

Nothing But Noise

It was a bad day for Humphrey Marshall and his Confederate soldiers. They had painfully hauled their artillery over the mountains from Virginia into Kentucky. At Sand Valley they confronted James Garfield and the Union forces. On a peak ominously named Grave Yard Point, Garfield ordered two Kentucky infantry companies under Captain Frederick A. Williams across the valley to dislodge Marshall and his rebels. Allan Peskin describes the action as this. "Holding cartridge boxes and rifles above their heads, they waded the icy, waist-deep creek, and dashed for the opposing ridge. This was the opportunity for which Marshall's artillery captain had been waiting. For a month now, he had nursed his precious cannons, hauling them over the mountains, tugging them through mud, and delaying the advance of the entire brigade. Now, all of his work could be justified. He zeroed in on the charging federals, waiting until they reached point blank range before pulling the lanyard. With a high-pitched scream a twelve pound shell lobbed high into the air, headed unerringly for William's advance guard and then it plopped harmlessly into the mud. Marshall's shells were all duds. Although his cannon boomed noisily away throughout the rest of the afternoon, they inflicted no damage other than splattering a few federals with mud." I can well imagine how the artillery captain must have felt. He had nothing but noise.

In a similar vein Paul talks to Christians. We may have a whole arsenal of spiritual gifts at our command. We may be able to speak in the tongues of men and angels; we may have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries; we may have all the faith, so as to move mountains, and discover that all of this spiritual ammunition is nothing more than a noisemaker, a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal, but if we don't have love, we are nothing but a noise. We are no better off than one of Marshall's noisy cannons. If we want more than noise, we had better learn the lesson given to us in 1 Corinthians 13.

**Have a Great Week,
Larry**

NOTICES

Christmas Day Services

No classes on December 25, 2016. Worship will begin at 10:20. There will be a singing devotional at 6:00pm.

"Let's be friends!"
Like Our New Facebook Page.

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.

Upcoming Events

Deacons Meeting:

Today at 5:00 pm.

All Deacons need to plan to attend.

The Golden Age Christmas Party will be at Western Sizzlin on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00pm. A sign up sheet is located in the sign up book. Today is the last day to sign up.

Youth Notices/Events

LTC Events:

Drama meets Today at 4:00

Children's Book meets Today at 5:00

JAR Youth Lock In and Christmas Party

December 16, 2016.

Youth need to be at the church building no later than 6:30pm and bring \$20.00 for Hi Rise. The pick up time for December 17th, 2016 is 7:30am at the church building.

The Youth group is planning a ski trip for Spring Break 2017. If you would like to go, please sign up in the foyer. This is open to all families. All members interested in going, must sign up by December 31, 2016

"The Sign Up Book"

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

Sign Up for 2017 is available for Nursery and Communion.

Happy Birthday

December 11th
Cooper Cobb

December 12th
Aimee York

Piper Gardenhire

Madison Fortenberry

December 13th
Becky Bluse

December 14th
Roger Gross
Kent Holloway

December 15th
Colton Hill
Oma Leta Smith

December 16th
Kaileigh Shefelbine

Happy Anniversary

December 15th
Bobby and Pam Hill

The 4th through 6th graders are collecting gift cards for families in need. If you would like to help contact Tracy Scott or Andrea Goodpasture.



Polar Express Party on December 17, 2016 down stairs, from 5:30pm -10:15pm. The cost is \$5.00 per child for Pizza, drinks, and snacks. Children need to wear their Pajamas. Sign up in the foyer. Please see Tracy Scott for questions.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Carolyn Paiz, (Larry Paiz's Wife) has Leukemia, **Jim Allen** is having knee surgery on Monday, December 12, 2016, **Preacher Larry** will have an EGD procedure on Monday, December 12, 2016. **Shirley Hester** is having some health issues, **Brad Harriman** is having health issues, **Sue Sizemore** is having back problems, **Krista Casada** is at home, **Faye Shew** (mother of David Shew) is having eye problems.

Those on Hospice: **Betty Williams** (grandmother of Erin Bradford and Kayla Holloway she is also the mother of Lisa Colwel), **Charles Cosby**, **James (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!

Mary Ellen Johnson, **Terry Wallis** (sister of Trish Fortenberry) had a stroke but is doing very well. **Carrie Ward**, **Genevra Montgomery** (Keith Montgomery's mother) and **Linda Allen**, families traveling this holiday season, and those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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

New Class in January:

"Ancient Words & Eternal Truth: The Revelation, Preservation & Translation of God's Word"

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: Mac and Cheese

Sunday, December 11, 2016 PM
Do You Really Know Who God IS?
Scripture: Luke 15:11-24
Outline

1. God Is a Loving Parent
2. God Is The Epitome of Generosity
3. God Gives Us the Freedom of Choice
4. There is Accountability in Our Relationship to God
5. God Loves Us Regardless
6. God is the One who Runs to Meet Us

Our Holiday Meal will take place downstairs Today, after morning services. If you are a Visitor, it has all been prepared for you, we would be honored if you would please join us.



