Larry's Lines....

Gospel Preaching

Let a man stand in the pulpit and preach "hellfire and damnation" to sinners, denouncing everyone except himself and invariable someone will leave the assembly saying, "Now that is what I call gospel preaching!"

I am somewhat bothered by that assessment. It's not that I disagree with the wicked being punished. Jesus spoke clearly on the subject. The apostle Paul affirms that, "the wages of sin is death." The troublesome thing to me is the abuse of the word "gospel."

Jesus came preaching "the gospel of the kingdom of God"; Ephesians speaks of "the gospel of your salvation"; and Paul tells the elders of the church at Ephesus, that his purpose is "to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). Always the gospel is spoken of with great joy. The Gospel is "good news." Coming from the greek it means "good tidings". In Ango-Saxon it became literally "the good story." So I take it that when a man is preaching the gospel he is sharing good news with his audience.

In speaking to the Corinthians Paul said, "I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). What better news could their be than to learn that we can be saved by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ?

The gospel is a message of salvation from condemnation, not a message of condemnation. It is the greatest gift ever received by any living person. In every sense of the word it is good news, and should be presented joyfully. When this great message is presented eagerly, enthusiastically, and with love, I call that, "gospel preaching".

> **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!** Larry

Upcoming Events

Smile!

Today is Picture Day!

Lisa Martindale will be taking pictures of new members after services.

There will be a Deacons Meeting today at 5:00 pm.

Keepers meet next Sunday!

Today we will be taking up a special contribution for the Louisiana Flood Victims. Checks can be made to Johnson Church of Christ and in the memo please note special contribution.

The Seniors will be taking a bus to Tuttle Church of Christ at 6:15 tonight and tomorrow, for the Gospel meeting. See Steve Martindale for more details.

The Seniors are going to Branson to see the Dixie Stampede. They will leave around 2:00 Saturday, September 24th and will return sometime that evening. See Steve Martindale for more information.

The Senior group will be going to Harbor Village in Grove Oklahoma, October 1st. More details to come.

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 September: Ch. 7-10

October: Ch. 11-16 November: Ch. 17-23 December: Ch. 24-28

NOTICES

Deadline to register to vote in this years election is Monday, October 10, 2016. This is an important election please get out and vote! If you need assistance call the office.

Roy Howard is now at the VA Nursing Facility in Fayetteville in room 612. Please continue to send all correspond to his son Stan.

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

Happy Birthday

September 12th Jessica Harriman

September 14th Reese Harriman Eli Harriman

September 15th Laura Williams Bo Grady

September 16th Shirley Hester

September 17th James Goodpasture

Happy Anniversary

September 14th Josh and Jennifer Fortenberry

September 16th Virgil and Connie Harmon

Summer Series is over and regular classes resume Wednesday, September 14, 2016. We need more men to sign up to do the Wednesday evening devotionals.

Please sign up for this very important service in our sign up book.

Pantry Items Needed: Pasta and Canned Meats

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

Welcome!

Sue Sizemore placed membership She can be reached at:

16589 E. Hewitt Springs Rd Springdale AR 72764 479-751-9650

"The Sign Up Book"

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Millie Hood has been diagnosed with cancer, Candace Griffin will have back surgery, September 19, 2016, 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 that are having major medical issues: Her grandfather had a heart cathe, 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 is now at the VA Nursing Facility, 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, 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 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, and Emmett Windham.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, the election this fall and our troops.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF September 2016

Rov Lewis

Lord's Table

Terry Wilson Jessie Shefelbine Doug Goodpasture

Heath Huffmaster Alan Fortenberry Rodney Friend Gary Knapp Charles Bluse Mike Mitchell

JP Bradford Eric Keeter

Greeters

Dustin Mayhew Alan Fortenberry Janice Jones Patricia Fortenberry **Announcements** Joe Harriman

<u>Ushers</u>

Jared Cobb

David Shew Phil Curlee

Deliver Communion

Dustin Mayhew

Prepare Communion Tracy Scott and Delaney Scott

P.A. System

Darby York

Nursery Attendants Sharon Montgomery

Andrea Huffmaster Kylie Keeter

Song Leader

Randall Harriman

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

WELCOME **Announcements** Joe Harriman

Song Leader Randall Harriman

Hymn

Hymn

OPENING PRAYER Marc Wolfe

Hymn

Hymn

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE George Martin

COMMUNION PRAYER Virgil Harmon

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Special Offering for Louisiana Flood Victims

Hymn

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 Bruce Casada

AM SERMON

Confronting Evil

By Ron Parsley

Invitation Hymn

Hymn

Closing Prayer Ty Brunkhardt

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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 6th-17th

Gospel Meeting in Atlanta Georgia. Larry is the guest speaker.

September 11th **Deacons Meeting**

September 11th-14

Tuttle Gospel Meeting Van leaving at 6:15

September 13th

Threads of Love

September 18th

Keepers Meet September 22nd

Elders Meet

September 23 -24

Marriage Seminar at Mount Comfort church of Christ

Sunday, September 11, 2016 **Am Sermon Outline** "Confronting Evil"

- 1. Evil is Deceptive
- 2. Evil Causes a Delusion
- 3. Evil Results in Destruction



Sunday, September 11, 2016 **PM Sermon Outline** "Gospel Goals" **Collisions 1:27-29**

- 1. What is the Gospel's Goal
- **Consider lessons for Every** Man
- I. The Gospel Aims to Warn Every Man.
- II. The Gospel Aims to Teach **Every Man**
- III. The Gospel Aims to Present **Every Man Perfected**

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You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. PSALM 119:114

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

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