Larry's Lines...

1 Would Love To, But...

"The sluggard says, There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets! (Proverbs 22:13)

The slothful man is the world's best excuse-maker. Give him a minute, and he will manufacture sixty excuses to evade his duty. Whatever the request, he is apt to reply, "I would love to, but... there is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!

The truth of the matter is that there isn't a lion within forty miles. But laziness is a great lion-maker. So with a little imagination he conjures one up. It is the most terrible, shaggy, ferocious lion you have ever seen. Surely, no reasonable person could be expected to venture outside with such a man-eater about! Immediately he marshals an army of excuses;

He would plow... BUT it's too cold.

He would worship on Sunday... BUT he must have his day of rest.

He would contribute to the church...
BUT a man must save for a rainy day.

He would perform many good works... BUT he just can't find the time.

It is plain to see—there is no lion in the street; just a LIE in the way. But the excuse enables him to continue "revelling in the fields of strenuous idleness." By hanging out a "Do Not Disturb" sign, a man can keep his integrity in tact and salve his conscience. Having a lion about is <u>SO</u> convenient.

Have a Great Week, Larry

NOTICES

Congratulations to Kevin and Diane Murray!

Thursday, February 16, 2017, their daughter, Cassie Keen gave birth to a baby boy, Parker Ellis, around 8:18am. He was 19 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and 3 oz. Both Parker and Cassie are doing fine

Sunday Morning Teachers who have signed up for next quarter are encouraged to attend a meeting today at 5:00. Doug Goodpasture will be discussing the new curriculum.

Upcoming Events

Keepers Meet Tonight
February 19, 2017.
Keeping Keepers Informed!
Text this number: 81010
Text this message:@jarkeepers

A baby shower for Kent and Kayla Holloway will take place Sunday, February 26, 2017, from 2:00-4:00 in the fellowship room downstairs. They are preparing for the arrival of Hailey Claire Holloway.

4th Sunday Fellowship is coming up. Italian is on the menu and the 40's and 50's group is hosting.

The Women's Retreat sign up sheet is in the foyer for those who plan to attend. Please sign up immediately as they need a head count for food purposes. The retreat will take place at Lake Fort Smith, March 10-12. See Lauren Mayhew, Janice Jones or Diane Murray for questions or details.

VBS 2017 has been set for June 19, 20, and 21st. Please make plans to attend.

Youth Notices/Events

Today, **The Youth Group** will be going to Lake Fayetteville for food, fun and an outdoor service. We will return around 7:00. Be here to leave at 5:45

Ski Trip meeting February 26, at 5:30. All participants must attend.

Ski Trip final payment is due on March 12, 2017

Deadline for Pre Convention II Events is March 6, 2017. All Team leaders need to verify that all of the kids signed up on their teams are actually participating. Please let David Shew know by February 26, 2017.

Also, Anyone (including adults) planning to attend convention need to sign up. T-shirts are a requirement and is at no cost to you. Therefore, we need your shirt size. Please sign up on the LTC announcement board. If you need further information or clarification, please contact David Shew.

Happy Birthday

<u>February 19th</u> John Gobb Gaden Davis

<u>February 20th</u> Silas Cherry Brianna McDowell

> <u>February 21st</u> Kevin Murray

February 25h Judy Casada

Happy Anniversary <u>February 20th</u>

> David and Melanie Snawder

February 23rd

Ron and Barbara Sellers

LTC is approaching quickly. Parents need to check the LTC bulletin board for events and meeting times. Get signed up to get text messages. 81010 and then text @johnsonlig or Email johnsonlig@mail.remind</u>.com for email reminders. Contact David Shew with questions.

LTC Practices For Today February 19, 2017

11:30 AM Drama (Ty's Group)

3:00 T Shirt

4:00 Drama

5:00 Bible Quiz

6:00 Keepers

6:00 Puppets

February 26, 2017

11:30 AM Drama (Ty's Group)

2:00 Sculpture

3:00 Photography

4:00 Drama

5;00 Boys Speech

6:00 Puppets

Pantry Items: Stew and Crackers

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Jason Ogden (Ron and Barbara Parsley's nephew).

