

Why Do Men Practice Evil?

Solomon observed, *"the heart of the sons of men is fully set to do evil."* And even a casual look at our world should be enough to convince us. But why do men practice evil? I suppose there are a number of reasons. Let's notice a couple.

1. MEN PRACTICE EVIL BECAUSE THEY ENJOY IT.

Even the bible states that there is pleasure in sin (Hebrews 11:25). But most have discovered this for themselves without the aid of the Bible. D. H. Lawrence wrote: My religion is a belief in the blood, the flesh, as being wiser than the intellect. We can go wrong without our minds, but what our blood feels and believes and says is always true. The real way of living is to answer one's wants." How totally misguided this man and countless millions of others are who think that unrestrained pleasure is the name of the game. Men sin habitually, deliberately, without restraint and without remorse because they enjoy it.

2. MEN PRACTICE SIN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PUNISHED IMMEDIATELY.

"Because sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the sons of men is fully set to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11). The tyrant is not kicked out of office; the fraudulent business man is not convicted; the murderer is not apprehended; the drunkard is not driven from society; the hypocrite is not exposed, so men go on sinning.

But for those who practice sin there are at least two things to remember:

1. THE PLEASURE OF SIN IS NOT PERMANENT. *It is for only a season (Hebrew 11:25). And Paul reminds us, "When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death." (Romans 6:20-21)*

2. THE FORBEARANCE OF GOD DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE HAS FORGOTTEN. *"Do not suppose you will escape the judgement of God. Or do you presume upon the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience? But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of the wrath when God's righteous judgement will be revealed"(Romans 2:3-5)*

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small; Though with the patience He sends waiting, He exactly judgeth all."

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
Larry

Upcoming Events

Bible Bowl and Bible Quiz Meeting
Sunday, September 25th from
6:00pm to 7:00pm.

There will be a Wedding Shower for Cole Basinger and Whitney Dannemueller, October 9th at 3:00 at the building. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, Pottery Barn and Euna Maes.

The Senior group will be going to Harbor Village in Grove Oklahoma, October 1st. They will leave at 8:00 am and will eat along the way. The cost is 7.50. Please sign up if you would like to go.

JCOC Young Adults get-together
Heath & Andrea Huffmaster's
Campfire & Devo
Oct. 1 @ 5:00 pm
14205 White Oak Rd.
Fayetteville, AR 72704

Sibyl Stroup, a long time member here at Johnson, will be turning 97, October 1st. She would love to receive a card from her forever family wishing her a Happy Birthday. Please send your cards to: 14434 Rhapsody Road, Farmington, AR 72730.

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

Youth Notices/Events

Reminder for the Girls
Ruth Rally is coming up on
September 30-October 1st.

NOTICES

Our Sincerest Sympathy to the Alan Fortenberry family on the loss of Alan's Stepmother, Imogene Fortenberry. Imogene passed away on September 20th in Russellville AR.

Keeping Keepers Informed!
Text this number: 81010
Text this message:@jarkeepers

Happy Birthday

September 26th
Joe Harriman

September 28th
Paulette Ball
Callie Newman

September 29th
Jim Allen
Justin Gardenhire

October 1st
Sibyl Stroup
Kinston Dennis

October 2nd
Virgil Harman
Justin Lee

Tonight is our 4th Sunday Fellowship after evening services. Our 40's and 50's group will be hosing and the menu is Mexican.

Pantry Items Needed:
Chili and Crackers

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

WELCOME!

Ricky, Tracy, Bree and Brooke Scott placed membership Sunday. We are so honored to have this lovely family!

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.

