

Larry’s Lines

Give Me Tomorrow

“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”(John 11:26)

Death is a democracy. It comes equally to us all and makes all of us equal. As Longfellow said:

“Art is long, and time is fleeting,  
and our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still, like muffled drums, are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave.”

Occasionally you will find someone who remarks in the spirit of Thoreau, “I’m not interested in questions on immortality. One world at a time...that’s my motto. Do the duty that lies close at hand and don’t worry about the hereafter.” But this skirts the problem, for what a man believes about the hereafter will effect the way he lives here. Neither does it come to grips with the age old question “If a man should die...shall he live again?” As fellow travelers toward the grave, we pause... and ponder...and hope.

During the Korean struggle, the Fifth Company of Marines was compelled, with eighteen thousand men, to fight against more than a hundred thousand Chinese Communist. Marguerite Higgins, the Pulitzer prize winner, reported:

*It was particularly cold...42 degrees below zero... that morning when reporters were standing around. The weary soldiers, half frozen, stood by their dirty trucks eating from tins cans. A huge marine was eating cold beans with his trench knife. His clothes were as stiff as a board. His face, covered with heavy beard, was crusted with mud. A correspondent asked him, “If I were God and could grant you anything you wished, what would you most like?” “The man stood motionless for a moment. Then he raised his head and replied, “Give me tomorrow.”*

The key to tomorrow belongs to Jesus. After demonstrating His power over death, He declared, “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death” (Revelation 1:18). Triumphant in victory, He promised “Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” Jesus, alone, is able to give us tomorrow.’

Have a Great “Year”  
Larry

A Shower has been planned for the Neumaster Family, January 13, 2017 downstairs at 2:00. The Neumaster’s lost their home and all their possessions to a house fire earlier this monty. Let’s shower them with love and items they can use in the rebuilding of their lives. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Wal-Mart. See Frankie for details or questions.

Upcoming Events

**Youth Led Services tonight.**  
Let Jeremy know if you would like to participate.

**New Years Eve party tonight,** right after evening services. Bring your favorite snacks, games and drinks. We will ring in 2018 together!

Robinson Avenue Church of Christ will be hosting the  
**David Lipscomb A Cappella Singers**  
in Concert  
Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The **Harding University Chorus** will be performing a concert at the Johnson Church of Christ, Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 7pm. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, etc. The Harding students will also worship with us on Sunday morning. Please bring something for the pot luck meal downstairs directly after services.

Young Adults Pot Luck

January 14, 2018. See David or Jeremy if you have questions.

**Deacons Meeting,** January 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Pantry Items needed:  
Crackers and Chili

Our sincerest sympathy to the **Eric Keeter Family** on the loss of Eric’s Grandfather, Bobby Keeter. Bobby was a dedicated servant of God and will be missed by his loving family.

Our condolences to the **Herman Sizemore family.** Herman passed away on December 22, 2017.

Our condolences to the **Billy Sue Curry family.** Billy Sue passed away on December 22, 2017. Many of your might remember her and her daughter Joanna. Billy Sue as well as her daughter was a member at Johnson many years ago.

The 2018 Calendar is now available. There is also one hanging on the bulletin board for your convenience.

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

Check those mailboxes!!!!

*Happy Birthday*  
December 31st  
Chris Witt  
January 1st  
Frankie Ball  
January 3rd  
Doug Goodpasture

*Happy Anniversary*  
January 2nd  
Bobby and Jearlean Perryman  
January 3rd  
Terry and Darci Wilson

Youth Notices/Events

**JAR NEW YEAR’S EVE LOCK IN.** We will be joining Mt. Comfort and Robinson Ave at High Rise from 12:30-7am on New Year's Eve. The plan is to hang out at the building after church, play some games, & have a devo before heading over to High Rise at 12:30-7. Cost is \$25 for the night. (Let me know if you need help with this cost) This covers the cost of High Rise and some late night food. You can pick your teens up at the building at 7:30 am.

Leadership Training for Christ

Convention is around the corner and it is now time to start those practices. Please notify the office if you would like your notice in the bulletin. Convention is March 31, thru April 1, 2018 at the Embassy Suites in Rogers AR.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

**Lisa Lewis** had surgery, **Vada Loker** had surgery and now is in Rehab, **Rita Harriman** is having complications from gall bladder surgery, **Bob Murray** (father of Kevin Murray) is having heart issues, **Ron Parsley** is having health issues, **Lawson Keeter** is having medical issues.

