

Larry's Lines...

How To Face Your Enemies

Even when you are doing a good work you will encounter enemies from time to time. How will you face the situation? What will your game plan be? Nehemiah, of old, is a man worthy of our consideration. He effectively dealt with his adversaries. No sooner had the work begun on the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem than an avalanche of ridicule and mockery fell upon Nehemiah and his workers. "What are these feeble Jews doing?" they asked. And Tobiah the Ammonite laughed, "Yes, what they are building? If a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." But Nehemiah went right on as though he didn't know they were there. As a medical doctor in the University of Vienna has said: "There is nothing in the world which helps a man surmount his difficulties, survive his disaster, keep him healthy and happy, as knowledge of a life task worthy of his devotion." Let the critics howl. The power of purpose will lift you above the common fear of criticism. After the adversaries of Nehemiah discovered that they were being ignored "they were very angry; and they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it." What did Nehemiah do? He prayed to God and set up guards. The Samaritans had no taste for an actual conflict, and changed their tactics once they saw that their plans had been foiled. Consultation with view to compromise was the next ploy. "Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono," they cried. But Nehemiah answered, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" And even though the offer was made four times, it was answered in the same manner each time. Finally, the vile art of slander was practiced. False letters were written and taken into the city by a prophet who had been bribed. It was stated that Nehemiah was fomenting a rebellion and was planning to make himself an independent king. Such lies were coolly calculated to remove a man's head from the rest of his body. Calmly Nehemiah answered, "No such things as you say has been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind." "For they all wanted to frighten us in our thinking" said Nehemiah. "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." Brother, were they fooled? This great prophet knew how to deal with his enemies and still accomplish his work.

The next time you face ridicule, slander, vilification, and the subtle temptation to compromise, remember those words of centuries past, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down."

**Have a Great Week,
Larry**



Upcoming Events

4th Sunday Fellowship tonight. Soups and Chili are the menu with the 20's and 30's hosting.

NOTICES

We are looking for a few more members to help out with the power points for the worship service, devo's and other events. If you have this skill, please let David Cherry know.

Our sincerest condolences to the Jim Dockery Family, especially his sister, Donna Baker. James Dockery passed away January 17, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. His funeral was held January 20, 2017 at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock and was laid to eternal rest Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Fairview Memorial Gardens. Many of you might remember him preaching here at Johnson at the tender age of 16. He will be missed by many.



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

"The Sign Up Book"
Please check this for teacher sign up, nursery, Wednesday Night Devotions, and other events.

The downstairs class taught by Bobby Dockery has been moved to the Auditorium for its duration.

For your convenience the 2017 events list has been printed for you. You can also obtain a copy of the 2017 budget. Both are available in the foyer.

Teacher Sign Up for the Spring Quarter is going on right now. Get your new year off to a good start by teaching our youngsters.

Happy Birthday

*January 24th
Benny Moore*

*January 25th
Herb Hughes*

*January 27th
JP Bradford
Stefanie Curlee*

Happy Anniversary

*January 22nd
David and Laci
Cherry*

Youth Notices/Events

LTC Team Leader Meeting, tonight at 5:30. All leaders need to make plans to attend.

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



Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Larry Scott (recent surgery to remove Basel cell skin cancer), **Don and Betty Watkins** are having health issues, **Melissa Clark** (friend of Angela Wood) was just diagnosed with cancer for the 3rd time, 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, 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) is having health problems, **Mary Ellen Johnson, Terry Wallis** (sister of Trish Fortenberry) had a stroke but is doing very well. **Carrie Ward** (Janice Thomas granddaughter), **Genevra Montgomery** (Keith Montgomery's mother), **Linda Allen**.

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

Pantry Items: Dry Beans and Rice

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF January 2017

Lord's Table

Jessie Shefelbine
Gary Knapp
Mike Mitchell
Matt Johnson
Pete Ball

Rodney Friend
Charles Bluse
Heath Huffmaster
Matt Bassing
Joe Harriman

Ushers

Dustin Mayhew
Terry Wilson
Michael Marvin

Greeters

Erin Bradford
Doug Goodpasture

Chesley Martin
Becky Bluse

Announcements

Virgil Harmon
John Cobb
Eric Keeter

Deliver Communion

Steve Martindale

Prepare Communion

Lisa Lewis
Jared Laughlin

Nursery Attendants

Corrissa Lewis
Lisa Lewis

Breanna Lewis
Kaileigh Shefelbine

P.A. System

Larry Lloyd

Song Leader

Brad Harriman

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Brad Harriman

Hymn #96
I Stand In Awe

Hymn #97 (1&2)
I Sing Praises

OPENING PRAYER
Bruce Casada

Hymn #162 (All)
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn #376 (All)
He Paid A Debt

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Phillip Curlee

COMMUNION PRAYER
David Cherry

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #749 (All)
The Battle Belongs to the Lord

SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 15:20-47
Eric Keeter



Invitation Hymn #909 (1&3)
There's A Fountain Free

Closing Hymn #989 (All)
Soon and Very Soon

Closing Prayer
Charles Couch

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 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

*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 15, 2017

Bible Study: 146

Morning Worship: 242

Evening Worship: 136

Wednesday Night: 148

Chapters Read: 208

Contribution: \$ 5867.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

January 22, 2017

Song Leader: Devo

Opening Prayer: Devo

Sermon: The Real Treasures of Life

Scriptures: Matthew, James, Peter, John

Announcements: John Cobb

Closing Prayer: Devo

January 25, 2017

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Marc Wolfe

Opening Prayer: Alan Fortenberry

Devotional: Chesley Martin

Announcements: Eric Keeter

Closing Prayer: Dustin Mayhew

Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon

Song Leader: Brad Harriman

Opening Prayer: Matt Bassing

Communion Scripture: David Shew

Communion Prayer: Charles Couch

Scripture Reading: Chesley Martin

Closing Prayer: Ronnie Burns

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Youth Minister Interim

Chesley Martin

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday

8:30 – 4:30

Wednesday 8:30-6:30

Friday 8:30 – 2:30

MISSIONARIES

Marco Antonio

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



FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME
DWELL IN SAFETY.

PS 4:8b

January 22, 2017