carefully to the analysis given by Jeremiah.

Moab was guilty of pride. "We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very proud of his loftiness, his pride, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart" (Jeremiah 48:29). Pride is an inordinate opinion of oneself. It puffs up a person or a nation. It blinds us to our own danger, prevents us from securing our own highest good, and hinders the good works of life. God hates it.

Moab trusted in his strength and wealth. A sad mistake! "You also shall be taken" (Jeremiah 48:7). Riches are a snare. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Moab had trusted in wealth, and it was all taken away. Fatal trust!

Moab was at ease. Jeremiah says, "Moab has been at ease from his youth" (Jeremiah 48:11). With much ease there is much peril. One becomes comfortable and gives himself over to enjoyment and self-indulgence. "Soul, thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Is there any trial more severe than the absence of difficulties? Neglected discipline can be a nation's undoing.

Moab did not obey God. A nation can hold God in derision, discard Him, and laugh at Him; but there is a price to be paid for such folly. "Make him drunk, because he magnified himself against the Lord: so that Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he too shall be held in derision" (Jeremiah 48:26). No nation can mock God. "The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

It's a sad story. Moab is destroyed. "Broken like a vessel for which no one cares."

**America, are you listening?**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**Larry**

### 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.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Alan and Trish Fortenberry on the loss of her mother, Ruth Rose, who passed away Sunday, June 23, 2016. Also to The Justin and Amy Scott Family and the Josh and Jennifer Fortenberry Family for the loss of their grandmother and great grandmother.



"Let's be friends!"  
Keep us informed by joining our Facebook group.

#### Sunday, July 3, 2016 - Outline How To Heal A Sin Sick Soul

1. Christ Bears Our Sins
2. God "Remits" Our Sins
3. God Blots Out Our Sins
4. God Cleanses Us From All Sin
5. God Remembers Them No More
6. God Destroys Our Sins
7. God Removes Our Sins
8. God Pardons Our Sins

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

### Happy Birthday

July 3rd  
Cynthia Burns  
Jackson House  
Madelyn Bassing  
July 6th  
Jordyn Lee  
McKenzie Lee  
July 8th  
Lexi Cobb

### Happy Anniversary

July 5th  
Charles and Pearl  
Couch  
July 10th  
Ronnie and Cynthia  
Burns

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 then. Please see David Shew or Chesley Martin for questions.

Please go to our website and fill out the VBS survey. This will help us to develop VBS for next year. It is short, simple, and takes very little time.

Keep us on top by checking out our website

johnsonchurchofchrist.com



### Upcoming Events



Pancakes with the Pastors is July 16th at 8:00am. This is an event the whole congregation is invited to enjoy, and is followed by Servant Saturday. We have several different servant projects you can help with, or just come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

The NWA MALL WILL NOT BE DOING A FIREWORKS SHOW THIS YEAR DUE TO THE EXPANDING DEVELOPMENT AROUND THEM.

### Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Nancy Bailey has just been diagnosed as a diabetic, Kristen Lee is recovering from gall bladder surgery, 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) had her appendix removed Tuesday and is at home recovering, Dana Bradford is recovering from surgery, Kathy LaFerney had recent surgery (Herb and Laura Hughes' daughter), Glen Parker is back at Walnut Grove, Mae Wiles (mother of Darreleen Scott) is recovering from recent surgery, Mary Ellen Johnson is recovering from surgery, Jon Warren (Megan Bassing's uncle) had his lower leg amputated and is recovering, 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.*

*This July 4th, as you celebrate with family and friends, please take time to pray for our country. May it be restored back to the principals of our founding fathers and that God will bless our nation once again.*

#### Pantry Items:

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  
Alan Fortenberry

**Song Leader**  
Brad Harriman

**Hymn #96**  
(sing once)  
I Stand In Awe

**Hymn #97**  
I Sing Praises (1&2)

**OPENING PRAYER**  
David Shew

**Hymn #162**  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
(All)

**Hymn #376**  
He Paid A Debt (All)

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE**  
Phil Curlee

**COMMUNION PRAYER**  
Charles Couch

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**OFFERING**

**Hymn #749**  
The Battle Belongs to the Lord  
(All)

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Matthew 9:10-13  
Richard Hutton

**AM SERMON**  
*How To Heal A Sin  
Sick Soul*

**Invitation Song #909**  
There's a Fountain Free (1&3)

**Hymn #989**  
Soon and Very Soon (All)

**Closing Prayer**  
Eric Keeter



**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.

**July EVENTS**

4th  
Office Closed  
In Observance of  
Independence Day  
6th  
Summer Speaker  
Ron Parsley  
Johnson 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  
Pancakes with the Pastors  
Servant Saturday  
July 17th  
LTC Kickoff  
Keepers  
PM Guest Speaker  
Jerry Bates  
World Evangelism and  
Voice of Truth  
July 20th  
Summer Series Speaker  
Luke Dockery  
Farmington Church of Christ  
July 24th  
4th Sunday Fellowship  
July 26th  
Threads of Love

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*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.

