

# Larry's Lines

## The Strange Route To Happiness

There is a strange equation in the Bible. Suffering plus patience equals happiness. Who would think it? Not I.

Those who seek a direct route to happiness are in for a rude shock. Those who have pursued this course have often allowed themselves to sink into the mires of sin and have seen their lives smothered. There are those who know exactly where they can find happiness. It's in success which waits for them somewhere around the corner. Or they try pleasures which look like an oasis in a vast desert of monotonous living. Or they seek a life free from troubles and any deep concern which burdens the heart. But this kind of thinking is a false dream, an illusion. Happiness is not an illusion and it cannot be bought. Happiness is born with the heart. It does not come to us because of the absence of trouble... or the presence of friendly circumstance. Some of the most unhappy people have "happy" circumstances. And others, compelled to live in intolerable conditions, nevertheless are happy. James gives us something to think about. Over and over again he stresses patience and steadfastness. He even links suffering and patience with happiness. "Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it. You also be patient. As an example of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (James 5:7-11). The Scripture is constantly calling upon us to "wait upon God." He is compassionate and merciful! For us to wait is as much a sign of our faith as "works." We "endure, as seeing him who is invisible." And the end result? Happiness! "Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast.

**Have a Great Week**  
**Larry**

### Congratulations to The Burns Family

Katie gave birth to a baby girl on Friday morning, February 9, 2018 at 1:10am. Carolyn Mae weighed 8 pounds, 6 oz and was 21" long. Grandparents are Ronnie and Cynthia Burns. Her dad is still deployed overseas but was able to witness her birth via computer. Baby and mother are doing well.

### New Class Begins

Mike Mitchell will be teaching a Wednesday Night class downstairs for both men and women on "Life Passages". This will be a 10-12 week class. The class begins February 21, 2018 and it will be on Repentance.

### Update

Although Kendra is still unresponsive, testing shows that she has full cognitive functions. The absence of motor function keeps her from moving. Her family has applied for some experimental studies of which only 4 universities in the US are conducting. So they are praying that they will be picked up by one of them soon. Her mother, Tamara, also said that when cards are read to Kendra that she will sometimes have tears streaming down her face. This has been a joyful and painful journey for this family, especially now that they know that she knows everything that is going on around her but is unable to respond. Please continue to send cards of encouragement to both Kendra and her family.  
Kendra Phillips  
109589 Tony Mountain Rd.  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

**Our Sincerest sympathy** to the Ron Parsley family. Ron passed away Friday, February 9, 2018 and was laid to rest Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Ron will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

### Upcoming Events



(Single adults, college age, young families)  
Tonight following our worship is our next fellowship meal together. Soup and Chili will be served! \$3 a person or \$10 a family. We are asking you to bring items from home to tell us about your family. Bring a few portable things you have around the house to decorate maybe half a table that describes you. As we eat, we will go around the room and visit each table and let you tell us about you so that we can get to know each other better.

**Ladies Retreat at Lake Forth Smith will be March 9-11, 2018. We will be staying in the Kingfisher Lodge. The cost for Friday and Saturday is \$25.00 and Saturday only is \$15.00. A sign up sheet is in the foyer for those who are interested in attending.**

### Leadership Training for Christ

4th grade puppets will meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm for the rest of February.

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

## Happy Birthday

February 18th

Eason Wolfe

February 19th

Caden Davis

John Cobb

Piper Witt

February 20th

Silas Cherry

Brianna McDowell

February 21st

Kevin Murray

### Youth Notices/Events



**Pre-Game Feb 21st** at the building. \$3 for spaghetti. This is also the first **monthly birthday celebration** for all our Feb. birthdays! We are looking for people in the congregation to sign up to bring a cake, eat with us and then stay for class. This is one way we are mixing different generations.

Teen Devo is Sat. February 24th, 6:30-8:30 at the home of Chesley & Ashley Martin.

## Happy Anniversary

February 20th  
David and Melanie  
Snawder

February 23rd  
Ron and Barbara  
Sellers

We still need 11 **Teachers to Sign Up** for the new quarter that begins in March. If you have already signed up, "THANK YOU." Your new teaching material is in the library.

