# Larry's Lines...

# HARD TIMES?

"These are hard times. A secular society just isn't interested in salvation. Churches are losing in membership every year. Folks just don't care about religion any more, and we might as well face it."

Brace up, brother! It's not all that bad. Such thinking will clip an angel's wings, and unweave a rainbow. If you think times are tough, take a quick glance back to the first century. A weak handful of disciples were stunned at the blackest, most desperately unpropitious hour in history, the hour of the crucifying of Jesus. It seemed that all of their hopes were going down the drain. In fear, they hovered behind locked doors and dreaded what might happen next. But it always looks the darkest just before the dawn. In a few days these craven cowards would become courageous confessors. Against overwhelming odds they would shake the world with the gospel of Christ.

I am convinced that for the most part our society is disenchanted with the familiar gods of material security, pleasure, progress, science and human self-sufficiency. Such things can never satisfy.

In these days Christians must not wallow in a mood of depression. The world is looking for a way out and it is our business to preach Christ and send men on their way rejoicing. Instead of sitting around counting our adversaries, we ought to be busy looking at our opportunities.

# Have a Great Week. Larry

# A Note of Gratitude:

"I thank God for the elders and the saints at the Johnson Church of Christ for their years of support for our mission work in New Zealand, Russia and Ukraine. It was also a privilege to preach Sunday evening of March 19th about our 24 year ministry in Russia and Ukraine about how God opened doors and produced over 5,000 conversions and established over 50 congregations during those 24 years of mission work. God bless.

Ronnie & Rowena Morrison (for book ordering information see the Events board in the foyer)

A sign up sheet has been placed in the sign up book for meals to be taken to Keith and Sharon Montgomery while Sharon is re-cooperating.

# We need someone to work the nursery for April 2017

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

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

LTC Drama today at 5:00 and Puppets at 6:00.

## **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 sweet and unsweetened tea along with a side dish(please bring extra for our guests) for the meal that is held after morning services. Meat and canned drinks 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. Bring hand tools. A sign up sheet has been placed in the fover 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 foyer. All current and future teachers are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for this event.

# The Entire Congregation is invited to go

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 designate what you are bringing for the picnic, 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. All members are invited. See Steve Martindale for more information Deadline for signing up is April 1st.

# NOTICES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Sibyl Stroup Family. Sibyl went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Her services will be in Kentucky on March 26, 2017.

Candy donations are needed 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: Soup and Crackers

Happy Birthday March 26th Jennifer Fortenberry Jearlean Derryman

> March 27th Brooke Scott

March 28th Jack Mayhew MaeRailynn Shefelbine

<u> Happy Anniversary</u> <u>March 30th</u> Richard and Mary Hutton

# 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 LTC convention on Saturday, April 15th. We also need people to work the food during that day. 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: Mike Mitchell (recent surgery), Kim Balwin (recent surgery) daughter of Pat and Larry Culbreath, Sharon Montgomery has heal spurs, The Meadors, 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 and The Pat Gore Family.

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, 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, Carolyn Paiz, (Larry Paiz's wife) has Leukemia, Sue Sizemore is having back 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). The leaders of our community, our state, our country, and our Military Service Men and Women.

Wilma Dickard Phil Curlee

> **Deliver Communion Dustin Mayhew**

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

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

## Our Expecting Mother: Kayla Holloway.

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

### Lord's Table

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

Jim Olmstead John Cobb Paul Dickard Brad Harriman Michael Marvin

<u>Ushers</u> JP Bradford Matt Johnson

Richard Hutton

## Greeters

Jennifer Fortenberry **Rodney Friend** 

> Prepare Communion Trish Fortenberry Abi Scott

**Nursery Attendants** 

Kylie Keeter

P.A. System Darby York

**Announcements** 

Kevin Murray

Jim Olmstead

George Martin

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 #1014 **Jesus Loves Me** 

> Hymn #492 **Only In Thee**

**OPENING PRAYER** JP Bradford

Hymn #374 There is A Fountain

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** George Martin

**COMMUNION PRAYER** Virgil Harmon

LORD'S SUPPER

**OFFERING** 

Hymn #139 In Heavenly Love Abiding

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148:1-6 Matthew Goodpasture



**Invitation Hymn #924** Just As I Am 1.2, and 4

Closing Hymn #1015 **Jesus Loves The Little Children** 

> **Closing Prayer** John Cobb

Welcome Visitors We are so happy to have you, and conside 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 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** Trip to Dogwood Canyon **Teachers Worship** Ladies day at Prairie Grove **April 9th Deacons Meeting** April 11th Threads of Love April 13th

**Elders Meeting** 

April 14-15th

LTC Conference

**April 16th** 

Easter Egg Hunt

April 23rd 4th Sunday Fellowship

April 25th Threads of Love



AM Sermon Outline Lessons From The Shortest Chapter In The Bible Psalm 117

1. Praise The Lord 2. The Passion Of God Is Great Toward Us 3. The Truth Of God Is Everlasting

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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies above proclaim the work of His hands.

Psalm 19:1

