

## Fire From Heaven

Early in their careers James and John were called "the sons of thunder." They were willing to destroy anybody that was not willing to receive Jesus. Luke tells us about the time that Jesus was going to Jerusalem and sought to enter a village of the Samaritans along the way. The Master had sent messengers ahead of him to prepare everything, but the people would not receive him. James and John saw what was going on and said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from Heaven and consume them?" How shocked they must have been when Jesus turned and rebuked them for wanting to fry these Samaritans to a crisp. (Luke 9:51-56)

These brothers thought they had the perfect right to be angry. Who did these Samaritans think they were? They were a mongrel race having sprung from the heathen Assyrians. It was a shame even to have them in this land where they had married degenerate Israelites unworthy of the name. They were blasphemous heretics who only accepted the first five books of the Old Testament. They worshiped at Gerizim instead of Jerusalem. Why not launch all of the thunder and fire one could get from heaven against such unworthy people?

But no! Jesus would not have it. He lost little time in rebuking this monstrous proposal. The mission of Jesus was not to destroy men but to save them. The zeal of James and John was not pure. It was mixed up with bitter carnal passions, anger, pride and self-will. They had been chosen to preach a message of mercy to every creature, but they were perfectly willing to destroy the very creatures they were called to preach to.

What a world of difference there was between Jesus and his disciples on this occasion.

It's an old story, you say. Well, maybe not. I wonder how many times those of us who call ourselves disciples, and under the guise of a zeal for God, have acted more like James and John, than Jesus?

**Have a Great Week,  
Larry**

**P.S. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22&23).**

### NOTICES

This is the last week to check the lost and found box. All unclaimed items will be donated to Hope Harbor December 8, 2016.

**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.

**The nursery** needs 4 people for the month of December.

### Upcoming Events

**A Keepers** workday has been scheduled for Today, right after morning services. Lunch is provided. See Jaclyn Keeter if you have questions.

**Deacons Meeting:**  
December 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm.  
All Deacons need to plan to attend.

**The Threads of Love Christmas Party** will take place on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. After the festivities, they will be going to the battered women shelter to deliver the teddy bears hanging on the Threads of Love Board along with Christmas stockings made by Flora Stamps.

**Our Holiday Meal will take place downstairs December 11, 2016, after morning services. Please bring side dishes, drinks, and desserts. The meat will be provided and the Elders and Deacons will be hosting.**

**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. If you plan to attend you must sign up by December 11, 2016.

**New Class in January:**  
"Ancient Words & Eternal Truth: The Revelation, Preservation & Translation of God's Word"  
Taught by Bobby Dockery on Wednesday nights in the downstairs fellowship room. More details to follow.

## Happy Birthday

December 4th  
Delaney Scott

December 5th  
Sharon Montgomery

December 7th  
Cole Basinger

December 8th  
Luke Huffmaster

December 9th  
Ronnie Burns  
Price Bradford  
Trey Marvin  
Beverly Cosby

December 11th  
Cooper Cobb

"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.

### Youth Notices/Events

#### JAR Youth Lock In and Christmas Party

December 16, 2016.

You 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

Polar Express Party is coming your way on December 17, 2016. Details to follow or see Tracy Scott.

### Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

**Brad Harriman** is having health issues, **Sue Sizemore** is having back problems, **Krista Casada** is at Walnut Grove for Rehab, **Betty Williams**, (grandmother of Erin Bradford and mother of Lisa Colwell) is having health Issues. **Faye Shew**(mother of David Shew) is having eye problems.

**Those on Hospice:** **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**, and those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

*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: Toiletries and Paper Products

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

##### Lord's Table

Brad Harriman	Kevin Murray
Michael Marvin	Roy Lewis
Lincoln Phillips	Charles Couch
Terry Huffmaster	Jared Cobb
Richard Hutton	Terry Wilson

##### Ushers

Josh Fortenberry  
Jim Allen  
George Martin

##### Greeters

David Cherry	Laci Cherry
Tracy Scott	Lee Pennington

##### Announcements

Alan Fortenberry  
Dustin Mayhew  
Chesley Martin

##### Deliver Communion

Dustin Mayhew

##### Prepare Communion

Betty Rainwater  
Doris Williams

##### Nursery Attendants

P.A. System  
Steve Martindale

Song Leader  
David Cherry

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

**WELCOME**  
Announcements  
Alan Fortenberry

**Song Leader**  
David Cherry

**Hymn #139**  
Light the Fire

**Hymn #797**  
Lord Come Before Thee Now  
**Hymn #96**  
I Stand In Awe

**OPENING PRAYER**  
Joe Harriman

**Hymn**  
How Deep The Father's Love

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE**  
Chesley Martin

**COMMUNION PRAYER**  
Dustin Mayhew

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**OFFERING**  
**Hymn #383**  
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Exodus 20:12-16  
Phil Curlee

**№9**  
THOU SHALT  
NOT BEAR FALSE  
WITNESS

**Invitation Hymn**  
We Fall Down

**Hymn #570**  
A Beautiful Life

**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.

**December Events**

- December 4th**  
Keepers Workday  
Guest Speaker Kendall Lowe for Evening Services
- December 8th**  
Threads of Love Christmas Party  
Elders Meeting
- 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
- December 30th**  
Office Closed for New Year
- December 31st**  
New Years Eve Party
- January 1st**  
Office Closed for New Year

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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.*

**Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com**  
**Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com**

**PROOF OF OUR LOVE**  
**November 27, 2016**

Bible Study: 153  
Morning Worship: 214  
Evening Worship: 122  
Wednesday Night: 140  
Chapters Read: 195  
Contribution: \$ 5724.00

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Sunday Evening**  
**December 4, 2016**

Song Leader: JP Bradford  
Opening Prayer: Bruce Casada  
Sermon: Kendall Lowe  
Scriptures:  
Announcements: Dustin Mayhew  
Closing Prayer: Bobby Hill

**Wednesday Evening**  
**December 7, 2016**

Song Leader: Brad Harriman  
Opening Prayer: George Martin  
Devotional: Joe Harriman  
Announcements: Chesley Martin  
Closing Prayer: Jared Cobb

**Week of December 11, 2016**  
**Sunday Morning**

Announcements: Alan Fortenberry  
Song Leader: David Cherry  
Opening Prayer: JP Bradford  
Communion Scripture: George Martin  
Communion Prayer: Virgil Harmon  
Scripture Reading: Rodney Friend  
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Burns

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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  
Steve Martindale  
Michael Marvin  
Dustin Mayhew  
David Shew

*Welcome*  
to  
*Johnson church of Christ*

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

—Exodus 20:16

**THE TEN  
COMMANDMENTS**

Exodus 20:1-17

December 4, 2016  
AM Sermon  
**“You Shall Not Bear False Witness”**  
Exodus 20:12-16

**OUTLINE**  
The Father of False Witness  
The Family of False Witness  
The Fate of False Witness

For this is the  
**love of God,**  
that we keep His commandments.  
And His commandments  
are not burdensome.  
1 John 5:3

*December 4, 2016*