Larry's Lines...

Scapegoats

I do it. You do it. We all do it. We keep scapegoats close at hand. Why? Because no one wants to blame himself. After all, who wants to face up to his own failures? Isn't it easier to fix the blame on: heredity, environment, circumstances, handicaps, and other people? Like a poor golfer we blame the course, the bad clubs we are using, the wind, the sand traps and everything else in sight. No one wants to declare, "I am a lousy golfer." Shakespeare, a truly great student of human nature, makes Cassius say: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

> An enemy I had, whose Name I stoutly strove in vain to know; For hard he dogged my steps, unsee, Wherever I might go. My plans he balked; my aims he foiled; He blocked my every onward way. When for some lofty goal I toiled. He grimly said me nay. "Come forth!" I cried, "Lay bare thy guise! Thy wretched features I would see." Yet always to my straining eyes He dwelt in mystery. Until one night I held him fast, The veil from off his form did draw; I gazed upon his face at last And, lo! myself I saw.

Edwin L. Sabin

William M. Elliot, Jr., has said, "There is no point in blaming something else or somebody else when all the while we are are to blame." Such procedure is both unrealistic and futile. It is time we considered the possibility that we ourselves are the real culprits. Some of us would take a long step toward personal recovery if we only have the courage to look into a mirror and say, "Thou art the man!"

> Have A Great Week Larry

NOTICES

An opportunity to serve!

We are looking for a volunteer to change scriptures on our sign out front. For more information see Jeremy Myers.

Teacher Sign up is going on right now for our fall quarter. Teaching material for next quarter is now available in the Library. New Quarter begins Sunday, September 3, 2017. See Doug Goodpasture for more information!

Children's Home Inc. located in Paragould AR change cans will be picked up September 10, 2017. If you have not filled one up, there is still time. Just grab one on your way out today. Micah Brinkley will be here that evening to give us an update on the work at the Children's home. He will also be taking the cans back with him.

Pantry Items needed: Chili and Crackers

Upcoming Events

4th Sunday Fellowship will be August 27, 2017 and VBS Meeting. Menu is Southern Comfort Food and Ice Cream. Yum! Yum! 40's and 50's will be hosting.

Youth Notices/Events

Men's Training Class. August 27th, 4pm in the auditorium. Training Topic: "Singing" The purpose of this class is to give training to those men, young and old, who would like to lead singing but what some training in how to do so. After some discussion on why we sing together, each man will have the opportunity to practice and get feedback and help on leading singing. It is our hope that these classes will equip men to serve in the church.

Family Fun Night. Aug. 26th. at JB Hunt Park. All families are invited to come hang out at the park. Meat and Buns are provided. Sign up list for sides and other items is in the fover. We have rented the East pavilion. There is disc golf, biking, and we may even get a little kickball going. We will end the night with a devotional together. Come spend some time together as one body. See Jeremy for more details.

Háppy Birthday August 23rd Millie Hood August 24th Lou Ella Rhine **Brian Trolinger** Leisa McClelland August 25th **Darby York** August 26th Logan Wolfe

Happy Anniversary

August 22nd **Rodney and Helen** Friend August 24th **Tom and Renee** Basinger August 25th Larry and Kristi Jackson

Pre-game will be Sept.

Teen Devo- Aug. 29th,

6:30-8:30pm at the Witt's

house. There are still a few

spots available to host a teen

calendar year. See the link in

the FB group or contact

Mt. Comfort COC

Devo at your house in the next

Sept. 27th- Pre-Game, 5:30p

Sept. 29th-30th- Ruth Rally @

October 10th-11th- Deeper

Youth Conference, Center St

Church of Christ, Fayetteville,

LTC Cookbooks are on

sale for \$5.00 through the

office, we only have 9 left.

6th. 5:30.

Jeremy.

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Krista Casada is now in Ozark Community Hospital in Gravette AR in room 354, Russell Robinson(son-in-law of Charles Couch) had two stints put in his heart, Tommie Stilwell had foot surgery, Mary Ellen Johnson had surgery on her hand, Wilma Dickard had a procedure done on her right leg, Shirley Hester is having health issues, Kerry George had a heart attack and is at WRMC in ICU in room 2216, and Lawson Keeter is having health issues and undergoing test.

Those on Hospice: Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richey Those fighting Cancer: Mike Fine (son-in-law of Barbara and Ron Parsley), Keith Montgomery, and Leslie Cones

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration! All of our Shut ins: Arlie Pennington, Pearl Couch, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams and Roy Howard.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, our Military Service Men and Women, and our children and teachers as they prepare to go back to school.

*All names submitted to the prayer list will appear for four continuous weeks. After that time, they will be removed unless further updates are received. You can always resubmit a name should they need continual or additional prayers.

Larry Scott Marc Wolfe

> Janice Jones Virgil Harmon

> > **Deliver Communion Dustin Mayhew**

Pam Hill

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2017

Lord's Table

Alan Fortenberry Logan Wolfe Jim Olmstead

Rick Scott Tv Brunkhardt Cheslev Martin Paul Dickard John Cobb

Ushers Jim Allen Dustin Mayhew Rov Lewis

Greeters

Lisa Marindale Mike Mitchell

Nursery Attendants Audrey Hill

P.A. System Steve Martindale

Laci Cherry

Song Leader Randy Harriman

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

Announcements Terry Huffmaster JP Bradford Matt Bassing

Prepare Communion Joyce Strope Wanda Sanders

THE LORD'S DAY ORDER OF WORSHIP WELCOME Announcements

Terry Huffmaster

Song Leader Randall Harriman

Hymn #63 I Will Call Upon The Lord

> Hymn #101 Holy Ground

OPENING PRAYER Larry Dalrymple

Hymn #718 We Shall Assemble on the Mountain

> Communion Hymn #790 Lord Take Control

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE Romans 6: 8-10 Doug Goodpasture

COMMUNION PRAYER Heath Huffmaster

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #543 Wonderful Words OF Life

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:8-17 Richard Hutton

THE GOSPEL The Power of God For Salvation

Invitation Hymn #PP 350 When My Love Grows Weak

> Closing Hymn #712 Jesus Is Coming Soon

> > Closing Prayer Matt Johnson

Welcome Visitors! We are so happy to have you, and consider you our honored guest.

August Events

August 22nd Threads of Love August 23rd Summer Series Speaker Carl Dye from Siloam Springs August 24th Elders Meeting August 27th 4th Sunday Fellowship and VBS Meeting August 29th Teen Devo August 30th Summer Series Ends with

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September Events

Larry Combs from Huntsville

September 3rd New Quarter September 4th Office Closed for Labor Day September 10th Deacons Meeting Micah Brinkley from Paragould Children's Home September 12th Threads of Love September 14th Elders Meeting September 24th 4th Sunday Fellowship

AM Sermon Outline 1. I AM Obligated.....to preach the Gospel 2. I AM Eager....to preach the Gospel 3. I AM NOT ASHAMED... to preach the Gospel Morníng Worship: 10:20 AM Eveníng Worship: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com ELDERS Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com Alan Fortenberry Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Joe Harriman Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray Terry Huffmaster Jaed Cob Jam Alen Jaed Cob Jash Fortenberry Jaed Hutton Thursday 8:30 – 4:30 Wednesday 8:30 – 4:30

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