

Larry's Lines

Running to the Goal

Back when I was in high school in Crossett, AR., I was on the track team. One of my events was the 400 meters. It was called the 440 yard dash back then, which seems like a hundred years ago. The 400 meter is a difficult race. It is a distance race that you have to run like a sprint. You leave the blocks as fast as you can, hit your stride as early as you can and hold it all of the way. And if you have anything left when you hit the tape, you should have used it in the race. That's the way to run this race and win.

In writing to Christians the apostle Paul said, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it." The words, "So run," carry a great weight of meaning. Picture the eager runner. See how he strains every muscle. Look at him as he pants at the finish line. That's the way to run. And if we as Christians would work half as hard as winning athletes, there would be fewer stunted and half-dead Christians among us.

Think for a moment about the difference between the prize that stirs the racer's energies and the prize we are pursuing. "They do it to receive a perishable wreath." In the ancient games the winner received a twist of pine branch out of a neighboring grove. It certainly wasn't worth much. But a Christian runs to receive "an imperishable" crown. No one can begin to judge its ultimate worth.

The victorious runner sets an example of rigid-self control. He trains, watches his diet, takes care his body, and submits to discipline. It's absolutely essential to victory. Nor is it any different for Christians! One can't do as he pleases and go to heaven. Rigid self-control and abstinence from even legitimate things will be necessary.

One more thing. The apostle Paul said, "I do not run aimlessly." There must be no stopping, no turning aside to pick up a golden apple, no careless loops made on the track, or one will be left hopelessly behind. Few things are more needed today than resolve, conscious concentration upon an aim which is clearly before us.

There's something to be said for keeping one's eye on the goal. To go just anywhere is the certain way to arrive nowhere.

"Thanks for making our Friends and Family Day a great success!"

Have a Great Week
Larry

Upcoming Events

We are so glad that you joined us for **Friends and Family Day**. A meal has been prepared downstairs following our morning service. We invite you to join us and to be our honored guest.

We have an opportunity to help the **Children's Safety Center of Washington County** pick up pinwheels and banners the weekend of April 28-29. We will need a few groups of volunteers to help gather up the pinwheels, posts, and banners and then deliver them to the church building. They'll then need to be taken to the CSC's storage building that afternoon. Totes will be provided to store the pinwheels in. A truck or SUV will be needed to store the 6' posts in which the banners hang on. These pinwheels represent children who have been abused in NWA. The locations are as follows:
Springdale – Corner of Emma Ave. and Thompson
Springdale – Har-ber High School
Fayetteville – High School
Fayetteville – Haas Hall Academy
Farmington – City Hall
Lincoln – High School
West Fork – Across from City Hall
If you live near one of these locations and you'd like to help, please contact David Cherry at 479-466-4455 to sign up. We appreciate your willingness to serve in our community! For more info about the CSC please visit <https://childrenssafetycenter.org/>

Mission Sunday will take place May 6, 2018. All contributions collected that day will benefit both of our Honduras Mission Trips.

Youth Led Services Sunday, April 29, 2018. Please let Jeremy or David Shew know if you would like to participate.

Sympathy

At 107 and after living an amazing life, **Bessie Richey** went home to be with our Lord and Savior, April 14, 2018. Our sincerest condolences go to those left behind, Jim and Sharon Olmstead family as well as the Eric and Jaclyn Keeter family. Bessie will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

NOTICES

TEACHER SIGN UPS Going On Right Now: Next Quarter Begins June 3, 2018.

Online Registration is now open for Green Valley Bible Camp. Register at www.greenvallybiblecamp.com.

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

Happy Birthday

April 24th

Parker Cobb

April 25th

Rita Harriman

April 26th

Janice Thomas

April 27th

Erin Bradford

April 28th

Jim Olmstead

April 29th

Teena Cobb

Ty Brunkhardt

Teen Notices/Events

We will be leaving for the **ARK Retreat** April 27, 2018 at 5:30pm and Returning Sunday, April 29, 2018 by the end of morning services.