**Pantry Items needed:**  
**MAC AND CHEESE and Cereal**

## Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

### Those with recent health issues:

**Landon Wolfe** is having an MRI, **Howard Glenn** is having health concerns, **Sonny Heldebran** (Friend of Paul Dickard's) is having serious health issues, **Connie Harmon** had surgery on Thursday to repair her wrist, **Terry Wallis** (sister of Patricia Fortenberry) is having health issues, **Lucille** (Beverly Cosby's mother) has a broken ankle, **Amy Allen** is having health issues, **Dixie Higgs** (Donna Baker's sister) had a stroke and is now in health south, **Shirley Hester** two stents put in on Thursday and one on Friday, **Calvin Billingsly** is having health concerns, **Tommy Stilwell** is in the VA hospital, **Vada Loker** is in Rehab at the Maples and is doing better, **Lawson Keeter** medical issues are getting better.

**Those who have lost loved ones: Barbara Parsley**

**Those Who have been Deployed Overseas: Ron Burns and Jeremy Curlee**

**Those on Hospice: Millie Hood, Oma Leta Smith and Bessie Richey.**

**Those fighting Cancer: Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones and Darvil Tester** (Pam Hill's step-father).

**Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!**  
**Arlie Pennington, Pearl Couch, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams, Roy Howard, Betty Jordan, and Kendra Phillips.**

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, as well as our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Ushers</b>
Marc Wolfe	Paul Dickard	Joe Harriman
Ronnie Burns	Steve Martindale	Larry Dalrymple
Bobby Hill	Michael Marvin	Gary Knapp
Lincoln Phillip	Charles Couch	
Jared Cobb	Terry Huffmaster	

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Announcements</b>
Stefanie Curlee	Kevin Murray
Wilma Dickard	Eric Keeter
	Jared Cobb

<b>Deliver Communion</b>	<b>Prepare Communion</b>
Steve Martindale	Mary Hutton
	Christa Wolfe

<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	<b>P.A. System</b>
Jennifer Fortenberry	Dustin Mayhew
Julien Shew	
Madison Fortenberry	Contessa Shew

**Song Leader**  
Randall Harriman

**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  
Kevin Murray

Song Leader  
David Cherry

Hymn #

Hymn #

**OPENING PRAYER**  
Bradley Harriman

Hymn #

Hymn

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE**  
Matthew 26:26-30  
Chesley Martin

**COMMUNION PRAYER**  
Alan Fortenberry

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**OFFERING**

Hymn #

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Larry Scott



Invitation Hymn #

Closing Hymn #

Closing Prayer  
Ty Brunkhardt

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.

**February Events**

**February 21st**

Pre-Game

**February 22nd**

Elders Meeting

**February 24**

Teen Devo @ Chesley and Ashley Martin's

**February 25th**

4th Sunday Fellowship

40's and 50's /Italian

**February 27th**

Threads of Love

**March Events**

**March 4th**

New Quarter Begins

Deacons Meeting

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

We Are Reconciled by the blood of Jesus

Ephesians 2:14-15

Romans 2:25

Romans 5:9

Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 2:13

Hebrews 9:14

Hebrews 13:12

1 John 1:7

The Reason for Reconciliation

Alienated

Hostil In Mind

Evil In Deeds

The Results of Reconciliation

Makes Us Holy

Makes Us Blameless

Makes Us Un-reprovable

The Responsibility of Reconciliation

Must Continue in the Faith

Must Remain Unmovable in our Hope

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**GREAT GUILT**

V-13 "Though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious"

**GREAT GRACE**

V-14&16 Provides pardon for the past and power for the present

**GREAT GRATITUDE**

V12&17 "I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord."

*Johnson church of Christ  
5602 Elmore Street  
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**

**Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com**

**PROOF OF OUR LOVE**  
**February 11, 2018**

*Bible Study:*

*Morning Worship:*

*Evening Worship:*

*Wednesday Night: 1:40*

*Chapters Read:*

*Contribution: \$.00*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

*Sunday Evening*

*February 18, 2018*

*Song Leader: Brad Harriman*

*Prayer: JP Bradford*

*Sermon: GUILT-GRACE-GRATITUDE*

*Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17*

*Announcements: Eric Keeter*

*Closing Prayer: Matt Johnson*

*February 21, 2018*

*Wednesday Evening*

*Song Leader: Mike Mitchell*

*Opening Prayer: George Martin*

*Devotional: Steve Martindale*

*Announcements: Jared Cobb*

*Closing Prayer: Terry Huffmaster*

*February 25, 2018*

*Sunday Morning*

*Announcements: Kevin Murray*

*Song Leader: Randall Harriman*

*Opening Prayer: Matt Bassing*

*Communion Scripture: JP Bradford*

*Communion Prayer: David Cherry*

*Scripture Reading: Logan Wolfe*

*Closing Prayer: John Cobb*

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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

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*Welcome*

*to*

*Johnson church of Christ*



**February 18, 2018**