# Larry's Lines...

# Love or Perish

Our society has been saturated with the word LOVE. Suddenly it has become the "In" thing. However, for the Christian it has always been the indispensable ingredient for life.

The apostle Paul prayed, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men." (I Thessalonians 3:12) This echoes the words of Jesus who said. "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34) Not only did Jesus preached love, He practiced it. To survey the cross is to see love personified.

> "See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e're such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

Having seen true love so vividly pictured, we should emulate it. If we fail to grow in love for one another and for all men, our profession of love for God is invalidated (I John 3:14); we commit spiritual suicide (I John 3:15); and we gain nothing in life. (I Corinthians 12:1-4)

Thus we pray with Paul, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men."

# Have a Great Week. Larry

Upcoming Events

### **READY, GET SET, GO!**

Friends and Family Day. April 2, 2017. Start inviting those friends and family. Our Goal this year is 400. Please bring a side dish for the meal that is held after morning services. The meat will be provided.

### **GVBC WORK DAY**

Please put April 1st on your calendars as a work day. We will begin at 8:00 and provide lunch. We will be focusing on cleaning the valley hillsides, and any other projects that Landon may need accomplished. Bring hand tools. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer so that we may get a head count.

### Teaching Rocket

Saturday, April 8, 2017 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. This is a teacher workshop at Farmington Church of Christ, featuring Michael Whitworth, the president of Start2Finish. Childcare is available with breakfast and lunch being provided. Sign up by calling 479-267-3182 or sign up in the fover. All current and future teachers are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for this event.

More information about these and other events can be found on the Events board in the foyer.

The Senior's Group will be going to Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, April 8, 2017. We will be taking a tram ride so there is no significant walking required. Departure time from the building is 8:00am. We will stop for breakfast and return around 5:00pm. Please bring items for a picnic as drinks will be provided. The cost is 30.00 per person, a sign up sheet is in the foyer. We must have 20 to go to get this rate. Help is available if needed. See Steve Martindale for more information.

# **NOTICES**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Eric Keeter Family. Eric Keeter's grandmother, Lorene Hall of Yellville, AR passed away on March 8, 2016.

Kathy Lloyd lost her mother, Jennie Kessel on March 16, 2017. Please keep her and Larry in you prayers as they prepare for her funeral.

### We need someone to work the nursery for April 2017

### **HELP NEEDED:**

We will be removing all of the chairs and tables downstairs TONIGHT, after evening services in preparation of the floors being buffed. We will then be putting them back out, March 22,2017, after Wednesday evening services. Thanks so much for your help.

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

We need someone to takeover taking pictures for the directory and keeping it up to date. If interested see Lisa Martindale for details.

We are now taking candy donations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 10 and under . Please make sure that if you choose to stuff your own eggs that all yellow eggs remain nut free. We have children with life threatening allergies, otherwise, we will be glad to stuff the eggs for you. A basket has been placed in the foyer for you donations.

Pantry Items: Ramen Noodles and **Canned Fruit** 

Happy Birthday March 19th Mackenzie Cherry

March 24th Hannah Basinger March 25th Josh Fortenberry Latricia Fortenberry

<u> Happy Anniversary</u> March 22nd Rayla and Rent Hollowąy

# Youth Notices/Events

We are taking a break from Keepers in March. We will resume in April but our girls need to be working on their menu planning. See Diane or Jaclyn if you have questions.

Green Valley registration is now open. Our Dates are July 30th thru August 5th for overnight camp. www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com. The event board has more info.

We need volunteers to bring food for a pot luck lunch at convention on Saturday, April 15th. We also need people to work the food during that day. Everyone will require a t-shirt, so please add your name to the list if you haven't already done so. A sign up sheet has been provided for you to write down what you will be bringing, so we don't duplicate items, along with a separate sign up sheet of those willing to help serve and keep our area clean. This will keep our families and participants from having to leave the convention for food. Crocks Pots are allowed although we are not sure about plugging them in. Please bring several grab and go items, such as sandwiches, for those who are in several events.

Princess & Superhero Party at the Bentonville Church of Christ Activity Center, April 1st.

