

Larry's Lines....

Absolute Truthfulness

Some men are very careless about the truth. The fabulous showman, P.T. Barnum, made a fortune on deceit and guile. He related that on one occasion when he had been on vacation his assistant manager, John Greenwood, Jr., an Englishman, had spent twenty-five dollars to purchase from a farmer a "cherry-colored cat." When the curious cat had been delivered, Mr. Greenwood had been dismayed. But, added Barnum, "I thought he had received his money's worth." Barnum signaled to an assistant, who opened the bag and plucked from it an ordinary, scrawny, frightened black cat. The audience looked on blankly. Barnum continued. When the farmer had promised a "cherry-colored cat," he had meant, of course, "a cat the color of black cherries," and here it was. Instead of threats of lynching, the audience greeted the fraud on Mr. Greenwood and themselves with a sudden burst of laughter, and nicknamed the cat "Black Crook."

Perhaps because we have been "taken in" so many times in the past, we also tend to shade the truth a little. We have seen large business firms weasel out of guarantees through fancy wording, corporations reap large profits by falsehood, goods represented as being of the highest quality, fall apart in the hands of the consumer. Deceit is in vogue, and we go along for the ride.

In contrast to the prevailing climate, one of the attributes by which the Most High especially desires Himself to be known in His intelligent universe is absolute and unchanging veracity. Whatever God reveals to us He would have us receive it as the pure and simple truth. Whatever He has promised He will perform. "God is not a man that he should lie." His "word is true from the beginning." And the apostle Paul affirms, "We are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth."

Regardless of guile being a trademark of our culture, the Christian must be an imitator of the God of truth. As Jeremy Taylor has said, "Lie not at all, neither in a little thing nor a great thing, neither in the substance nor in the circumstance, neither in word nor deed, that is, pretend not what is false, cover not what is true."

Truthfulness is more than a trait with the Christian. It is a part of his very life. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer has said, "The commandment of absolute truthfulness is really only another name for the fullness of discipleship."

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
Larry

NOTICES

DON'T MISS OUT!
LTC sign-ups will close August 13, 2016. If you have not signed up, please take time to do so. You can return your forms to David Shew, Chesley Martin, or simply put it in the envelope provided on the board.

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 479-541-3410 or email the secretary and one can be sent to your email or home.

The Malawi project is completed. Thanks to all of those who helped. Now 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.

Teachers are Needed!!!
It's time to sign up for the fall quarter. Check out the sign up book and find out what classes are available.

Directory Update
Norma Williams
672 Jones Road #206
Springdale AR 72762

Upcoming Events

If your child is registered to go to Day Camp August 1-4, 2016, Janice Jones and Lauren Mayhew will be driving the church van, please let them know today if you will be sending your child with them. They plan to leave the building every morning by 7:45 and return around 5:00 or 5:15 depending on traffic.

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 NIV 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 the team "expert". We will have notebooks with Acts NIV version printed and ready for dispersion August 6, 2016.

Happy Birthday

August 2nd
Kylie Keeter

August 4th
Dawson Whitted

August 5th
Stephanie Henry

August 6th
Renee Basinger

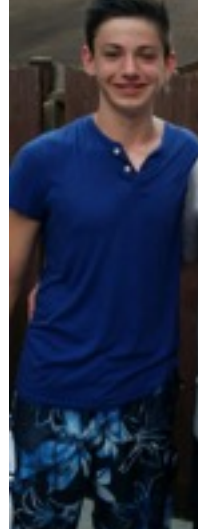
August 7th
Mary Ella Harriman

Happy Anniversary

August 2nd
Joe and Rita Harriman

August 4th
Tom and Doris Williams

August 5th
Dan and Teena Cobb



We are so happy to have Hayden Van Landingham join the family of God. Hayden was baptized on July 21, 2016 at Green Valley Bible Camp. He is the son of Greg and Paige Miller. Please help and encourage Hayden in his daily walk with God.

Let's Play Ball
Johnson is heading up their own men's softball team. The cost is \$5.00 and they will play Monday nights.