Uplift is June 9-14, 2018 at Harding University in Searcy, AR for youth in 7-12th grade. Deadline to sign up is May 1, 2018.

Mandatory **Honduras Mission** Trip meeting for Jeremy's group, Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Youth Room.

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 this past year.

Happy Anniversary

April 29th

Justin and Amy
Scott

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Larry Culbreath will be having surgery on his shoulder the 30th of April at Physicians Hospital. **Henry Hickman** (brother of Lisa and Roy Lewis) is in stage 5 of kidney failure, **Bonnie Cherry** is scheduled to go home Saturday.

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 and Oma Leta Smith

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:

Powder Milk, Oatmeal and Cereal

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF April 2018

Lord's Table

Liga Stamps
Rodney Friend
Matt Johnson
Joe Harriman
George Martin

Jesse Shefelbine
Darby York
Pete Ball
JP Bradford
Eric Keeter

Ushers

Phil Curlee
Josh Fortenberry
Jim Allen
Ronnie Burns

Greeters

Patricia Fortenberry
Alan Fortenberry

Holly McCoy
Nelson McCoy

Announcements

Virgil Harmon
David Cherry
JP Bradford

Deliver Communion

Jared Cobb

Prepare Communion

Jesse Shefelbine
Kaileigh Shefelbine

Nursery Attendants

Jordan Scott
Pat Culbreath

Delaney Scott
Anna Marvin

P.A. System

Randall Harriman

Song Leader

Charles Couch

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
Virgil Harmon

Hymn 96
I STAND IN AWE
Steve Lance

Hymn 608
He Gave Me a Song
Charles Couch

Hymn PP Only
How Deep the Fathers Love
David Cherry

OPENING PRAYER
Alan Fortenberry

Hymn 577
We Bow Down
Doug Goodpasture

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Matthew 27:26-31
Communion Prayer
Kevin Murray

LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn 742
Count Your Blessings
Mike Mitchell

OFFERING

Hymn 448
The Greatest Commands
Randy Harriman

SCRIPTURE READING
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Terry Huffmaster

Sermon by
Larry Culbreath
"Lord Have Mercy"

Invitation Hymn 943
Do You Know My Jesus
Marc Wolfe

Closing Hymn 490
It Is Well With My Soul
Pete Ball

Closing Prayer
Joe Harriman

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 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

May 10th

Elders Meeting

May 13th

C.R.E. W Fellowship

May 14th

Threads of Love

May 26th

Teen Devo at the Mayhew's

AM SERMON OUTLINE

1. Mercy means kindness beyond what we might expect.
2. God's mercy is what keeps Him from exercising the punishment we rightly deserve for our sins.
3. God's mercy is a comfort in time of sorrow Matthew 5:4, 2 Corinthians 12:10, 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. God's mercy is a help in time of sorrow. Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Peter 5:6-7, Matthew 11:28-30
5. God's mercy will bear your burden of sin. Galatians 6:7-8, Numbers 32:23, Isaiah 53:4-6

"LORD HAVE MERCY"

Johnson church of Christ
5602 Efmore Street
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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.

Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com

Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

April 15, 2018

Bible Study: 159

Morning Worship: 225

Evening Worship: 163

Wednesday Night: 143

Chapters Read: 208

Contribution: \$9402.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

April 22, 2018

Song Leader: Devotion

Prayer: Heath Devotion

Sermon: The Word of God

Scripture: Psalms

Announcements: David Cherry

Closing Prayer: Devotion

April 25, 2018

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Steve Martindale

Opening Prayer: Herb Hughes

Devotional: Tim Hines (guest speaker)

Announcements: JP Bradford

Closing Prayer: Matthew Goodpasture

April 29, 2018

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon

Song Leader: Charles Couch

Opening Prayer: Bruce Casada

Communion Scripture: Terry Huffmaster

Communion Prayer: Chesley Martin

Scripture Reading: John Cobb

Closing Prayer: Bobby Hill

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MISSIONARIES

Marco Antonio

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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

friends & family



Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8 NKJV

April 22, 2018