

Larry's Lines...

Apple Trees and Rusty Nails

James A. Michener opens his memoir by telling of the time when he was a country boy of five. The farmer living at the end of the lane had an aging apple tree that had once been abundantly productive but had now lost its energy and ability to bear any fruit at all.

The farmer, on an early spring day, hammered eight nails, long and rusty, into the trunk of the tree.

That autumn a miracle happened. That tired old tree, having been goaded back to life, produced a bumper crop of juicy red apples, bigger and better than ever before.

When little James asked what had happened, the farmer explained: "Hammerin' in the rusty nails gave it a shock to remind it that it's job is to produce apples."

Michener goes on to tell that in the 1980's, when he was nearly eighty years old, he had some fairly large rusty nails hammered into his trunk- a quintuple bypass heart surgery, a new left hip, a dental rebuilding, an attack of permanent vertigo, and like a sensible apple tree, he resolved to resume bearing fruit.

Normally it took Michener about three years to write a book, and with thirty viable subjects at hand, the task would require ninety additional years. That mean he would be one hundred and seventy when he finished.

So what happened? Between the years of 1986 and 1991 he wrote eleven books! The rusty nails did the trick.


Just as the farmer was concerned for the apple tree, so God is concerned for his children. And because he is concerned, he "chastises every son whom he receives." It's not an evil thing because it is for our own fruitfulness. As the Hebrew writer said, "For the moment of all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11).

**Have a Great Week,
Larry**

NOTICES



Rejoice and be glad, we have another sister in Christ. Please welcome Amber Glen to our Family. Amber was baptized Sunday night, November 20, 2016 by Alan Fortenberry.

Our sincerest sympathy to JP and Erin Bradford. John Bradford (JP's Grandfather), passed away on  Monday, November 21, 2016, he was 98 years old. His funeral was Friday, November 25th in Greenbriar, AR. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The 4th and 5th graders are collecting gift cards for families in need. If you would like to help? Contact Tracy Scott or Andrea

The nursery needs 4 people for the month of December.

Upcoming Events

Kendall Lowe from Searcy, Arkansas will be here to tryout for the Youth/Family minister position. We will have a meet and greet Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00. Please sign up in the foyer to bring toppings for "Taco Pile On", (meat provided) and desserts. The entire church is invited. Kendall will also be speaking to us at the evening service, December 4, 2016. Please take this opportunity to meet him.

Our Holiday Meal will take place on December 11, 2016. Please bring side dishes, drinks, and desserts. The meat will be provided and the Elders are hosting.

Happy Birthday

November 29th
Koleson Shefelbine

December 1st
Michael Bassing

December 2nd
Richard Hutton
Barbara Parsley

December 4th
Delaney Scott

Happy Anniversary

November 27th
Herb and Laura Hughes

Larry and Pat Culbreath

Youth Notices/

Our Youth Group is looking for a family in need to sponsor this Christmas. IF you know of one, please submit the Family's name, reason for need, and any contact information you may have to Chesley Martin by December 1st.

JAR Youth Lock In, December 16, 2016. Details to follow.

The Youth group is planning a skiing trip for Spring Break 2017. If you would like to go, please sign up in the foyer. This is open to all families in the congregation. All members interested in going must sign up by the end of the year.

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.

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

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

Kammy Lee has the flu, strep throat and pneumonia, **Wilma Dickard** had a recent hospitalization, **Krista Casada** recent hospitalization, **Betty Williams**, (grandmother of Erin Bradford and mother of Lisa Colwell) need prayers, **Juanita Bailey** (Great Aunt of Helen and Janice's) has pneumonia, **Mary Ellen Johnson** is having a CT scan to make sure all her cancer is gone, **Terry Wallis** (sister of Trish Fortenberry) had a stroke.

Those on Hospice: **Charles Cosby, (Jim) Dockery** (brother of Donna Baker), **Oma Leta Smith, Duane Lawson** (Jennifer Lewis's Dad), and **Bessie Richey**.

Those fighting Cancer: **Millie Hood, Mike Fine** (son in law of Barbara and Ron Parsley), **Kathy LaFerney** (Herb and Laura Hughes daughter), **Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones, and Jerry Boatright**.

Shut ins: **Roy Howard, Sibyl Stroup, Don Neal, Pearl Couch, Arlie Pennington, James Allen, Irene Matthews, Shirley Bates, Terrance Tewell, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams, and Emmett Windham**.

Our Expecting Mothers: Katie Phillips and Kayla Holloway

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Carrie Ward, Genevra Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's mother) and Linda Allen.

Those Traveling: Doug Goodpasture traveling to India, The Bradford Family, Larry Scott traveling to North Carolina, and everyone traveling out of town to see loved ones for Thanksgiving.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, and our Military Service Men and Women.

"The Sign Up Book"
Please check this for teacher sign up, nursery, Wednesday Night Devotions, and other events. Sign Up for Next Year is available for Nursery and Communion.

Looking for a worthy cause to support this Christmas? We still have several change cans for the Southern Christian Children's Home and Children's Home INC. to fill up with your spare change.