Those on Hospice:

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 he 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!

Don and Betty Watkins are having health issues, and Melissa Clark (friend of Angela Wood) was just diagnosed with cancer for the 3rd time. Linda Allen, Brad Harriman, Jim Allen, 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), and Genevra Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's mother).

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

Keep us on top. Check out our website at johnsonchurchofchrist be friends on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/johnsonchurchofchrist/

Please take pictures of your church events and send them to David Cherry (<u>dcherry</u>. <u>1982@yahoo.com</u>) to be posted on the Facebook page. These can be pictures from threads of love, bible study groups, etc.

A Note Of Thanks:

To Johnson Church of Christ,

Our hearts are greatly touched and humbled by the out pouring of love given to us during Jim's illness and our loss. I'm not sure we would have made it without our Christian families. The calls, cards, hugs, stories, tears, and the wonderful food you served us on Saturday blessed us in a way we never could have expected. Thank you seems inadequate but it comes from each of our hearts.

The Dockery Family

Preparations are being made for **Graduation Sunday.** If you have a child, grandchild, or you are graduating this year, please contact the office to have them or yourself put on the list. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Teacher Sign Up for the Spring Quarter starting March 5th is going on right now. Get your new year off to a good start by teaching our youngsters.

The young adult group text @jcocya to 81010 to be added to the reminder group for upcoming events and activities.

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

WELCOME **Announcements** Joe Harriman

Song Leader Randall Harriman

Hymn #881 **Mansion Over the Hilltop**

Hymn #712 **Jesus is Coming Soon**

OPENING PRAYER

Justin Lee

Hymn #718 We Shall Assemble

Hymn #791 On Bended Knee

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE Terry Huffmaster

COMMUNION PRAYER Doug Goodpasture

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #351 He Bore It All

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 5:1-6 Matt Bassing





Invitation Hymn #790 Lord, Take Control

Closing Hymn #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

> **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.

February Events

February 19th

Keepers Meet

February 23

Elders Meet

February 24-25

23rd Wings Women's Conference at Harding University

February 26th

4th Sunday Fellowship

Italian

40's and 50's Hosting

March Events

March 9th

Elders Meet

March 10th

Ladies Retreat, Lake Fort Smith

March 12th

Daylight Savings

Deacons Meeting

March 14th

Threads of Love

AM Sermon February 19, 2017 Outline

- 1. Belshazzar, The Party Boy.
- 2. What Happens When the Party's Over?
- 3. Your Place in This Story?
- 4. Daniel Couldn't Be Bought.
- 5. The Prodigal Son's Big Party.
- 6. Will You Be A Belshazzar/ Prodigal Son or a Daniel?
- 7. What Will You Do When The Party's Over?

PM Sermon February 19, 2017 **Outline**

- 1. When God Says Yes
- God Says Yes Through Jesus God Says Yes Through Covenant
- God Says Yes To Holiness
- God Says Yes To Accountability
- 6. God Says Yes to Eternal Life

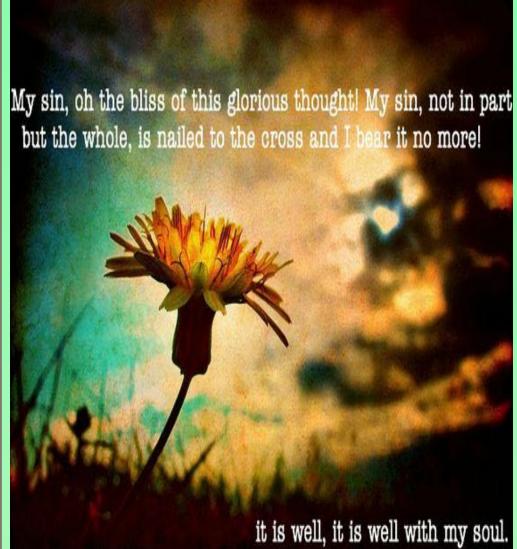
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