

The Success Secret

I know you are interested in success, all Americans are. We have almost transposed the eagle into a dollar sign. One book declares, "Our prosperity as a nation depends upon the personal financial prosperity of each of us as individuals." In short, Americans can't be successful unless they are rich. So it's your duty to your country to make a fortune. The same book badly declares: "Money is the medium by which success is measured... money makes possible the enjoyment of the best the earth affords...money is plentiful for those who understand the simple laws which govern its acquisition...money is governed today by the same laws which controlled it when prosperous men thronged the streets of Babylon, six thousand years ago."

But there is one thing that bothers me. What happened to Babylon? She fell. And great was the fall there of. In spite of Babylon's many sorcerers and the great power of her enchantments, she fell. This ancient nation felt secure in her wickedness. She said, "No one sees me." Therefore her wisdom and knowledge led her astray. She said, "I am and there is no one besides me." But evil came. Disaster fell. Ruin appeared suddenly. And Babylon was like stubble which the fire consumes. Some success! It smells more of failure.

That doesn't mean that there is not something called success. There is. But where is it found? Listen! "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go" (Isaiah 48:17). Success, and its secret, isn't found in Babylon. It's found with God. And no man can ever be successful if he has turned away from God.

You might make a fortune, but you won't make success without God. As God told the ancients, "O that you have hearkened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea." Money, Money, Money, we chant. How sad that after all of the lessons of the past we still go "after things that do not profit."



Have a Great Week,
Larry

Good morning brothers and sisters in Christ,“Your kingdom O God, will last forever and ever ! Hebrews 1:8 God is good, he has given us one more year of life, a year that was full of activities in the Lord's kingdom, God has blessed us with the knowledge of his word, with the strength to develop the good works that glorify his name, the Lord has blessed us when new members that have been added to his body, who now have the hope of eternal life, the Lord has blessed us to have other Christians in other parts of world that also have been a part of this ministry, the ministry of saving souls through the preaching of his Gospel, the Lord has blessed us with the support provided by sister congregations in the U.S.A, the Lord has blessed us through your prayers, your love and sacrifice. I am not good at writing but these words come from my heart, as we get to the end of this year (2016) and start a new one (2017), I pray that the Lord will continue blessing to all of you in many ways, and that the new year will be a good one.

In Cuyali a new sister in Christ was added to the body of Christ, her name is Rafaela Martinez, also another sister who has not been attending for a while was restored. Brother Javier has had 40 Bible studies with non Christians.

In Oropoli since started raining it has been difficult to attend Church for those brothers and sisters who located on the other side of the river, as you know not every river has a bridge in Honduras, so our brothers and sisters in Christ have to wait until the waters goes down. We take care of those contacts with whom we have Bible studies and live right here in the community of Oropoli. During this year hundreds of people have been blessed to have at least one meal when we, the Church in Oropoli prepares meals for hungry people on a regular basis, but what makes it great is that we use that opportunity to feed them with the word of God which as we all Christians know is the most important aspect that every human being should worry about.

Rafael Leonardo our younger son has returned from Panama. He has finished his two years training school at The School of the Americas there. When he started his Biblical studies, I was expecting for him to join us in doing the Lord's work in Honduras, but that did not happened since that school decided to keep him in Panama to be part of the staff of the school of the America, God has blessed him in giving him the opportunity to have the knowledge of the English language which allowed him to translate for the English speaking teachers that travel to Panama to teach what they call short courses, in addition of his work at the school, his wife Gabriela will be working with the kids of the Children home there. Rafael spoke to our congregation in Oropoli last Sunday. Please continue keeping him in your prayers as he goes back to Panama and continue serving the Lord there.

In Alauca a new sister in Christ was added recently, her name is Mayeli Natalia Zuniga, teenagers who have grown and are part of the congregation goes out to the community and share the word of God with non Christians, Daniel who is the leader in the congregation is teaching some of the basic teaching that include the Plan of Salvation, he also encourage the teenagers to be an active part in sharing the Gospel with other non-Christian teenagers. Brother Yoni, reported that he has had 6 Bible studies with non Christians, there is an attendance of 13 adults and 16 Children. The congregation has worship service on Mondays and Wednesdays.

In El Carmen Congregation Santos Maradiaga was added to the body of Christ and our brother Antonio who is the local preacher their request your prayers so that he will remain faithful to the Lord. Another lady whose name is Maria was restored a few weeks ago. Elizabeth, who is Antonio's wife has improved some and continue taking some of the pills that has been prescribed by the Doctor. After dealing with a lot of situations related to his wife illness, the psychologist recommended Antonio to take some pills and get treatment as well.