**PROOF OF OUR LOVE**  
July 26, 2016

Bible Study: 106  
Morning Worship: 154  
Evening Worship: 111  
Wednesday Night: 147  
Chapters Read: 156  
Contribution: \$ 5589.00

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**  
Sunday Evening  
July 3, 2016

Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture  
Opening Prayer: Steve Martindale  
Sermon : Be Ye Kind To One Another  
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14  
Announcements: David Cherry  
Closing Prayer: Chesley Martin

**Wednesday Evening**  
July 6, 2016

Song Leader: Mike Mitchell  
Opening Prayer: George Martin  
Summer Series Speaker: Harry Fitzgerald  
Announcements: Rodney Friend  
Closing Prayer: Jim Olmstead

**Week of July 10, 2016**

**Sunday Morning**  
Announcements: Alan Fortenberry  
Song Leader: Brad Harriman  
Opening Prayer: Ron Parsley  
Communion Scripture: Kevin Murray  
Communion Prayer: Randall Harriman  
Scripture Reading: JP Bradford  
Closing Prayer: Heath Huffmaster  
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**ELDERS**  
Alan Fortenberry  
Virgil Harmon  
Joe Harriman  
Terry Huffmaster  
Kevin Murray

**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

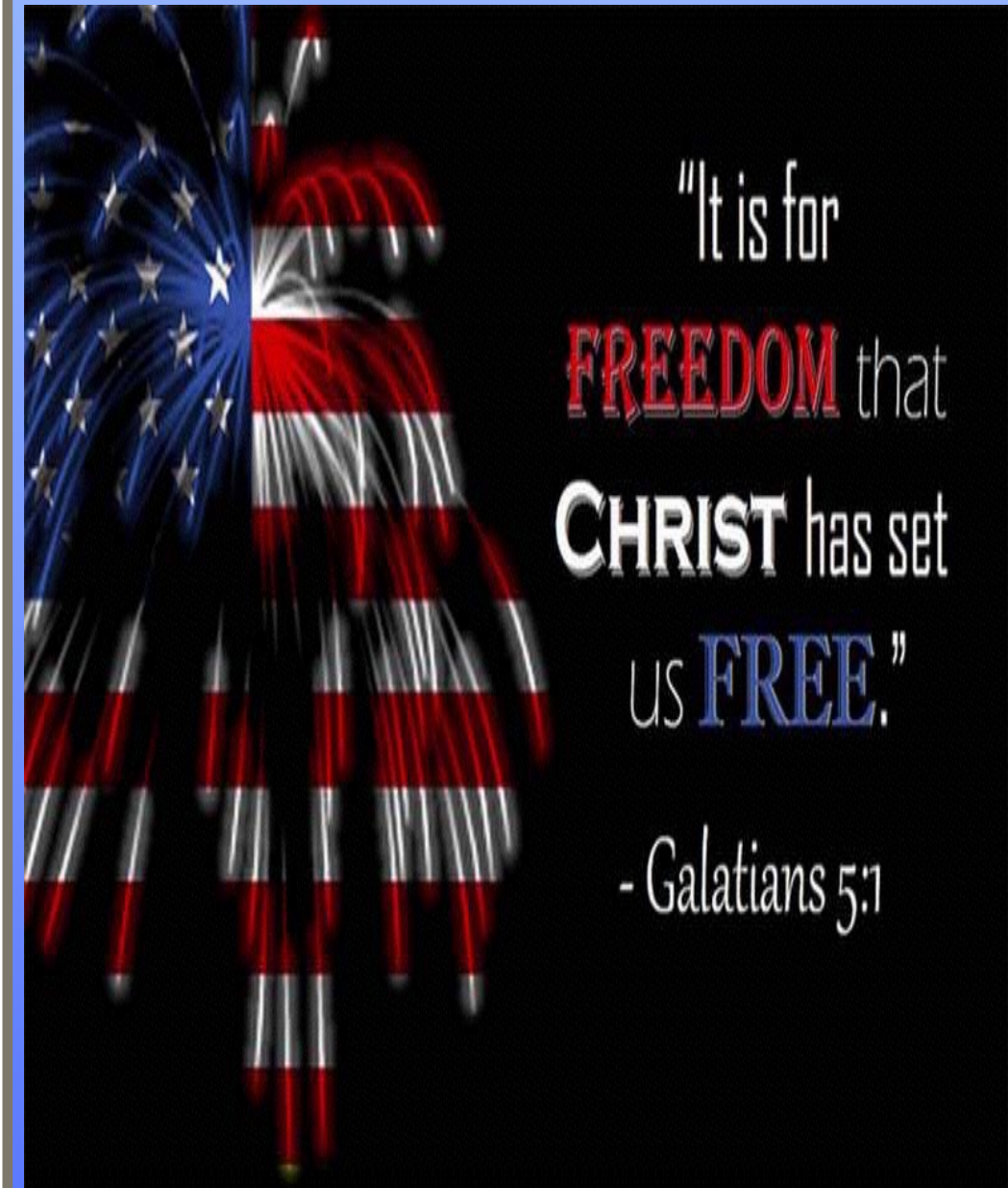
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**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday, Tuesdays, and  
Thursday 8:30 – 4:30  
Wednesday 8:30-6:30  
Friday 8:30 – 2:30

**MISSIONARIES**  
Marco Antonio  
Herbert Chukwu

*Welcome*  
to  
*Johnson church of Christ*



**JULY 3, 2016**