Larry's Lines...

# Personal Involvement

"Under the malign influence of the Enlightenment," argues Mark Stibble, "we have been reading the Bible from the perspective of detachment rather than from the perspective of participation."

You know, he makes a good point. It is possible to read the Bible with textual scrutiny instead of indemnifying with its character and responding to the message in a personal way. We can make the Bible a book to study rather than a message to guide us to God and to life of righteousness.

If we are not careful the same thing can happen when it comes to evangelism. We must not get so caught up in teaching the plan of salvation that we forget first to teach one about Jesus. You must take the time to get involved in the lives of people in order to know where they are in their faith and start at that point to teach them about salvation. Jesus was a master at participation in the lives of others, and we would do well to follow His example. Of course, this will require both listening and thought on our part, but it can be done.

It is also easy to practice detachment rather than participation in the worship of the saints. "Church Going" can shove aside worship. A failure to enter in the singing or participate in the prayers, Lord's Supper, giving, and sermon bespeaks detachment.

Whether it be Bible reading, evangelism, or worship we need to get involved. And no one can be personally involved for me. I must do that for myself.

> Have A Great Week Larry

#### **Upcoming Events**

Lee's Fishing Trip is coming up on the first weekend in October. A sign up sheet is in the fover and please give \$10.00 to Lee Pennington if you plan on going. This will help with food and supplies.

#### 4th Sunday Fellowship

September 24, 2017 Menu is Mexican Food





#### Mark your calendars for October 28th!!!

The Honduras Children's Benefit will be held at Mt. Comfort Church of Christ. Plans are under way for a Silent Auction, Live Auction and Chili Dinner. See Diane Murray for donations or to volunteer.

#### **Youth Notices/Events**



LTC adoption day will be today at 5:00 followed immediately by a team leader meeting.

#### **NOTICES**

A NOTE OF THANKS: Hilma Curlee is at Providence Assisted Living receiving personal care and therapy while she recovers from a stroke she suffered on her birthday August 11. She has her cognitive skills and other than a deficit on her right side is in good health. She and all her children wish to thank her Christian family for their prayers and generosity as guardian angels in assisting her through this difficult period of recovery. She welcomes visitors to her apartment F5 in Providence and is looking forward to attending services once she regains her strength.

#### **DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

Please make plans to get your picture and information updated. Leah Myers will be taking pictures every Sunday in October. Your profession can be added to your information as well.

Pantry Items needed: Dry Beans and Rice

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:

Vada Loker had a bad fall, Lenora Sutton-recent hospitalization, Rick Bolte-heart attack, infection, Millie Hood is very weak, Kerry George-hospital, Ron Parsley is having test ran.

Those who have lost loved ones: The Darrell Ball Family, The **Remington Anderson** Family, and The **Bassing** 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, and Leslie Cones.

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

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, those in Texas, Florida, and South Carolina who are experiencing flooding and those in Mexico whom are hurting from the earthquake, as well as our Military Service Men and Women.

\*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.

Special Prayer Request: Lawson Keeter will be going to Cincinnati Children's Hospital in two weeks to have some test done due to abnormalities in his pancreas.

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

Lord's Table Trey Garner Brad Harriman Jim Olmstead Kevin Murray Richard Hutton Matt Bassing Terry Wilson Roy Lewis Michael Marvin Jesse Shefelbine Rodney Friend Gary Knapp Charles Bluse

**Greeters** 

Diane Murray Charles Couch Janice Thomas Jared Cobb

**Announcements** Alan Fortenberry

**Prepare Communion** 

<u>Ushers</u>

David Shew Randall Harriman

**Deliver Communion** Steve Martindale

Vicki Craft Becky Bluse

**Nursery Attendants** 

P.A. System Chesley Martin

Song Leader Doug Goodpasture

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 Kevin Murray** 

Song Leader **Brad Harriman** 

Hymn #

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**OPENING PRAYER Larry Scott** 

Communion Hymn #

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 **George Martin** 

**COMMUNION PRAYER Dustin Mayhew** 

**LORD'S SUPPER** 

**OFFERING** 

Hymn #

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Peter 5:6-11 Justin Lee



**Invitation Hymn #** 

**Closing Hymn #** 

**Closing Prayer David Cherry** 

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

## **September Events**

#### September 24th

Praise and Fellowship in the Park

4th Sunday Fellowship

September 26th

Threads of Love

September 28th

**Elders Meeting** 

September 29th

Ruth Rally

See You At The Pole

## **October Events**

October 5th -8th

Lee's Fishing Trip

October 8th

**Deacons Meeting** 

Area Wide Meeting October 9th

Columbus Day

October 10th

Threads of Love

October 11th

**Preacher Exchange** 

October 12th

**Elder's Meeting** 

October 13th

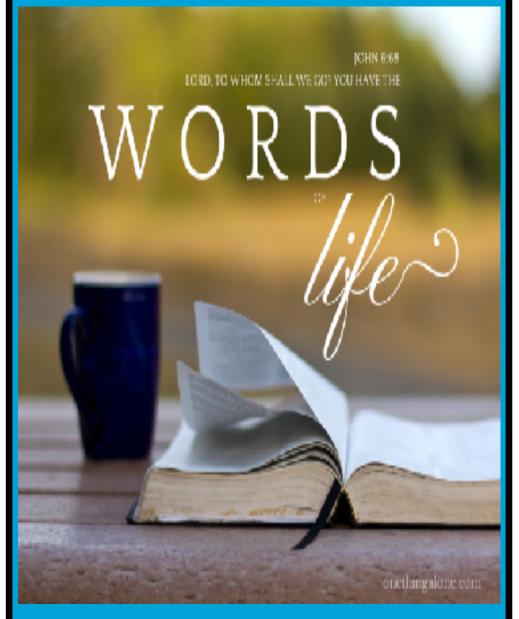
### **AM SERMON OUTLINE**

- Satan Is an Intelligent adversary
- 2. Satan knows he can infiltrate our minds
- 3. Satan knows that apart from God we are vulnerable
- 4. Satan knows his time is short



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Welcome to Johnson church of Christ



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