**Those who have lost loved ones:** The Eric Keeter Family, The Herman Sizemore family, The Billy Sue Curry Family, The Candace Perry Family, The Bobby Meadors Family, and The Mike Fine 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:** **Millie Hood, Keith Montgomery, 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, and Betty Jordan.**

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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN  
THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017

<u>Lord’s Table</u>		<u>Ushers</u>
Matthew Goodpasture	Preston Keeter	Randall Harriman
Alan Fortenberry	Rick Scott	Matt Johnson
Larry Scott	John Cobb	Eric Keeter
Logan Wolfe	Ty Brunkhardt	
Jim Olmstead	Chesley Martin	

<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Announcements</u>
Linda Huffmaster	Betty Bailey	Terry Huffmaster
Terry Huffmaster	Gary Knapp	Dustin Mayhew
		Jim Olmstead

<u>Deliver Communion</u>	<u>Prepare Communion</u>
Virgil Harmon	Wilma Dickard
	Stefanie Curlee

<u>Nursery Attendants</u>	<u>P.A. System</u>
Pam Hill	Audrey Hill
Contessa Shew	Julien Shew

**Song Leader**  
Marc Wolfe

**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

Announcements  
Terry Huffmaster

Song Leader  
Matt Johnson

Hymn #881 (1&2)  
Mansion over the Hilltop

Hymn #599 (1&3)  
On and On We Walk Together

OPENING PRAYER  
Josh Fortenberry

Communion Hymn #315 (1,2,4)  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE  
Romans 3:21-26  
George Martin

COMMUNION PRAYER  
Dustin Mayhew

LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn #544 (1,2)  
Without Him

Hymn #539 (1,2,4)  
Higher Ground

SCRIPTURE READING  
Philippians 3:12-16  
Matthew Goodpasture

Where are You?  
and  
Where are you  
Going?

Invitation Hymn #381 (1,2,3)  
Years I Spent in Vanity

Closing Hymn #646 (1&4)  
Onward, Christian Soldiers

Closing Prayer  
Larry Paiz

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 31st

New Years Eve Party

Youth Lock In

January Events

January 1st

Office Closed

January 5th

Lipscomb A Cappella Choir at

Robinson Ave

January 6th

Harding University Chorus

Concert at Johnson

January 7th

Potluck with Harding Choir

January 9th

Threads of Love

January 11th

Elders Meeting

January 12th

Youth Outreach

University in Conway

January 13th

Shower for the Neumaster’s

AM SERMON OUTLINE

1. Where Are You.... the first question asked in the Bible.
2. Where Are You Going...you can’t figure out where you are going unless you know where you are.
3. Today we stand on the doorstep of the New Year

It is a natural time of reflection

4. In the Wrong Place, going the wrong way. (Paul Acts 22:3-5)
5. You Don’t Know Where You Are Going. (Paul Acts 22:6-11)
6. Going The Right Way (Paul Acts 22:12-16)

Suggestions for the New Year

1. Listen to those who are wise and who care.
2. Determine to be engaged with the church.
3. Challenge yourself.
4. Be in the Word daily.
5. Stop making excuses.

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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.

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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

December 24, 2017

Bible Study: 124  
Morning Worship: 236  
Evening Worship: 67  
Wednesday Night: 108  
Chapters Read: 120  
Contribution: \$6603.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

December 31, 2017

Song Leader: Youth Led Services  
Prayer: Youth Led Services  
Sermon: Youth Led Services  
Scripture: Youth Led Services  
Announcements: Steve Martindale  
Closing Prayer: Youth Led Services

January 3, 2017

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: JP Bradford  
Opening Prayer: Doug Goodpasture  
Devotional: Mike Mitchell  
Announcements: George Martin  
Closing Prayer: Preston Keeter

January 7, 2017

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Terry Huffmaster  
Song Leader: Marc Wolfe  
Opening Prayer: JP Bradford  
Communion Scripture: Joe Martin  
Communion Prayer: Charles Couch  
Scripture Reading: Brad Harriman  
Closing Prayer: Kevin Murray



December 31, 2017