Those with recent health issues: Sharon Montgomery, The Meadors, The Keeter Family, loss of Eric's grandmother, Mae Wiles, (mother of Darreleen Scott) recent surgery, Jaclyn Keeter recent surgery. Albert Simpson, (father of Teena Cobb) is having health issues, Wayne Jackson, (brother of Barbara Parsley), is out of ICU but is still very ill, Carrie Ward recent colon surgery (granddaughter of Janice Thomas), Jason Ogden (Ron and Barbara Parsley's nephew) recent car accident had surgery and is fighting an infection around the surgery site.

Those who have recently lost loved ones: Eric Keeter, Kathy Lloyd

Those on Hospice: Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richey.

**Those fighting Cancer:** Mike Fine (son-in-law of Barbara and Ron Parsley) tumor has shrunk with new medication but he continues to get treatment, 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.

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration! Don and Betty Watkins are having health issues, Melissa Clark (friend of Angela Wood) was 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, and Genevra Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's mother).

**Charles Couch Chesley Martin** Phil Terry Bobby Hill Lincoln Phillips

Wilma Dickard Phil Curlee

> **Deliver Communion** Dustin Mayhew

## **Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:**

### Our Expecting Mother: Kayla Holloway.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, and our Military Service Men and Women, and those going on the ski trip or traveling this week.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN** THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017

### Lord's Table

Jim Olmstead John Cobb Paul Dickard Brad Harriman Michael Marvin

<u>Ushers</u> JP Bradford Matt Johnson **Richard Hutton** 

### **Greeters**

Jennifer Fortenberry Rodney Friend

Announcements Kevin Murray

Jim Olmstead George Martin

Prepare Communion Trish Fortenberry Abi Scott

**Nursery Attendants** Kylie Keeter

P.A. System Darby York

Song Leader Randall Harriman

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment, please provide the office with your email address.

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

**WELCOME** Announcements Terry Huffmaster

Song Leader Doug Goodpasture

Hymn #51 **Father of Mercies** 

Hymn #416 **Footsteps of Jesus** 

**OPENING PRAYER** David Cherry

Hymn #337 Hallelujah! What A Savior

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** Brad Harriman

**COMMUNION PRAYER** Dustin Mayhew

LORD'S SUPPER

**OFFERING** 

Hymn #636 **To Love Someone More Dearly** 

Hvmn #830 **Open My Eyes, So That I May See** 

> SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:29-34 Virgil Harmon



**Invitation Hymn #940 Only A Step** 

**Closing Hymn #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord** 

> **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.

# **March Events**

March 23rd **Elders** Meet March 26th 4th Sunday Fellowship Menu: Breakfast 60's and 70's Hosting

March 28th

Threads of Love

# **April Events**

April 2nd **Friends and Family Day April 8th** Ladies day at Prairie Grove April 9th Deacons Meeting

This Sunday night we will have Ronnie Morrison as a guest speaker. As many of you know he used to preach here at Johnson some time back and was very involved in mission trips to Russia and the Ukraine in which many of you helped support along with the church as a whole.

> AM Sermon OUTLINE "Lord Help Us to See" Matthew 20:29-34

- 1. What Do You Want Me To Do For You?
- (Be Alert) To His Coming 2.
- 3. (Be Aware) of the Needs of Others
- 4. (Be Available) to serve 5. The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. (Matthew 9:37)

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Morníng Worshíp: 10:20 AM	iíp: 10:20 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM	ŭp: 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
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JP Bradford	Youth/Family Minister
David Cherry	Jeremy Myers
Jared Cobb	Chesley Martin
Josh Fortenberry	:
Doug Goodpasture	Church Office Hours:
Randall Harriman	Monday, Tuesdays, and
Richard Hutton	Thursday 8:30 – 4:30
Heath Huffmaster	Wednesday 8:30-6:30
Chesley Martin	Friday 8:30 – 2:30
Steve Martindale	
Michael Marvin	MISSIONAKIES
Dustin Mayhew	Marco Antonio
David Shew	Herbert Chukwu

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday:

Welcome to Johnson church of Christ



# March 19, 2017