

## Larry's Lines...

# WHY GO TO CHURCH?

In the long ago God ordained that there should be two silver trumpets with differing sounds. Why? In order that his people might be called together for solemn assemblies (Numbers 10:2-3). God evidently saw some value in all of the people coming together. Most responded in the spirit of the psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). It was not a matter of "have to" but "want to." They came in expectancy and departed with a blessing.

Nor were things different with the early Christians we meet on the pages of the New Testament. Christian fellowship was an extraordinarily vital and impressive thing. Men and women from all ranks of life met together, saluted one another and praised God. In their assemblies you might find Saul of Tarsus, a former leader of the Pharisees; Luke, the beloved physician; slaves from the Greek slums; barbarians; former harlots and tax collectors: or even members of Caesar's own household. Only one thing could explain that—CHRIST. By one spirit they had been baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13). They were no longer Jews or Gentiles, bond or free. They were brothers and sisters in Christ...and members of a family that loved to be together.

Apparently all of them found something in the assembly, for they were constantly coming together. Of the church in Jerusalem we read, "all that believed were together" (Acts 2:44). When the persecution arose, the church "assembled together" for prayer (Acts 4:31). On the first day of the week they "came together" to break bread (Acts 20:7). The whole church "met together" for teaching and edifying (1 Corinthians 14:23,26). They were together, together, together.

Besides the fellowship of kindred minds, the Christians sought the presence of Christ-. They believed the promise of Jesus, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

Assembling together with the saints for worship and fellowship should play a vital role in every Christian's life. Knowledge is increased, character is developed, zeal is stimulated, and conduct altered. Someone once described Sunday as "an oasis in the desert of this noisy, hectic, rushing weekday life." It is that...but it's a great deal more. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together. (Hebrews 10:25)

Have A Great Week  
Larry

## NOTICES



### Happy Birthday

**Bessie** is 107 years young and such a blessing to our church family and to her family, the Olmstead's and the Keeter's.

### 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.

### (NEW CLASS)

If you are of college age, please join our new class. We will meet in the Upper Room. If you need help finding it? Just ask Ty or Rachael Brunkhardt

## Upcoming Events

**Attention Deacons and Elders:** The Budget meeting will take place on October 14, 2017 at 8:00AM. Breakfast as Susan's Restaurant at 7:00AM.

**Preachers exchange** this year. Larry will be going to Eastgate in Siloam Springs and Robb Hadley from Center Street will be coming here. Jack English was supposed to come but his wife Pat, has just had cancer surgery. Please keep them in your prayers, The Theme this year is, Displaying Unity To A Divided World.

If you are planning to attend the **Huffmaster Hayride** on the 21st, please sign up in the foyer so they can buy enough food and supplies. Please bring a lawn chair, chips or drinks and enjoy a night of festivities, fellowship, and fun. See Terry or Linda if you have questions.

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

## Happy Birthday

October 8th  
Lincoln Phillips  
October 9th  
Mike Mitchell  
October 10th  
Chesley Martin  
October 12th  
Carol Moore

## Happy Anniversary

October 10th  
Leon and Joyce  
Strope

## Youth Notices/Events



Our **Fall Retreat** is set for Oct. 13-15! Deadline to sign up is Oct. 8th! Our Retreat will focus on RISE! as we look at Col. 3. We will be at the Sky Ranch, in Cave Springs, OK with Robinson Ave, Mt Comfort, and Blue Star youth groups. We will leave after school Friday and return by the end of Sunday A.M. service. All cost is covered for this retreat.

We still have several **LTC groups** that need adopting. Please find it in your heart to help these beautiful children participate in these events and help us grow up Leaders for Christ.

Please bring a lawn chair, side dishes, Hamburger fixin's, canned drinks and desserts to the **Outdoor Service** on the 22nd. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and buns will be provided. "Don't forget your sweater or jacket."

### 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.

## Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

### Those with recent health issues:

**Abi Scott** has kidney stones, **Kristen Lee** is having some problems with depression, **Ron Parsley** is having health issues, **Bruce Casada** is having knee surgery on the 17th, **Darvil Tester** (Pam Hill's step -dad) has a tumor in his throat, **Lawson Keeter** getting test on his pancreas, **Milton Ball** is in the hospital with swelling in his arm, **Vada Loker** had a bad fall, **Rick Bolte**- heart attack and infection, **Kerry George**-hospital.

**Those who have lost loved ones:** The **Darrell Ball** 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 Howard**.

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.

## Pantry Items needed: Cereal and Powdered Milk

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

#### Lord's Table

Trey Garner  
Kevin Murray  
Terry Wilson  
Jesse Shefelbine  
Gary Knapp

Brad Harriman  
Richard Hutton  
Roy Lewis  
Rodney Friend  
Charles Bluse

#### Ushers

Jim Olmstead  
Matt Bassing  
Michael Marvin

#### Greeters

Diane Murray  
Charles Couch

Janice Thomas  
Jared Cobb

#### Announcements

Alan Fortenberry  
David Shew  
Randall Harriman

#### Deliver Communion

Steve Martindale

#### Prepare Communion

Vicki Craft  
Becky Bluse

#### Nursery Attendants

Kylie Keeter

#### 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  
Alan Fortenberry

Song Leader  
Doug Goodpasture

Hymn # 532  
All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Hymn #121  
Come Let Us All Unite to Sing