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

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

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:
Those with recent health issues:

Jennifer Mooreland (friend of the Martin's) had back surgery and is in a lot of pain, **Jimmy Shew** (David Shew's father) has a spot on his lung, **Chris Curlee** (Hilma Curlee's son) is having eye surgery this next week, **Mason LaFerney** (grandson of Herb and Laura Hughes) recovering from a head injury. **Charles Cosby** is having treatments for cancer, **Wanda Miller** fell recently and has also lost her sister, **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, **Donnie Rice** (uncle of Diane Murray) may be going home, **Mike Fine** (Ron and Barbara Parsley's son-in-law) has a brain tumor and is seeking our prayers that he finds a treatment, **Kathy LaFerney** recovering from surgery (Herb and Laura Hughes' daughter), **Glen Parker** is on Hospice.

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, and our troops.

We wish to express our sincerest sympathy to Keith and Sharon Montgomery on the passing of Kieth's brother-in-law, who passed away on Sunday, July 24th in Bryant Arkansas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Pantry Items:
Oatmeal and Canned Meat

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016

Lord's Table		Ushers
Brad Harriman	Kevin Murray	Joe Harriman
Michael Marvin	Lincoln Phillips	Ronnie Burns
Paul Dickard	Bobby Hill	Terry Wilson
Charles Couch	Terry Huffmaster	
Jared Cobb	Richard Hutton	
Greeters		Announcements
Rodney Friend	Eric Keeter	Virgil Harmon
Julie Marvin	Vicki Craft	JP Bradford
		George Martin
Deliver Communion		Prepare Communion
Jared Cobb		Betty Bailey Dixie Dalrymple
Nursery Attendants		P.A. System
Kristen Lee	Audrey Hill	Randall Harriman
Pat Culbreath	Pam Hill	
Song Leader		
Doug Goodpasture		

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Alan Fortenberry

Song Leader
Brad Harriman

Hymn #100
Holy Ground

Hymn #15
Step by Step

Hymn #18
Faithful Love

OPENING PRAYER
Bruce Casada

Hymn #235
Let All That Is Within Me

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Steve Martindale

COMMUNION PRAYER
Heath Huffmaster

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #567
Restore My Spirit

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 9:57-62
Michael Marvin

AM SERMON

**You Can't Follow
Looking Back**

Invitation Hymn #936
Lord, I'm Coming Home

Hymn #479
Peace, Perfect Peace

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.

July EVENTS

July 31st
Singing Devo Instead of
Youth Led Devo
31st - August 6th
Green Valley Bible Camp

AUGUST EVENTS

August 3rd
Summer Series
Singing Devotional
August 9th
Threads of Love
August 10th
Summer Series Speaker
Craig Richardson
Tuttle Church of Christ
August 11th
Elders Meeting
August 14th
Deacons Meeting
August 17th
Summer Series Speaker
Nathan Jorgensen
Mount Comfort Church of
Christ
August 23rd
Threads Of Love

"You Can't Follow Looking Back"
Luke 9:57-62
OUTLINE

1. We must Keep Our Attention Focused Forward.
2. Abraham-A Man of Faith and Focus.
3. The Children of Israel Kept Looking Back.
4. The Past Can Cause Us to Look Back.
5. There is A Profitable Way to Use the Past.

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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.*

MINISTER
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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

ELDERS
Alan Fortenberry
Virgil Harmon
Joe Harriman
Terry Huffmaster
Kevin Murray

DEACONS
Jim Allen
Pete Ball
JP Bradford
David Cherry
Jared Cobb
Josh Fortenberry
Doug Goodpasture
Randall Harriman
Richard Hutton
Heath Huffmaster
Chesley Martin
Steve Martindale
Michael Marvin
Dustin Mayhew
David Shew

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

July 24, 2016
Bible Study: 134
Morning Worship: 188
Evening Worship: 124
Wednesday Night: 144
Chapters Read: 305
Contribution: \$ 6748.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening
July 31, 2016

Song Leader: Devo
Opening Prayer: Devo
Sermon :Singing Devo
Scripture : Singing Devo
Announcements: David Cherry
Closing Prayer: Devo

Wednesday Evening

August 3, 2016

Song Leader: Steve Martindale
Opening Prayer: Alan Fortenberry
Summer Series Speaker: Singing Devo
Announcements: Rodney Friend
Closing Prayer: Randall Harriman

Week of August 7, 2016

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon
Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture
Opening Prayer: Ron Parsley
Communion Scripture: Chesley Martin
Communion Prayer: Jim Olmstead
Scripture Reading: Justin Lee
Closing Prayer: Eric Keeter

Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com

Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ

**I WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS**
I WILL COME TO YOU.
JOHN 14:18

Be diligence in faith and patience to inherit
what has been promised. Heb 6:11,12



JULY 31, 2016