Larry's Lines...

What Will It Take To Make You Happy?

David D. Burns is a psychiatrist, and therefore comes in contact with many people who are suffering from depression. Dr. Burns said that he once had as a patient, a 70 year old woman, whose husband had done to her "something so bad" that she couldn't put up with it, and she wanted a divorce after 50 years of marriage. Why was she so upset? I thought that he's beaten her up or that he was an alcoholic. But here's what she told me; "Last week my husband gave me \$4 million dollars in cash."

I was dumbfounded. I asked, "When he gave you the money, what were your thoughts?" And she said, "If he really loved me, he would have given me \$8 million."

"She went on say that, 'She felt unloved and poor; she thought her life was not worth living and she had thoughts of divorce and suicide. Yes, it sounds crazy when it happens to someone else, but when it happens to you, it seems to make sense."

I suppose that there is a tendency with all of us to reflect more on the little things which we don't have rather than appreciate the things we do have. As a result we become miserable, because there is always someone who is "better off" than we are. We are far richer than the great majority of the world, regardless of how "poor" we feel. But instead of this producing a spirit of gratitude and Thanksgiving, we are often given to complaining. It doesn't make sense to anyone else, but it seems to make sense us.

A good dose of I Thessalonians 5:18 would be the prescription I would recommend. In case you have forgotten, that passage says, "Give Thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Take this verse four times a day and call me in the morning.

Happy Thanksgiving

Larry

NOTICES

Congratulations:

Kristin Martin was baptized into Christ on Sunday night, November 12, 2017. She is the niece of Adam and Jessica Rowe. Please welcome her into the Family of Christ.

Welcome

Gwen Baker has joined our family here at Johnson and we couldn't be happier. Gwen can be reached at: P O Box 6543 Springdale AR 72766 479-530-4120

If you would like to contribute to the Honduras Children's Fund, we will accept donations until December 1, 2017. Please make your check payable to the Mount Comfort Church of Christ.

There will not be a 4th Sunday fellowship for November due to the Holiday meal scheduled for 10th of December.

Our Sincerest Sympathy to Jennifer Witt and her family for the loss of Jennifer's aunt, Florence Louise Morrison Poe. Florence was like a grandmother to Jennifer and her family and she will be missed very much. Florence went home to be with the Lord on November 13, 2017.

Our Sincerest Sympathy to Michael Marvin and his family on the death of his uncle, William Lee. Bill left this earth to go to his forever home on November 15, 2017.

All announcement and songs must be in by noon on November 22, 2017 to be published in the November 26th bulletin.

Upcoming Events

Our Thanksgiving Devotion is on Wednesday Night, November 22, 2017. All classes are cancelled. We will all meet in the auditorium for services.

Mark Your Calendars: We will be having an ugly sweater skating party on November the 18th at the Springdale Skate Place. See David Cherry for

Pantry Items needed: **Peanut Butter and Jelly**



Youth Notices/Events

December 1st is our Holiday Party and Devo at Heath and Andrea Huffmaster's house.

The **Polar Express** party this year will December 9th, from 4:00 to 9:00pm. It's changing up a little bit this year. The youth group is using this as a fundraiser to help support a family for Christmas. Jammies will still be worn and dinner is provided. Watch for more details.

We will be going **Christmas Caroling** on the 17th of December before and after services. Mark your calendars for this event and more information will be in the next bulletin. A sign up sheet is available in the

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:

Lawson Keeter is having more test run, Ron Parsley had a pacemaker put in on Thursday, **Darvil Tester** (Pam Hill's step-father) is undergoing chemo for throat cancer, MaryEllen Johnson recent hospitalization, Carrie Davis (daughter of Barbara Parsley) recently had her thyroid removed, Cole and Jennifer Law need prayers for their unborn baby, Joyce Strope had a heart cathe, Kelly Dawson who is 7 years old had brain surgery on the 9th (the daughter of a friend of Alan Fortenberry) is doing quite well, there is an update on her condition on the board in the foyer, Chub Hughes recent hospitalization, Millie Hood is having health issues, Fannie Guion (Andrea Goodpasture's mom) recovering from hip surgery, Bill **Bohanan** (Brother in law of Wilma Dickard) is not doing well.

Those who have lost loved ones: The Witt Family and The Marvin

Those Who have been Deployed Overseas: Ronnie Burns Jr. and Jeremy Curlee (grandson of Hilma Curlee).

Those on Hospice: Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richev.

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, the families that are traveling during the holiday season as well as our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

*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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017

Lord's Table Ushers Terry Huffmaster Darby York Colton Lewis Matt Johnson Pete Ball Brad Harriman JP Bradford David Shew Joe Harriman George Martin Eric Keeter Larry Lloyd Josh Fortenberry **Announcements Greeters** Virgil Harmon Tracy Scott Lee Pennington Frin Bradford Chesley Martin Josh Fortenberry Phil Curlee **Deliver Communion** Prepare Communion Jared Cohb Tracy Scott Jordan Scott **Nursery Attendants** P.A. System Amy Scott Ty Brunkhardt Abi Scott Song Leader

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

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

WELCOME

Mike Mitchell

In Moments Like These

Teach Me Lord To Wait

OPENING PRAYER Doug Goodpasture

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

David Cherry

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100:1-5

WE CAN

be thankful.

Welcome Visitors! We are so happy to have you, and consider

November Events

November 22nd

Thanksgiving Devo

November 23rd and 24th

Office Closed

November 26th

Singing Night

December Events

December 1st

Teen Christmas Party and Devo at Heath and Andrea Huffmaster's

December 9th

Polar Express Party

December 10th

Holiday Meal

Deacons Meeting

December 12th

Threads of Love

Golden Age Christmas Party

December 15th

Elders Meeting

AM SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. George Washington's Thanksgiving proclamation October 14, 1789
- 2. Gratitude is not a virtue that comes easily
- 3. God want's His people to be a thankful people
- 4. Often we are ungrateful because We focus on what we don't have rather than what we do have. 1 Thessalonians 5:16
- 5. So what can we be thankful for?
- a. God Psalm 100
- b. For Our many Blessings
- 6. How Do We Develop an Attitude of Gratitude
- a. Remember how much gratitude pleases God
- b. Avoid Complaining
- c. Make a choice to rejoice
- d. Develop the daily habit of giving thanks

СОМЕ WORSHIP WITH US

Welcome

Johnson church of Christ



November 19, 2017