

Larry's Lines...

A New Year

Standing at the opening gates of a new year is an awesome thing. No one can really see what will be. As Solomon said, "Every matter has its time and way, although man's trouble lies heavy upon him. For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be?" Even at the best, our acquaintance with the future amounts only to a "perhaps." Some men greet a new year with only a yawn. There is no expectancy. Life is stale and hope has died. They have faced many sorrows, disappointments and now they are filled with cynicism. Solomon was such a man. He could find nothing new under the sun. He observed that the winds move in circles and never get anywhere. The rivers flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west with monotonous regularity. Everything is vanity. And matters cannot be changed. "The crooked," he said, "can never be made straight," But wait! Before you join Solomon in the chorus of his song, let me remind you of the throne set in heaven and the voice which cries, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). This King of kings and Lord of Lords has made possible:

THE NEW COVENANT. The Old Covenant was a sentence of death upon all of us (Galatians 3:10). But Christ has made a New Covenant and sealed it with his own blood(Matthew 26:28). And he says, "I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more"(Hebrews 8:12). You can receive pardon for the sins of the past.

THE NEW MAN. Life can be made over again. Listen! "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

THE NEW WAY. The right of approach into the presence of God has been prepared for us "by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living what which he opened for us through the curtain, that is , through the flesh"(Hebrews 10:19-20).

2017 is now a reality, and even though we do not know what is to be, we can live under a new covenant, become a new man, and walk in a new way.

So as you are contemplating your journey through 2017 and making your New Year's resolutions, be sure to include God in your plans, and realize that only by living a life in Christ Jesus can 2017 truly be a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Have a Great New Year,
Larry**



NOTICES



Congratulations to Katie and Lincoln Phillips on the birth of their little girl. Zoey Imogene was born December 22, 2016 at 5:17pm. She is the granddaughter of Pete and Frankie Ball, the great-granddaughter of Pat Gore, and the great-great - granddaughter of Sybil Stroup.

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



Cancellation of services will be announced on the following TV stations: KNWA-TV | Fox 24 or 40/29 KHBS/ KHOG.

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.

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.

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

"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.**

Happy Birthday
January 1st
Frankie Ball

January 3rd
Doug Goodpasture

Happy Anniversary
January 2nd
Bobby and Jearlean Perryman

Upcoming Events

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. He will cover the doctrine of inspiration, the languages of the Bible, ancient writing materials, the process of making manuscript copies of the scriptures, the significance of the great Biblical manuscripts, principles of textual preservation, the history of English translations and Biblical Principles for evaluating the different versions of the scriptures.

Deacons Meeting:
Sunday, January 8, 2017 5:00 pm.
All Deacons need to plan to attend.

Youth Notices/Events

LTC Samaritan group is collecting pill bottles for **Mathew 25 Ministries.** Because of the overwhelming response we are requesting that the labels be removed before donation. The box is located in the library.

Jeremy Myers will be here to tryout for the Youth/Family minister position. We will have a meet and greet Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 5:00. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to come. Please bring desserts and drinks. The entire church is invited. Jeremy will also be speaking to us at the evening service, January 8, 2017. Please take this opportunity to meet him and let the elders know what you think.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:
Jase Martin bad cut on his toe, **Norma Williams, Shirley Hester** is still having a lot of pain, and **Brad Harriman.**

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) tumor has shrunk with new medication but continues to get treatment, **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, and Emmett Windham.**

Our Expecting Mother: Kayla Holloway.

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!
Jim Allen had knee surgery and is at home recovering but is in a lot of pain, **Carolyn Paiz,**(Larry Paiz's Wife) has Leukemia, **Sue Sizemore** is having back problems, **Faye Shew** (mother of David Shew)health problems, **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), **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.

Pantry Items: Stew and Crackers

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017

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| Lord's Table | | Ushers |
| Jessie Shefelbine | Rodney Friend | Dustin Mayhew |
| Gary Knapp | Charles Bluse | Terry Wilson |
| Mike Mitchell | Heath Huffmaster | Michael Marvin |
| Matt Johnson | Matt Bassing | |
| Pete Ball | Joe Harriman | |
| Greeters | | Announcements |
| Erin Bradford | Chesley Martin | Virgil Harmon |
| Doug Goodpasture | Becky Bluse | John Cobb |
| | | Eric Keeter |
| Deliver Communion | | Prepare Communion |
| Steve Martindale | | Lisa Lewis |
| | | Jared Laughlin |
| Nursery Attendants | | P.A. System |
| Corrissa Lewis | Breanna Lewis | Larry Lloyd |
| Lisa Lewis | Kaileigh Shefelbine | |
| Song Leader | | |
| Brad Harriman | | |

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Brad Harriman

Hymn #153
Come, Let Us
Worship and Bow Down

Hymn #4
To God Be The Glory

OPENING PRAYER
Marc Wolfe

Hymn #180
Jesus Is Lord

Hymn # 155
Highest Place

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Jim Olmstead

COMMUNION PRAYER
Josh Fortenberry

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #695
None of Self and All of Thee

SCRIPTURE READING
Philippians 3:7-14
Richard Hutton

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.

January Events

- January 2nd**
Office Closed for New Year
- January 8th**
Deacons Meeting
- January 10th**
Threads of Love
- January 12th**
Elders Meeting
- January 15th**
Keepers Meet
- January 22nd**
4th Sunday Fellowship
- January 24th**
Threads of Love
- January 26th**
Elders Meeting
- January 29th**
Youth Led Services



January 1, 2017
Living The Focused Life
In 2017 Part 1
Philippians 3:7-14
OUTLINE
Focused On Jesus
1. Knowing Christ In This Life
2. Knowing Christ in The Next Life

PM Sermon
Living The Focused Life
In 2017 Part 2
Philippians 3:7-14
OUTLINE
Focused on A Prize
1. The Present
2. The Past
3. The Future

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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

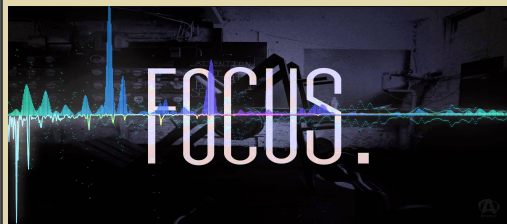
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PROOF OF OUR LOVE
December 25, 2016
Bible Study: N/A
Morning Worship: 214
Evening Worship: N/A
Wednesday Night: 110
Chapters Read: N/A
Contribution: \$ 8277.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
Sunday Evening
January 1, 2017
Song Leader: Randall Harriman
Opening Prayer: Doug Goodpasture
Sermon : Living The Focused Life Part 2
Scriptures: Philippians 3:7-14
Announcements: John Cobb
Closing Prayer: Jared Cobb

Wednesday Evening
January 4, 2017
Song Leader: Steve Martindale
Opening Prayer: Phil Curlee
Devotional: Terry Huffmaster
Announcements: Eric Keeter
Closing Prayer: Ty Brunkhardt

Week of January 8, 2017
Sunday Morning
Announcements: Virgil Harmon
Song Leader: Brad Harriman
Opening Prayer: Josh Fortenberry
Communion Scripture: JP Bradford
Communion Prayer: Kevin Murray
Scripture Reading: Terry Huffmaster
Closing Prayer: Randall Harriman



Invitation Hymn #943
Do You Know My Jesus?

Closing Hymn #694
Servant Song

Closing Prayer
David Shew