OPENING PRAYER  
Phil Curlee

Communion Hymn #492  
Only In Thee

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE  
Ephesians 1:3-8  
Steve Martindale

COMMUNION PRAYER  
Virgil Harmon

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #469 &P  
Faith In Victory  
(All 4 Verses)

SCRIPTURE READING  
Ephesians 4:1-7  
Justin Lee



Displaying Unity in A  
Divided World

Invitation Hymn #PP Only  
Come To Jesus

Closing Hymn #711  
Blest Be The Tie

Closing Prayer  
Logan Wolfe

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

## October Events

- 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  
**Youth Retreat**
- October 14th  
**Budget Meeting**
- October 21st  
**Huffmaster Hayride**
- October 22nd  
**Outdoor Service**
- October 24th  
**Threads of Love**
- October 25th  
**Trunk or Treat**

### AM SERMON OUTLINE

Unity of Attitude (4:1-3)  
Unity of Doctrine (4:4-6)  
Unity of Action (4:7-16)  
A. Use Your Gift (4:7-11)  
B. Build Up the Body of Christ (4:12)  
C. Attain To the Unity of Faith (4:13)  
D. Grow Up in Truth and Love (4:14-15)  
E. The Church joined and held together (4:16)  
What kind of Church would this church Be, If Every Member Were Just Like ME?

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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](http://johnsonchurchofchrist.com)  
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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

### PROOF OF OUR LOVE October 1st, 2017

Bible Study: 173  
Morning Worship: 243  
Evening Worship: 185  
Wednesday Night: 144  
Chapters Read: 259  
Contribution: \$.8235.00

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Sunday Evening

October 8, 2017

NO  
SERVICES  
TONIGHT

### October 11, 2017

#### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Bruce Casada  
Opening Prayer: Ron Parsley  
Devotional: JP Bradford  
Announcements: Randall Harriman  
Closing Prayer: Matthew Goodpasture

### October 8, 2017

#### Sunday Morning

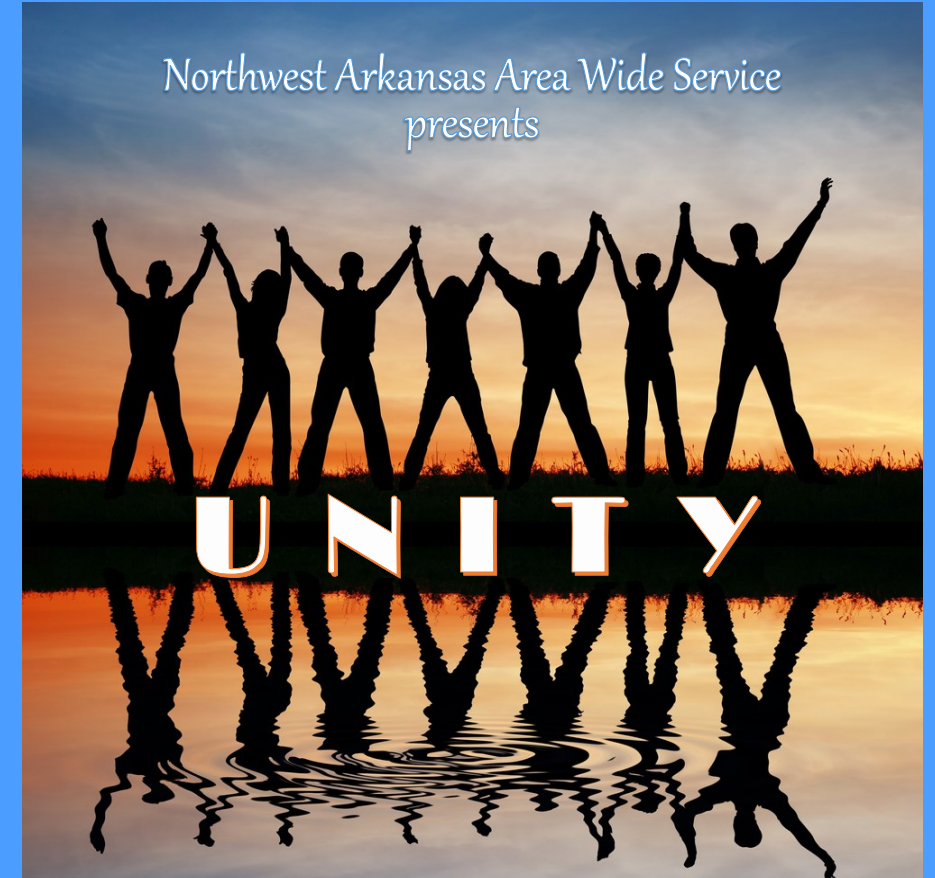
Announcements: Alan Fortenberry  
Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture  
Opening Prayer: Phil Curlee  
Communion Scripture: Steve Martindale  
Communion Prayer: Virgil Harmon  
Scripture Reading: Justin Lee  
Closing Prayer: Logan Wolfe

# Welcome

to

## Johnson church of Christ

Northwest Arkansas Area Wide Service  
presents



Featuring  
Dr. Bruce McClarty



**OCTOBER 8, 2017**  
**SINGING BEGINS AT 5:30 PM**

Springdale High School  
Performing Arts Center

**DULCIT EXCHANGE**  
**Wednesday Night, October 11th**

No Services tonight, Please make plans to attend the Area Wide Event.

# October 8, 2017