Pantry Items: Dry Cereal and Oatmeal

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

Lord's Table		Ushers
Brad Harriman	Kevin Murray	Josh Fortenberry
Michael Marvin	Roy Lewis	Jim Allen
Lincoln Phillips	Charles Couch	George Martin
Terry Huffmaster	Jared Cobb	
Richard Hutton	Terry Wilson	

Greeters		Announcements
David Cherry	Laci Cherry	Alan Fortenberry
Tracy Scott	Lee Pennington	Dustin Mayhew
		Chesley Martin

Deliver Communion	Prepare Communion
Dustin Mayhew	Betty Rainwater
	Doris Williams

Nursery Attendants	P.A. System
	Steve Martindale

Song Leader
David Cherry

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Kevin Murray

Song Leader
Charles Couch

Hymn #483
Is It for Me?

Hymn #585
Lean On His Arm

Hymn #821
Pray All The Time

OPENING PRAYER
David Shew

Hymn #321
What Is He Worth To Your Soul?

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Mike Mitchell

COMMUNION PRAYER
Michael Marvin

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #643
Sowing The Seed of the Kingdom

SCRIPTURE READING
Exodus 20:1-15
Joe Harriman



Invitation Hymn #478 (1,2&3)
Nearer, Still Nearer

Hymn #694 (2 Times Through)
Servant Song

Closing Prayer
Lincoln Phillips

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.

December Events

- December 3rd**
Meet and Greet with Kendall Lowe
- December 4th**
Guest Speaker Kendall Lowe for Evening Sermon
- December 8th**
Elders Meeting
- December 11th**
Holiday Meal
Deacons Meeting
- December 13th**
Threads of Love
Golden Age Christmas Dinner
- December 16th**
JAR YOUTH Lock In
- December 17th**
Polar Express Party
- December 18th**
Keepers
- December 21st**
Christmas Devotional
- December 22nd**
Elders Meeting
- December 23rd-26th**
Office Closed for Christmas
- December 27th**
Threads of Love
- December 28th**
New Year Devotional
- December 30th**
Office Closed
- December 31st**
New Years Eve Party
- January 1st**
Office Closed

November 27, 2016
AM Sermon
"You Shall Not Steal"
Exodus 20:1-15

OUTLINE

1. Stealing from Others
2. Stealing from God
3. Stealing from Self

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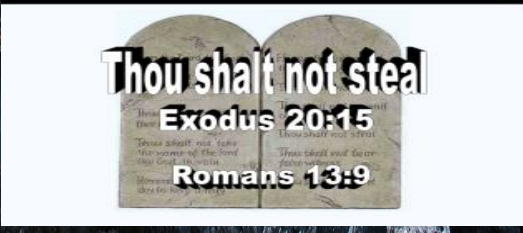
<p>COME WORSHIP WITH US Sunday: Bible Class: 9:30 AM Morning Worship: 10:20 AM Evening Worship: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>MINISTER Larry Culbreath (479) 521-3410 Office (479) 444-1467 Home (479) 856-3801 Cell preacherl@att.net</p> <p>SECRETARY Stefanie Curlee (479) 521-3410 Office stefaniecurlee@att.net office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p> <p>Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday 8:30 – 4:30 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30 – 2:30</p> <p>MISSIONARIES Marco Antonio Herbert Chukwu</p>
<p>ELDERS Alan Fortenberry Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray</p> <p>DEACONS Jim Allen Pete Ball JP Bradford Jared Cobb David Cherry Josh Fortenberry Doug Goodpasture Randall Harriman Richard Hutton Heath Huffmaster Chesley Martin Steve Martindale Michael Marvin Dustin Mayhew David Shew</p>	<p>PROOF OF OUR LOVE November 20, 2016 Bible Study: 144 Morning Worship: 211 Evening Worship: 104 Wednesday Night: N/A Chapters Read: 182 Contribution: \$ 5817.00</p> <p>OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Sunday Evening November 27, 2016 Song Leader: Singing Devotional Opening Prayer: Singing Devotional Sermon: Singing Devotional Scriptures: Singing Devotional Announcements: Singing Devotional Closing Prayer: Singing Devotional</p> <p>Wednesday Evening November 30, 2016 Song Leader: Mike Mitchell Opening Prayer: Randall Harriman Devotional: Eric Keeter Announcements: Jared Cobb Closing Prayer: Josh Fortenberry</p> <p>Week of December 4, 2016 Sunday Morning Announcements: Alan Fortenberry Song Leader: David Cherry Opening Prayer: Joe Harriman Communion Scripture: Chesley Martin Communion Prayer: Dustin Mayhew Scripture Reading: Phil Curlee Closing Prayer: John Cobb Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p>



The eighth commandment reads, "Thou shalt not steal." It does not read, "Thou shalt not steal from the rich man." It does not read, "Thou shalt not steal from the poor man." It reads simply and plainly, "Thou shalt not steal."

Theodore Roosevelt

The Sin of Stealing



November 27, 2016