Congratulations to Kayla and Kent Holloway. They are expecting their first baby.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Ron Sellers is having back surgery on Thursday, Linda Allen has been diagnosed with Lyme disease, Chris Curlee (Hilma Curlee's son) had eye surgery Tuesday, Marie (sister of Sue Sizemore) has a nodule on her lung, Shirley Hester has a calcification on her lung, Millie Hood has been diagnosed with cancer and is having a pet scan, Candace Griffin had back surgery and is doing well, The Hill Family, Colton and Christina's baby has been diagnosed with an umbilical cord disorder, Mary Foster (Diane Murray's mother) is not doing well, James (Jim) Dockery (brother of Donna Baker) has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and he is not doing well, The Bassing Family have several family members that are having major medical issues: Her grandfather, Charles Williams, 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 and will be returning to Texas this next month, 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.

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Charles Cosby, Leslie Cones, Mike Fine, Carrie Ward, Kathy LaFerney continues to have cancer treatments (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, Norma Williams, and Emmett Windham.

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

We need two more people to work the nursery for Sunday Mornings during the month of October.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2016

Lord's Table

Pete Ball	Joe Harriman
David Shew	Matt Bassing
George Martin	Eric Keeter
Josh Fortenberry	Ronnie Burns
Steve Martindale	Larry Lloyd

Ushers

Michael Marvin
Phil Terry
Richard Hutton

Greeters

Gary Knapp	Lisa Martindale
Josh Fortenberry	Diane Murray

Announcements

Terry Huffmaster
Josh Fortenberry
Jim Olmstead

Deliver Communion
Steve Martindale

Prepare Communion
Lisa Lewis and Kaleigh Shefelbine

Nursery Attendants
Kylie Keeter Laci Cherry

P.A. System
Jared Cobb

Song Leader
Mike Mitchell

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Joe Harriman

Song Leader
David Cherry

Hymn #2
We Praise Thee Of God

Hymn #797
Lord We Come Before Thee Now

Hymn #790
Lord Take Control

OPENING PRAYER
Steve Martindale

Hymn #421
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Phil Curlee

COMMUNION PRAYER
Terry Huffmaster

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #895
I'll Live in Glory

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 25:1-13
Brad Harriman



Invitation Hymn #800
What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Hymn #69
Heart of Servant

Closing Prayer
Jim Olmstead

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 25th

4th Sunday Fellowship

September 27th

Threads of Love

September 30th

Ruth Rally at Mount Comfort church of Christ

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 1st

Seniors going to Harbor Village 20's and 30's

Campfire and Devo

October 8th

Planning Meeting

October 9th

Wedding Shower for Cole Basinger and Whitney Dannenmueller

Deacons Meeting

October 11th

Threads of Love

October 13th

Elders Meeting

October 14th

Trail Ride

October 15th

Honduras Benefit at Mount Comfort church of Christ

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Am Sermon Outline

- This Parable Teaches us...
1. The Necessity of Being Prepared
 2. We Cannot Borrow What Must Be Bought
 3. We Cannot Recall Lost Opportunities

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Springdale, AR 72762*

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.

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

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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

PROOF OF OUR LOVE
September 18, 2016

Bible Study: 146
Morning Worship: 199
Evening Worship: 168
Wednesday Night: 153
Chapters Read: 218
Contribution: \$ 6567.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
Sunday Evening
September 25, 2016

Song Leader: Devo
Opening Prayer: Devo
Sermon : Unity
Romans, Acts, Corinthians, John
Announcements: David Shew
Closing Prayer: Devo