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

WELCOME
Announcements
Alan Fortenberry

Song Leader
David Cherry

Hymn #74
Praise the Lord

Hymn #147
I Stand Amazed

OPENING PRAYER
JP Bradford

Hymn #689
Be Still, My Soul

Hymn # 364
Come, Share The Lord

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
George Martin

COMMUNION PRAYER
Virgil Harmon

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn
Ancient Words

SCRIPTURE READING
Exodus 20:1-17
Rodney Friend



Invitation Hymn #3
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Closing Hymn
The Days of Elijah

Closing Prayer
Ronnie Burns

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 11th

Holiday Meal

Deacons Meeting

December 13th

Golden Age Christmas Dinner

December 16th

JAR YOUTH Lock In

December 17th

Polar Express Party

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

*Johnson church of Christ
5602 Elmore Street
Springdale, AR 72762*

December 11, 2016
AM Sermon
"You Shall Not Covet"
Exodus 20:1-17

OUTLINE

What Does The Bible Say About
Covetousness?

1. Luke 12:15
2. Mark 7:21-23
3. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
4. Ephesians 5:5

What Are The Marks Of A Covetous
Man?

1. His Thoughts are Set On This World
2. He is Willing To Exchange his Soul for Material Things.
3. His Heart is So Set On The Things of the World, that he will do anything to get them.



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.

Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com

Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com

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December 4, 2016

Bible Study: 124
Morning Worship: 222
Evening Worship: 138
Wednesday Night: 136
Chapters Read: 287
Contribution: \$ 8327.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

December 11, 2016

Song Leader: Randall Harriman

Opening Prayer: David Shew

Sermon: Do You Really Know Who God Is?

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-24

Announcements: Dustin Mayhew

Closing Prayer: Brad Harriman

Wednesday Evening

December 14, 2016

Song Leader: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: David Cherry

Devotional: Kevin Murray

Announcements: Chesley Martin

Closing Prayer: Michael Marvin

Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Alan Fortenberry

Song Leader: David Cherry

Opening Prayer: Mike Mitchell

Communion Scripture: Joe Harriman

Communion Prayer: Chesley Martin

Scripture Reading: Ty Brunkhardt

Closing Prayer: Matt Johnson

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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

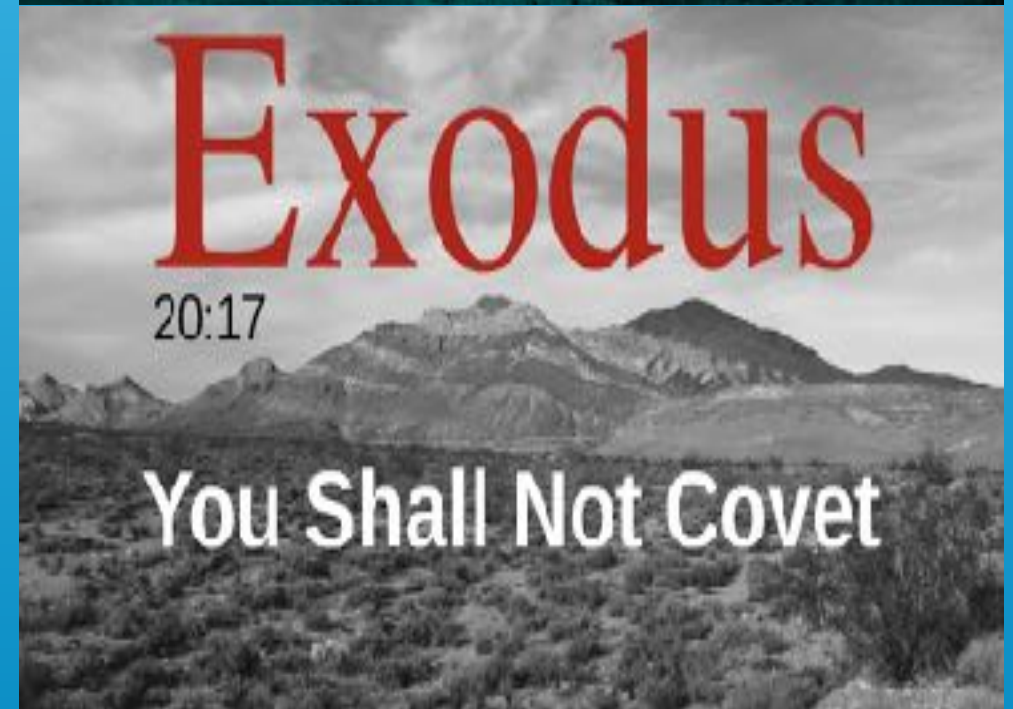
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Michael Marvin

Dustin Mayhew

David Shew

Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ



December 11, 2016