

Larry’s Lines...

Three Rebels?

Out on the plains of Dura stood three rebels. Their crime? They refused to bow down...and everybody else was bowing. Poor Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! They were out of step.

Everyone was accepting the visible expression of king Nebuchadnezzar’s “new theology.” A national idol had been set up and all of the people, small and great, were commanded to bow down before it at a given signal, so bow they did.

I suppose that the temptation must have been great for these three rebels. They stood to lose a lot. They had been “set over the affairs of the province of Babylon” and thus held high positions with good salaries. Disobedience could mean the loss of these things. A man has to take that into account. And besides, they owed something to the king. He had elevated them from slavery to authority. Shouldn’t gratitude be considered? And it wasn’t as if this was optional. It was “commanded.” Therefore they really didn’t have a choice in the matter. And besides, “everybody is doing it” so you know it must be all right. It’s such a little thing to bend the knee. What possible harm could come of it? (And don’t forget that a hot furnace is waiting and doom is certain for those who disobey.)

But these hard-headed fellows said, “We will not serve thy gods,” They should have known that kind of talk would get them into a heap of trouble. You don’t fool around with the words of a king. So the next thing you know they are thrown into a furnace that has been heated seven times hotter than it was supposed to be.

No sir, they were not saved from the fiery furnace, but they were saved in it. Cast out by men, they were brought into a sweeter communion with God, for there was a worthy man in the fire, “Like the Son of God.” And you know what? After their trial,” the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.”

How do you like them apples?

Have a Great Week,
Larry

NOTICES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Pat and Larry Culbreath Family. Terrence Tewell went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Becky Tewell, the daughter of Frieda and Glen Barber, Pats sister and brother in law, want to thank the congregation for all the prayers and cards from you for the last 5 years. Becky said she has kept every card she has received from all of you.

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.

PRAYERS ANSWERED:

Wayne Jackson, brother of Barbara Parsley is doing much better. He is out of the hospital and is in Rehab. The Jackson/Parsley family would like to thank you for all the cards and prayers they received during his illness.

If you would like to write a note or send in pictures of your graduate, don’t delay. Graduation Sunday is coming up! Please send your pictures electronically to the office. Letters can be given to Jeremy Myers, Chesley Martin or Stefanie Curlee.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Norma Williams
Countryside Assisted Living
722 Phillips Pl.
Huntsville AR 72740
Norma loves to receive cards!!!

We would like to extend our sympathy to Steve Martindale and his family on the loss of his Aunt Lucille.

A sign up sheet to take food to the Montgomery’s is in the foyer!

Upcoming Events

Faith and Family Night at Arvest Homecoming at Elkins Church of Christ
Ballpark on May 12, 2017. April 23, 2017

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

Happy Birthday
April 13th
Abigail Scott
Happy Anniversary
April 8th
Heath and Andrea
Huffmaster

Youth Notices/Events

Ark Retreat is April 28-29.
Last day to sign up is April 16th, see Jeremy for details.

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.

LTC Information

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. Crock 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.

LTC T-Shirts will be here on April 12, 2017, please be sure to pick yours up or make arrangements for someone else to. Everyone needs to wear them to the convention.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:
Mike Mitchell (recent surgery), and Sharon Montgomery (recent hospitalization).
Those who have recently lost loved ones: Kathy Lloyd, Steve Martindale, and the Culbreath/Barber/Tewell 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 returned and a second one has been detected Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones, and Jerry Boatright.
Shut ins:
Norma Williams, Roy Howard, Don Neal, Pearl Couch, Arlie Pennington, James Allen, Irene Matthews, Roger and Shirley Gross, Shirley Bates, and Emmett Windham.
Our Expecting Mother: Kayla Holloway.
Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!
Carrie Ward (granddaughter of Janice Thomas), 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 Geneva Montgomery (Keith Montgomery’s mother).

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

Pantry Items: Paper Products and Toiletries

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017

Lord’s Table Jim Olmstead JP Bradford
Charles Couch John Cobb Matt Johnson
Chesley Martin Paul Dickard Richard Hutton
Phil Terry
Bobby Hill Brad Harriman
Lincoln Phillips Michael Marvin
Greeters Jennifer Fortenberry
Wilma Dickard Rodney Friend
Phil Curlee
Announcements Kevin Murray
Jim Olmstead
George Martin
Deliver Communion Trish Fortenberry
Dustin Mayhew Abi Scott
Prepare Communion
Nursery Attendants P.A. System
Kylie Keeter 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 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
Kevin Murray

Song Leader
Randall Harriman

Hymn #63
I Will Call Upon The Lord

Hymn #959
Just a Little Talk With Jesus

OPENING PRAYER
Eric Keeter

Hymn #273
Boundless Love

Hymn #273
More Precious Than Silver

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
John 19:23-24
Alan Fortenberry

COMMUNION PRAYER
Terry Huffmaster

LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #100-101
Holy Ground Medley

SCRIPTURE READING
Ephesians 1:1-10
Bruce Casada



Father God

Invitation Hymn #180
Jesus is Lord

Closing Hymn #647
Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Closing Prayer
Justin Lee

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.