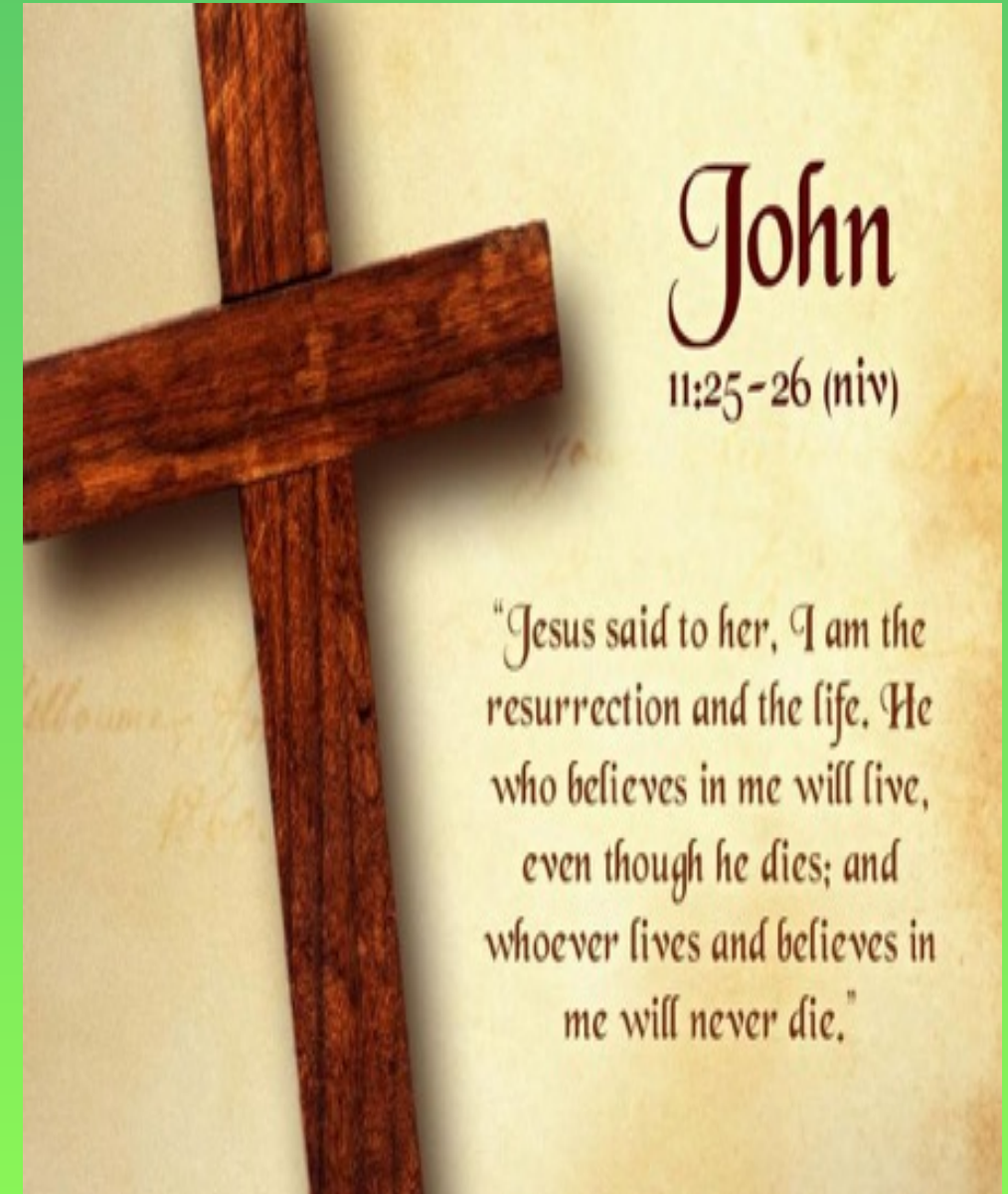
Wednesday Evening
September 28, 2016

Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture
Opening Prayer: Josh Fortenberry
Devotional: Joe Harriman
Announcements: Phil Curlee
Closing Prayer: Mike Mitchell

Week of October 2nd 2016
Sunday Morning

Announcements: Terry Huffmaster
Song Leader: Mike Mitchell
Opening Prayer: Chesley Martin
Communion Scripture: JP Bradford
Communion Prayer: Alan Fortenberry
Scripture Reading: Brad Harriman
Closing Prayer: Lincoln Phillips
Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com

Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ



SEPTEMBER 25 2016