

Larry's Lines...

The Way To Heaven

Some folks seem to almost have a natural sense of direction. Unfortunately, I am not one of those. I am so glad that Pat does have that ability. She is always the navigator when we go someplace. I learned a long time ago that a GPS isn't a luxury in my case, it's a necessity. Sometimes we talk about the beauty and glory of Heaven, but it is far more important to know how to get to heaven than to know what heaven is like. Yet, most of our concern and inquiry is about the place. We can be sure of one thing; Heaven, as a place, will be wonderful and beautiful.

Perhaps part of our difficulty lies in thinking of heaven as "up" and containing so many square miles of territory, rather than thinking of it as a new creation with all its vast and varied implications. All the directions concerning heaven and how to get there are spiritual because getting to Heaven is a spiritual problem, not a physical one. It is related to the spirit, not the body, for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." Before we can get to Heaven, there must be a change from a physical body to a spiritual body for "*this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*" (1 Corinthians 15:53).

If going to Heaven is a spiritual and not a physical problem, then obviously all of us need a map. We should be thankful that Jesus has furnished us with the route which will take us to our desired destination. In plain language He has said: "*I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). Let's look at these three things related to the person of Jesus, the Redeemer and Savior of the world:

I Am the Way: We walk or follow after Jesus. Jesus is leading the way to Heaven. While on earth He was constantly calling upon men to "Follow" Him. Jesus is both the way to life and the way of life. I ran across an ancient paraphrase some time ago which impressed me. "All the way to heaven is heaven, for He said, "I am the way." This leader and companion makes the difference on our journey.

I AM The Truth: He not only teaches the truth; He is the truth. You can do just two things with truth; reject it or accept it. If you reject it, you will never get to the Father.

I Am the Life: In one of His earlier announcements Jesus said, "*I have come that they might have life*" (John 1:10). *Jesus is the life because the life of the Father is in Him* (John. 5:26). *He gives spiritual life and eternal life to those who truly believe, so that they share in the life of God* (John 3:36).

The three things I have mentioned: following, believing and living are tied to Jesus. As He said, "**No one comes to the Father, but by me!**"

**Have A Great Week
Larry**

NOTICES

Our sincerest sympathy to Ruth Turner, on the loss of her sister Mildred Rash, whom passed away April 27, 2017.

We are asking that you keep a close eye on your youngsters after services. Please make sure that they do not go in and out of the classrooms and nursery. We have been having some of our children who are too big for the nursery using the baby items and tearing them up along with disturbing the classroom materials. Our goal is to keep the building and it's contents in good condition as to not have to continually replace items as that becomes very expensive. As good stewards of the Lord's money, this is an unnecessary expense.

Upcoming Events

CHANGE OF DATE

"Pack the Pantry" meal will take place Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:30. All participants are asked to bring a brown bag of pantry items for a donation. Pick up a bag on your way out today!

A wedding shower to celebrate the union of Ty Brunckhardt and Rachel Ball will take place Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 4:00pm, here at the church. Rachel and Ty are registered at Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Euna Macs, and Dillard's. See Laci Cherry for details.

GRADUATION SUNDAY will take place **May 21, 2017 after evening services.** This will take the place of our 4th Sunday Fellowship in May. Everyone Is Welcome! Please bring food and goodies as we celebrate our graduates. Please send your pictures electronically to office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com or stefaniecurlee@att.net. Letters can be given to Jeremy Myers or Chesley Martin.

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

A lie has made it half way around the world before the truth even gets its shoes on. UNKNOWN

Happy Birthday

May 7th
Vicki Craft
Scarlett Cherry
May 9th
Landon Trolinger
Jacob Fortenberry
Dustin Mayhew
Larry Culbreath
May 10th
Barbara Sellers
May 13th
Mary Hutton

Happy Anniversary

May 13th
Gary and Wendy Knapp

Deacons Meeting, Sunday
May 14, 2017 at 5:30.

Youth Notices/Events

Pre Game, May 10th

If you are planning to attend **UPLIFT at Harding University**, June 10th-June 15th, the deadline to register is May 14th. Uplift is a camp for those 7th-12th grade. Sign up on the teen board. Summer Calendars are available at the teen board.

GREEN VALLEY BIBLE CAMP registration is now open. Our Dates are July 30th thru August 5th for overnight camp.

www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com.

The event board has more info.

