Larry's Lines....

Not Seeing is Believing

"Without having seen him you love him; though vou do not see him vou believe in him and rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8,9)

It must have been something to have lived during the time when Jesus was on the earth. To have actually heard him utter his teachings, to have seen the expression of his face, to have observed his miracles. What a special time to have been alive. But seeing is not always believing. Many saw him but rejected what they saw. Others did not see him, but nevertheless came to faith. Consider those exiles of the Dispersion. In writing to them the apostle Peter says: "Without having seen him you love him". And why shouldn't they? Can you not love one who is altogether lovely? There is no blemish, flaw or imperfection to be found in his life or character. He loved all men. No sinner was too vile for his company and help and no suffering man lay beyond his compassion. "He went about doing good." And he did it for all. Though you do not now see him you believe in him. How excellent is such faith, "it is one thing to believe God, or Christ (the devils believe), and another thing to believe in him, which denotes subjection, reliance, and expectation of all promised good from him," said Matthew Henry. Peter had seen the Lord in the flesh, but these dispersed Jews never did, and yet they believed in him.

You will rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As you read through the book of Acts, you will be impressed with the fact that joy is a dominant theme. Every time you witness the conversation of a sinner you stand in the presence of joy. Sins have been remitted, and the blessings of the kingdom have come into the love of those being saved. It is a joy born of heaven and cannot be described by words. Others have known it, and you can too.

You obtain the salvation of your souls. Such is the issue of faith. Triumphant thro' grace I shall some day stand, With Jesus at home on that golden strand, His face in its beauty at last to see, My hand in the hand that was pierced for me.

There are those in every nation and time who see Jesus with the eyes of faith and are blessed. As Jesus said to Thomas, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou has believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and believed" (John 20:29).

> **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!** Larry

Upcoming Events

4th Sunday Devotional tonight. Menu is Comfort Food and Ice Cream, 60's and 70's are hosting. Everyone is invited to attend.

The next men's softball game will be at Gary Hampton, Monday, August 29th at 6pm and 7pm. Come out and support our team.

Marriage Seminar

Mount Comfort will host a marriage seminar September 23-24th. This "Reconnect Weekend" includes child care and meals. Please mail in a registration form or call 442-9171to sign up. Forms are available in the sign up book.

🔀 Let's get our ACTS together! 🎉 All youth, adults, and anyone in-between: Below are the timelines for studying the book of Acts. - LTC uses the NIV Translation August: Chapters 1-6 September: Ch. 7-10 October: Ch. 11-16 November: Ch. 17-23 December: Ch. 24-28 January-March: each student participating in bible bowl and/or bible quiz will have a section assigned to them for further independent study to become

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the team "expert".

Teachers are Needed!!! Fall Quarter starts September 14, 2016. 1 spot left.

One more person is needed to work in the nursery for the month of September. Please let Michael Marvin know or place your name in the sign up book located in the fover under the "nursery" heading.

> **Pantry Items: Soups and Chili**

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

Happy Birthday

August 29th Julie Martin Jaden Olmstead

August 31st Roy Howard Lenora Sutton

September 3rd Janet Mason

Sept 4th Jaclyn Reeter

Happy Anniversary

September 1st Charles and Becky Bluse

September 4th Roger and Shirley Gross

Benny and Carol Moore

Deadline to register to vote in this years election is Monday, October 10, 2016.

"The Sign Up Book"

Please check this for teacher sign up, nursery, Wednesday Night Devotions, and other events.

September Service Sheets are in the Foyer!

Get More Involved!

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 479-521-3410 or email the secretary and one can be sent to your email or home

We are collecting pill bottles for Mathew 25 Ministries. Because of the overwhelming response we are requesting that the labels be removed before donation. The box is located in the library.