Other activities that we often have like preachers meeting, Bible classes and evangelistic Campaigns have been taken place, working on all the logistics for our children program, meetings with parents, teachers, collecting the right information and paper work in order for us to get the school supplies the children need to go back to school, We started in November like we do every year, but most of the work takes place during the months of December, January and part of February. During this period of time we have several meetings with parents, teachers with the purpose of getting all the information required by the local school, these also includes to get the right sizes of uniforms for every one of the students at each congregation, the program includes children from 6 congregations. I will write more of this with more details on my future reports.

We very much appreciate your efforts and sacrifice your support helps us to move around, and do a lot of good works that glorify the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. That also includes "getting some chicken" I have a new saying while on preachers meeting, good chicken makes happy preachers. Happy New Year to all of you.

In the service of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ,
Jesus Paguaga.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Melissa Clark (friend of Angela Wood) was just diagnosed with cancer for the 3rd time. **Katie Phillips** is having some health issues, **Sara Griffin** (from the Mount Comfort Congregation) is in ICU, 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: **Norma Williams**, **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**.

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

Happy Birthday

January 16th
Chandler Craft
Jesse Shefelbine

January 19
Tye Huffmaster

January 20th
Irene Matthews

January 21st
Julie Marwin

Happy Anniversary

January 21st
Ron and Barb
Parsley

"The Sign Up Book"

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

Pantry Items: Side Dishes

Youth Notices/Events

***Ski Trip Meeting** right after evening services in Adult classroom 1. It's important for everyone to attend that has signed up.

*Providers will meet at 4:30 for Home Fire Safety.

NOTICES

Deacons Meet today at 5:00

Upcoming Events

LTC Team Leader Meeting, January 22, 2017 at 5:30. All leaders need to attend.

Youth Led Services will be January 29, 2016. All boys interested in participating in our evening service, please let David Shew or David Cherry know by January 25, 2017

**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 #794
Unto Thee, O Lord

OPENING PRAYER
Steve Martindale

Hymn #113
His Grace Reaches Me

Hymn #186
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Doug Goodpasture

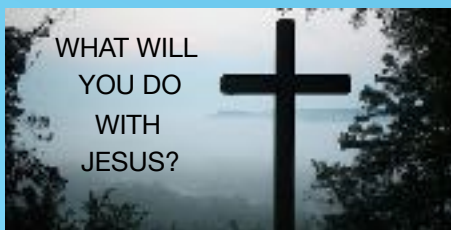
COMMUNION PRAYER
Alan Fortenberry

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #699
I'll Be a Friend to Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 14:53-65
Ronnie Burns



Invitation Hymn #945
Kneel At The Cross

Closing Hymn #852
When The Role Is Called Up Yonder

Closing Prayer
Bobby Hill

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 15th
Ski Trip Meeting

Keepers Meet
Providers Meet

January 22nd
LTC Team Leader Meeting

4th Sunday Fellowship
Soup and Chili
20's and 30's Hosting

January 24th
Threads of Love

January 26th
Elders Meeting

January 29th
Youth Led Services

February Events

February 9th
Elders Meeting

February 12th
Deacons Meeting

February 14th
Threads of Love
♥ Valentines Day

February 19th
Keepers Meet

February 23
Elders Meet

February 26th
4th Sunday Fellowship Italian
40's and 50's Hosting

January 15, 2017 AM

What Will You Do With Jesus?
Mark 14:53-65

OUTLINE

1. What Did The Sanhedrin Do With Jesus?
2. What Did Caiaphas Do With Jesus?
3. What Did Peter Do With Jesus?
4. What Will You Do With Jesus?

*Johnson church of Christ
5602 Elmore Street
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.

Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com

Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

January 8, 2017

Bible Study: 169
Morning Worship: 238
Evening Worship: 157
Wednesday Night: 140
Chapters Read: 223
Contribution: \$ 7896.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

January 15, 2017

Song Leader: Charles Couch
Opening Prayer: Mike Mitchell
Sermon: The Power of Cooperation
Scriptures: Numbers 32:6-7
Announcements: John Cobb
Closing Prayer: Terry Huffmaster

Wednesday Evening

January 18, 2017

Song Leader: JP Bradford
Opening Prayer: David Cherry
Devotional: Alan Fortenberry
Announcements: Eric Keeter
Closing Prayer: Chesley Martin

Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon
Song Leader: Brad Harriman
Opening Prayer: Bruce Casada
Communion Scripture: Phil Curlee
Communion Prayer: David Cherry
Scripture Reading: Eric Keeter
Closing Prayer: Charles Couch

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

MINISTER

Larry Culbreath
(479) 521-3410 Office
(479) 444-1467 Home
(479) 856-3801 Cell
preacherlc@att.net

SECRETARY

Stefanie Curlee
(479) 521-3410 Office
office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com
stefaniecurlee@att.net

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



*Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ*

January 15, 2017