NWA Work Camp will take place June 4th-6th. Get with Jeremy for more information.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Linda Allen, (recent heart cath), Wilma Dickard (recent fall), Roy Lewis, (recent hospitalization), Lenora Sutton (recent hospitalization), Leon Strope (possible blood clot in his leg) and Joyce Strope (recent surgery).

Those who have recently lost loved ones: Ruth Turner, The Jennifer Fortenberry Family, The Steve Martindale Family, The Lloyd Family, and The Sibyl Stroup Family.

Those on Hospice: Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richey.

Those fighting Cancer:

Mike Fine (son-in-law of Barbara and Ron Parsley), 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.

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, 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.

Pantry Items: Peanut Butter and Jelly

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2017

Lord's Table

Kevin Murray	Terry Huffmaster
Jared Cobb	Richard Hutton
Terry Wilson	Roy Lewis
Jessie Shefelbine	Rodney Friend
Gary Knapp	Charles Bluse

Ushers

Phil Terry
Liga Stamps
Virgil Harmon

Greeters

Eric Keeter	Julie Marvin
Vicki Craft	David Shew

Announcements

Alan Fortenberry
Steve Martindale
Josh Fortenberry

Deliver Communion

Steve Martindale

Prepare Communion

Laura Hughes
Barbara Parsley

Nursery Attendants

Pam Hill	Audrey Hill
Amy Scott	Maya Scott

P.A. System

Dustin Mayhew

Song Leader

Charles Couch

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

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

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

WELCOME
Announcements
Alan Fortenberry

Song Leader
Charles Couch

Hymn #23
Our God, He is Alive

Hymn #821
Pray All the Time

OPENING PRAYER
David Cherry

Hymn #837
I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn #185
Jesus, Thy Name I Love

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Chesley Martin

COMMUNION PRAYER
Heath Huffmaster

LORD'S SUPPER
OFFERING

Hymn #905
Yield Not to Temptation

SCRIPTURE READING
1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Michael Marvin

"We Can Overcome Temptation"



Invitation Hymn# 544
Without Him

Closing Hymn #535
The Glory-Land Way

Closing Prayer
John Cobb

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.

May Events

- May 7th-10th**
Combs Street Revival
- May 9th**
Threads of Love
- May 10th**
Pre-Game
- May 11th**
Elders Meeting
- May 9th**
Threads of Love
- May 14th**
Mothers Day
- May 17th**
Pack the Pantry Dinner
- May 21st**
Graduation Sunday
- May 23rd**
Threads of Love
- May 24th**
Pre-Game

AM SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Reality of Temptation
2. The Remedy for Temptation
 - A. RECOGNIZE the lies of temptation
 - a. You are too strong to allow yourself to give in to temptation
 - b. no one else faces this kind of temptation
 - c. I don't have a choice
 - B. RESIST temptation
 - C. REQUEST God's Help
 - D. RECOGNIZE and be prepared
 - E. RECITE scripture
 - F. REFOCUS your attention
 - G. REVEAL your struggle to a Godly friend
 - H. REMINDE yourself of the consequences of sin
 - I. REALIZE the presence of God
 - J. Run if all else fails

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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

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April 30, 2017

Bible Study: 41
Morning Worship: 166
Evening Worship: 157
Wednesday Night: 126
Chapters Read: N/A
Contribution: \$ 4737.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
Sunday Evening

May 7, 2017
Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture
Opening Prayer: Randall Harriman
Sermon: Paul's Dilemma
Scripture: Philipians 1:20-26
Announcements: Steve Martindale
Closing Prayer: Jared Cobb

May 10, 2017

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Bruce Casada
Opening Prayer: JP Bradford
Devotional: Eric Keeter
Announcements: Josh Fortenberry
Closing Prayer: Justin Lee

May 14, 2017

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Alan Fortenberry
Song Leader: Charles Couch
Opening Prayer: Eric Keeter
Communion Scripture: JP Bradford
Communion Prayer: Doug Goodpasture
Scripture Reading: Matt Johnson
Closing Prayer: Bobby Hill

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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

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

Welcome
to
Johnson church of Christ

BESTRONG
AND OF A GOOD
COURAGE;
BE NOT AFRAID,
NEITHER BETHOU
DISMAYED:
FOR THE **LORD**
THY GOD SHALL
LEAD THEE
WITHersoever
THOU GOEST. JOSHUA 1:9

May 7, 2017