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

The Hill Family, Colton and Christina's baby has been diagnosed with an umbilical cord disorder, Mary Foster (Diane Murray's mother) recent hospitalization, James (Jim) Dockery (brother of Donna Baker) has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, The Bassing Family has several family members having some major medical issues: Megan's Aunt Kim has stage 4 breast cancer, Uncle Jon had recent amputation, and Aunt Charletta just had a mass removed from her abdomen, Adriana Carothers (Diane Murray's 2nd cousin) has been diagnosed with stage 3 lymphoma and will begin chemo this week. She is 13 years old and attends West Fork School, Sue Moore (sister of Tommie Ball) surgery went well and she is now home recovering, Roy Howard recent hospitalization, Micah Hart (son of youth minister at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison AR) has been diagnosed with Leukemia, Jennifer Mooreland (friend of the Martin's) had back surgery and is in a lot of pain, Chris Curlee (Hilma Curlee's son) will have eye surgery after his blood sugar gets under control, Mason LaFerney (grandson of Herb and Laura Hughes) recovering from a head injury. Charles Cosby is having treatments for cancer, Millie Hood is having some medical issues, Leslie Cones (niece of Alan and Trish Fortenberry) has breast cancer and is getting chemo every 3 weeks, Mike Fine (Ron and Barbara Parsley's son-in-law) has a brain tumor and is seeking our prayers that he finds a treatment.

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Kathy LaFerney had great news from the doctors that everything was looking good (Herb and Laura Hughes daughter, Genevra Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's mother) is not doing very well. Keith Montgomery is continuing his cancer treatments. Bessie Richev 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, and our troops. A special prayer for all of our teachers and children as they all go back to school.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF September 2016

Lord's Table

Terry Wilson Jessie Shefelbine

Charles Bluse

Dustin Mayhew

Janice Jones

Rov Lewis Heath Huffmaster Doug Goodpasture Alan Fortenberry Rodney Friend

Gary Knapp Mike Mitchell

<u>Ushers</u> Jared Cobb JP Bradford

Eric Keeter

Greeters

Alan Fortenberry

Patricia Fortenberry

Announcements

Joe Harriman **David Shew** Phil Curlee

Deliver Communion Dustin Mayhew

Prepare Communion Tracy Scott and Delaney Scott

Nursery Attendants Sharon Montgomery P.A. System Darby York

Kylie Keeter Andrea Huffmaster

> Song Leader Randall Harriman

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

WELCOME

Announcements Virgil Harmon

Song Leader Doug Goodpasture

Hymn #1014 **Jesus Loves Me**

Hymn #508 **A Wonderful Savior**

Hymn #639 **Rescue The Perishing**

OPENING PRAYER

Phil Curlee

Hvmn #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

Dustin Mayhew

COMMUNION PRAYER Kevin Murray

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #480 **Blessed Assurance**

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:12-14 Jim Olmstead

AM SERMON

How Can I Cope With Stress?

Invitation Hymn #463 I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Hymn #1015 **Jesus Loves The Little Children**

> **Closing Prayer** Jared 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.

AUGUST EVENTS

August 28th

4th Sunday Fellowship 60's and 70's Hosting

August 31st

Summer Series Speaker Keith Kilmer Robinson Ave Church of Christ

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 5th

Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 7th

Last Night for Summer Series with Bobby Dockery

September 8th

Elders Meeting

September 11th

Deacons Meeting September 13th

Threads of Love

September 18th Keepers Meet

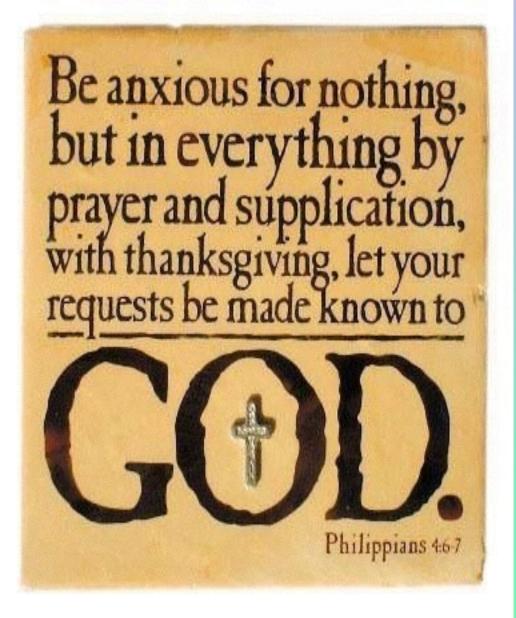
How Can I Cope With Stress? Philippians 3:12-14 **AM Outline**

- 1. Forgetting Things of The Past
- 2. Learn to Obtain Contentment
- 3. Live Just One Day at A Time
- 4. Keep Busy
- 5. Make Your Weakness a Blessing
- 6. Accept God As Your Partner

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Bíble Class: 9΄:30 AM Morníng Worshíp: 10:20 AM Eveníng Worshíp: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.

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