Larry's Lines

It's A Rough Road

Anyone who tells you the Christian life is easy is lying. It isn't! Instead of solving all of your problems, it may present more problems than you ever dreamed of. I think we do folks a disservice when we lead them to believe that becoming a Christian will bring instant success and free them from sickness, pain and problems. What becoming a Christian will do is bring us help and strength from God to bear these problems. The child of God needs to understand, even from the beginning, that it's a rough road. As Isaac was asked:

"Must I be carried to the skies On flowery beds of ease, While others fought to win the prize, And sailed thro' bloody seas?"

It would certainly be nice to have smooth roads on which to travel life's journey or never have to sail on a troubled sea. But that, my brother, is not a realistic expectation. After all, Christianity was founded amid affliction and suffering. Jesus was the Son of God and yet he suffered exceedingly. It was the price of redemption and Jesus was willing to pay the cost for our salvation. He paid a debt he did not owe, I owed debt I could not pay. He secured salvation for us, but it wasn't easy.

Salvation is valuable enough that Jesus was willing to pay the price and the same must be true of us. The battle is tough but the <u>crown is worth it.</u>

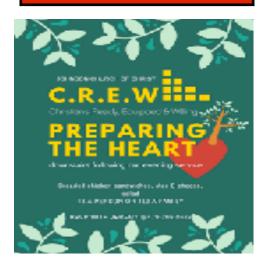
Have a Great Week Larry

Online Registration is now open for Green Valley Bible Camp. Register at www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com. Check out their huge fundraiser for improvements to the camp. All information is on the board in the foyer.

Leadership Training for Christ

The LTC Banquet will take place May 6, 2018. Please plan to attend this event and support our kids as they receive their awards for all of their hard work.

Upcoming Events



Don't miss **Friends and Family** on April 22, 2018. Invite your family, friends, co workers, and neighbors. Lets prepare to fill our church. Share our event on Facebook! A Potluck meal will follow our morning service. The meat will be provided, so please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Members, if you are able, please park in the lower lot to allow more spaces for our guest.

Mission Sunday will take place May 6, 2018. All contributions collected will benefit the Honduras Mission Trip.

Happy Hnniversary
April 18th
Jim and Sharon
Olmstead
April 19th
Darby and Amiee
York

NOTICES

New Address

Lenore Sutton has moved to Providence Independent Living in Search AR. She can be reached on her cell phone at: 479-236-2485. Please address all correspondence to:

> Lenore Sutton 3012 East Moore Ave Apt 30 Searcy AR 72143

Happy Birthday

April 18th

Conner Trolinger

April 19th

Melanie Snawder

April 20th

Carol Newman

Youth Led Services Sunday, April 29, 2018

Baptisms

We are so proud to have Mary Ella Harriman as a new sister in Christ. Mary Ella made the decision to follow Christ Sunday, April 8, 2018 and was baptized by her proud dad, Brad.



Jessica Carey also made that decision and was baptized March 25, 2018. Please pray for our new sisters and help them in their daily walk with Christ our Lord Jesus.

Teen Notices/Events

The ARK Retreat is coming up April 27-29th. It is in Eagle Rock, MO. This is a weekend we spend together with 5 area churches. The theme this year is Exodus. The deadline to sign up is TODAY. You can register at https://tinyurl.com/JAR-ARKretreat

April 18: PRE-GAME & April Birthday Celebration.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Bessie Richey has been moved to Pat Walker Hospice House, Amy Allen had surgery and is healing well, Henry Hickman (brother of Lisa and Roy Lewis) is in stage 5 of kidney failure, Herb Hughes had heart stints and is doing well, Bonnie Cherry is in Health South, Alisa Seals (daughter of Leonard and Nancy Bailey) had a brain aneurysm but has gone home.

Those who have lost loved ones: Donna Baker, Jim Olmstead and Ruth Turner.

Those Who have been Deployed Overseas: Ron Burns and Jeremy Curlee (both boys will be coming home soon)

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, Genevra Montgomery, Vada Loker and Kendra Phillips.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, 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.

Pantry Items needed: Side Dishes, beans, rice, dry noodles of any kind.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF April 2018

Liga Stamps Jesse Shefelbine Rodney Friend Darby York

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Matt Johnson Pete Ball
Joe Harriman JP Bradford
George Martin Eric Keeter

Phil Curlee Josh Fortenberry Jim Allen Ronnie Burns

<u>Ushers</u>

Greeters

Patricia Fortenberry Alan Fortenberry Holly McCoy Nelson McCoy

Announcements Virgil Harmon

David Cherry JP Bradford

Prepare Communion

Jesse Shefelbine

Kaileigh Shefelbine

<u>Deliver Communion</u> Jared Cobb

Nursery Attendants

<u>P.A. System</u> Randall Harriman

Jordan Scott Delaney Scott Randall Hail Pat Culbreath Anna Marvin

Song Leader Charles Couch

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

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

WELCOME

Announcements Virgil Harmon

Song Leader **Charles Couch**

Hymn # 528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

> Hymn # (PP Only 1, 2, 4) We Shall See The King

> > **OPENING PRAYER Doug Goodpasture**

Hymn #578 We Will Glorify

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE John 19:17-30 **Brad Harriman**

COMMUNION PRAYER Mike Mitchell

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Hymn # 898 Paradise Valley

Hymn# 147 I Stand Amazed

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 2:1-6 **Justin Goforth**



The Only Certainties In This Life?

Invitation Hymn # 683 I Am Mine No More

Closing Hymn # 679 (1&4) **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

> **Closing Prayer** Lincoln Phillips

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.

April Events

April 15th

C.R.E.W Fellowship

April 20th

Teen Devo at the Wolfe's

April 22nd

Friends and Family Day

April 24th

Threads of Love

April 26th

Elders Meeting

April 28, 2018

Ladies Day at Farmington **Church of Christ**

April 27-29

Ark Retreat

April 29th

Youth Led Services

May Events

May 6th

LTC Banquet

May10th

Elders Meeting

May 13th

C.R.E.W Fellowship

AM SERMON OUTLINE

- We live in a time when confidence is lacking...Doubt and Uncertainty
 - 2. What are some things that Christians can KNOW?
- a. We can Know that our Redeemer lives. Job 19:25
- b. We can Know that we have passed from death to life. 1 John 3:14
- c. We can Know that all things work together for good. Romans 8:28
- d. We can Know that we have an eternal dwelling place with God. 2 Corinthians 5:1
- e. We can Know that one day we will see Jesus. 1 John 3:1-3

April 15, 2018

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after

Welcome

Johnson church of Christ

Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross

daily, and follow

Me. For whoever

desires to save his life will lose

it, but whoever loses his life for

My sake will

save it.

Luke 9:23-24 NKJV