Larry's Lines...

Find A Field

"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening" (Genesis 24:63). Isaac wanted to be alone to think, so he went out to meditate in the field in the evening. That's a strange concept for us to behold in our 21st century world. Obviously Isaac had three things most of us have great difficulty in coming by: solitude, leisure, and a field.

SOLITUDE: People are fine, but solitude is needful in our lives at times. Somehow we must discover a way to shut out the sights, sounds, and clamor of a busy world long enough to find ourselves, our God, and those things which are really important in life. I remember that God prepared Moses through 40 years in the wilderness, Ezekiel by the river, Paul in Arabia, and John on the isle of Patmos. But who in this day can find time for privacy? We just must shove the world back and make way for some solitude in our life. It's needful.

LEISURE: Face it, you are not going to find the time for leisure. You must make the time. But when? Isaac found it in the evening. But then Isaac didn't live in our 21st century world, did he? I know our days are busy, but I really believe it is important to have some type of leisure that helps us escape the bustling crowded world we live in.

A FIELD: There are certain voices that we never hear until everything is silent. Isaac went out into the field because he knew that silence is essential for contemplation. I don't know where you will find your field, but until you escape the demands of everyday living, there's little hope for establishing a basis of communion and mediation.

I have presented you with a dilemma, but haven't given you any answer to it. For that I am sorry. The reason that I haven't given you an answer is that I don't have one. And if you do find your field, please let the rest of us know, because some of us need a field of meditation so badly.

Have A Great Week Larry

With our winter weather coming on, please be advised that the Cancellation of services will be announced on the following TV stations: KNWA-TV | Fox 24 or 40/29 KHBS/ KHOG.

NOTICES

Pantry Items needed: **Canned Meats**

The Holiday meal will be TODAY, right after morning services. The Elders and Deacons will host. If you are a visitor, please come and join us in these festivities. You will be our honored quest.

Upcoming Events

The Golden Age Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 12, 2017at 6:00pm. If you plan to go, please sign up in the foyer so we can get a head count.

Christmas Caroling, December 17th. Want to spread the holiday spirit? Please join us to go caroling on December 17, 2017. We plan to have two session, one before evening worship to a nursing home or two, and one after evening worship to the homes of family and friends who need a smile (shut-ins, widows and widowers, etc). For those interested, please sign up today in the foyer or add the names of those you would like to visit.

Family Night Coming Soon. Enjoy a family night out! You are invited to an ugly sweater skating party from 6:00pm-8:00pm, December 18, 2017 at Roller City in Springdale. A sign up sheet is located in the foyer for those who plan to attend.

We have an opportunity to partner with the Johnson Police Department this Christmas! They have a need to wrap around 5000 presents for kids within the City of Johnson for the holidays. The wrapping party will take place at the Johnson City Hall on Dec.12th starting at 5:00 pm. Food and all wrapping materials will be provided. If you'd like to help please let David Cherry know so we can get a head count for them. Kids are welcome and encouraged to come help wrap! If you have questions please contact David

Cherry @ 479-466-4455. Tis the season!

Youth Notices/Events

*Deadline to sign up for Y.O.U. is December 15, 2017. *We will be having a teen lunch/Angel Shopping day, December 17th.

*Our Next Pre-Game will be December 20th at Fuzzy's restaurant at 5:30. We will not have class that evening, instead we will have a Christmas Devotion.

<u>Happy Birthday</u> **December 10th Collin Courville Trey Garner December 11th** Cooper Cobb **December 12th Aimee York Piper Gardenhire** Madison Fortenberry **December 13th Becky Bluse December 14th** Kent Holloway

Laura Myers **December 15th Colton Hill Oma Leta Smith December 16th Kaileigh Shefelbine**



December 15th **Bobby and Pamela** Hill **December 16th** Justin and Kristen Lee

Those who have lost loved ones: The Sandy Parker Family and the Witt Family.

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

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 and Darvil Tester (Pam Hill's step-father).

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, Betty Jordan, and Millie Hood.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, the families that lost loved ones, those who are traveling this 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.

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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:

Landon Perry recent surgery, Shirley Hester is having health issues, Genevra Montgomery moving to assisted living, Sharon Montgomery is having gout issues, Lawson Keeter is having medical issues and will be traveling this month to different doctors.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF December 2017			T A
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THE LORD'S DAY **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME

Announcements Joe Harriman

Song Leader Matt Johnson

Hymn #375 (1&3) Oh The Depth and the Riches

Hymn #238 (sing twice) You are the Song That I Sing

> **OPENING PRAYER** Steve Martindale

Communion Hymn #337 Hallelujah, What a Savior

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Kevin Murray

COMMUNION PRAYER **Doug Goodpasture**

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #77 (1,2,3) **Glorify Thy Name**

Hymn #3 (1,3) Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:28-30 Logan Wolfe



Invitation Hymn #507 (1,2 &3) **Does Jesus Care?**

Closing Hymn #31 (1&2) **Be Still and Know**

> **Closing Prayer** Trey Garner

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.

December Events

December 10th Holiday Meal Deacons Meeting December 12th Threads of Love Golden Age Christmas Party **December 15th Elders** Meeting **December 18th** Ugly Sweater Skating Party **December 20th** Teen Christmas Devo **December 24th** Singing Night **December 25th** Office Closed December 27th New Year's Devo **December 28th Elders** Meeting **December 31st** New Years Eve Party

January Events

January 1st Office Closed **January 9th** Threads of Love January 11th Elders Meeting January 12th Youth Outreach University in Conway January 23rd Threads of Love

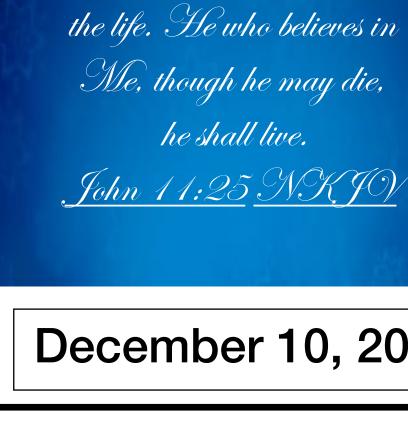
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December 10, 2017