April Events

April 9th

Deacons Meeting

April 11th

Threads of Love

April 13th

Elders Meeting

April 14-15th

LTC Conference

April 16th

Easter Egg Hunt

April 22nd

Ladies’ Day Program

McAlmont Church of Christ

April 23rd

Homecoming at Elkins

Church of Christ

4th Sunday Fellowship

Soup and Gumbo Contest

April 25th

Threads of Love

April 27th

Elders Meeting

April 30th

Youth Led Services



SERMON OUTLINE

1. Do You Have A Captain Von Trapp concept of God?
2. We are his children (Ephesian 1:2)
3. He gives us spiritual blessings (Ephesian1:3)
4. He is Approachable (Ephesian 2:18)
5. If you have not obeyed Jesus through a faith response of obeying the gospel, then you do not have this spiritual relationship with God... But You Can!

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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

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

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Youth/Family Minister
Jeremy Myers
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
Herbert Chukwu

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

April 2, 2017

Bible Study: 150
Morning Worship: 355
Evening Worship: 143
Wednesday Night: 130
Chapters Read: 206
Contribution: \$ 7927.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

April 9, 2017

Song Leader: Matt Johnson
Opening Prayer: Mike Mitchell
Christians: Being One (Jeremy Myers)
Announcements: Jim Olmstead
Closing Prayer: Matt Bassing

April 12, 2017

Wednesday Evening

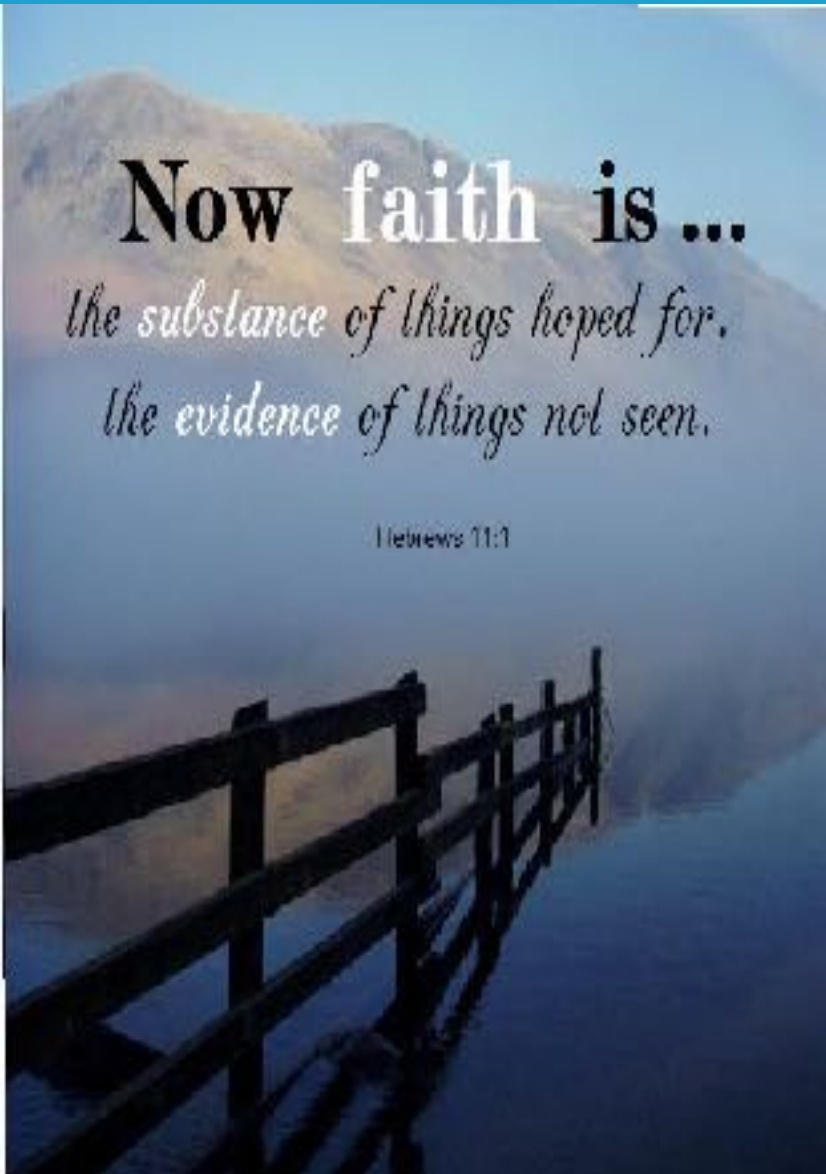
Song Leader: Larry Scott
Opening Prayer: Bruce Casada
Devotional: Preston Keeter
Announcements: George Martin
Closing Prayer: Jim Olmstead

April 16, 2017

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Kevin Murray
Song Leader: Randall Harriman
Opening Prayer: Ron Parsley
Communion Scripture: George Martin
Communion Prayer: Josh Fortenberry
Scripture Reading: Rick Scott
Closing Prayer: Larry Paiz

Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ



Now faith is ...
the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

April 9, 2017