

# Larry's Lines

## With Reservations

*"I will follow you, Lord, but..." How familiar does that sound. A willingness to follow Jesus quickly followed by a "But." Have you ever found yourself guilty of that same ploy? What is the "But" here? "Let me first say farewell to those at my home" (Luke 9:61). At first glance it sounds like a reasonable request. But the whole Eastern custom of such a situation would involve this man in a long delay. There would be a season of feasting, revelry and fun. To this man, who wanted to put off his decision so that he might enjoy himself a bit longer, and not cut his ties immediately, Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

*Some things are so urgent they have to be done immediately, they can't wait, farmers understand this. I have seen men work during wheat harvest, when the wheat is ready, you had better be ready. There's no time to waste. Fun and frivolity must wait.*

*To understand the words of Jesus we must interpret them in the light of Palestine customs. Between the months of May and October there is scarcely any rain at all and the ground becomes dry and hard. Everyone is waiting for the early rains that come somewhere at the end of September or the beginning of October. The rains continue through the winter until April, when there is the latter rain of which the Scripture speaks. The plough man is eagerly awaiting the moment the early rains come because he cannot touch the ground till the rain has fallen, as the ground is too hard. Without a moments delay, when the rain begins to fall he gets his hands on the plough and he never looks back. He must plough, he must sow and he must reap a harvest when the time comes, if he is going to glean. He can't sit around and discuss it or he can't turn it over to a committee either. The work has to be done NOW!*

*In effect, the man in Luke 9 is saying, "I will follow you, BUT, "I want to put off my decision for a little while." Does that sound like anybody you know?*

*Have a Great Week!  
Larry*

*As we enjoy this Memorial Day, remember those who paid the price for our freedom as well as our Lord, who paid a dear price for our salvation. Freedom is never free.*

Praise the Lord in Heaven, Rebekah Griggs decided to obey the Lord last Wednesday night and become a baptized Christian in Christ. Please help our sister in Christ in her daily walk with the Lord.

## NOTICES

**Class Updates are now due.** If you are teaching an adult class for the summer quarter, please contact the office.

**Congratulations** to Sharon Olmstead, she is now retired and free as a bird.

**Last Week for TEACHER SIGN UPS:** Summer Quarter begins next Sunday, June 3, 2018. Sign up book is in the foyer.

**Carvers Coloring Crew** will be collecting unused coloring books, colored pencils, crayons and other art supplies during the months of May and June. A box has been placed in the foyer for your donations.

**Online Registration** is now open for Green Valley Bible Camp. Register at [www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com](http://www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com).

**Underwear for Honduras.** We are collecting new underwear only. Please place your donations in the box provided in the foyer. For questions see Linda Huffmaster.

Wednesday night classes end May 30th:  
**Summer Series** begins June 6, 2018. Kids go downstairs for class and adults go to the auditorium. Teens stay right where you are.

## Upcoming Events

**4th Sunday fellowship** tonight, May 27, 2018 after evening services. Bring your favorite Mexican dish, desert or drinks. The 40's and 50's will be serving and cleaning up.

**A wedding shower** for Russell Keck and Sunni Rogers will be held June 2, 2018 at 11:00am here at the church. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target. Russell is the grandson of Phillip and Wanda Sanders.

**The Senior Group** is going to the "Top of the Rock" in Branson Mo. June 2, 2018. They will leave the church building at 8:00am and will eat breakfast in Springdale. They will take a golf cart tour for 45 minutes and then tour the natural history museum and be back by 5:00 pm. The cost is \$28.00. For questions or details, see Steve Martindale. Sign up sheet is located in the foyer.

**Uplift** is June 9-14, 2018 at Harding University in Searcy, AR for youth in 7-12th grade.

**VBS will take place June 25-27, 2018. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer that needs your name on it. Please take time to see what you can do to help make this the best VBS ever. VBS Cards** are available to hand out to friends, family and neighbors. Grab a few on your way out this morning.

**Threads of Love** are making microwave bowl pot holders for a donation of \$5.00 or more. All proceeds go to the Green Valley Renovation Fundraiser. Please pick out the one you like and give your donation to Dixie Dalrymple, Mary Hutton, Janice Thomas or Barbara Parsley. You need to hurry, they will only be making them through June.

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

## Happy Birthday

May 27th  
Heath Huffmaster  
May 29th  
Michael Marvin  
May 30  
Eric Keeter  
Justin Goforth  
May 31st  
Donna Baker  
June 2nd  
Landon Wolfe

**Pantry Items needed:  
Pancake Mix and Syrup**

## Happy Anniversary

May 30th  
Phillip and Wanda  
Sanders  
&  
Alan and Patricia  
Fortenberry  
May 31st  
John and Caley  
Cobb

## Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

### Those with recent health issues:

Jessica Carey's dad is having health problems, **Millie Hood** is now at Willard Walker Hospice House, **Eric Keeter** recent hospitalization, **Wayne York** (Darby York's Father) is having medical problems and is in the hospital being treated for sepsis, **JD Kelley** (Stefanie Curlee's dad) stroke, **Janice Thomas** - twisted ankle and respiratory problems, **Fannie Guion** (Andrea Goodpasture's mother) is having health issues, **Elaine Jones** (Larry Dalrymple's sister) had a knee replacement and is having heart problems, **Parker Kholer** (Shirley Hesters great grandson) was hit by a truck and is in the hospital with a broken pelvis, **Henry Hickman** (brother of Lisa and Roy Lewis) is in stage 5 of kidney failure.

### **Those on Hospice: Millie Hood and Oma Leta Smith**

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

### 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, Geneva 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.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Ushers</b>
Larry Lloyd	Phil Curlee	Virgil Harmon
Matthew Goodpasture	Preston Keeter	Dustin Mayhew
Alan Fortenberry	Logan Wolfe	Matt Bassing
Ty Brunkhardt	Jim Olmstead	Michael Marvin
John Cobb	Marc Wolfe	

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Announcements</b>
Matt Johnson	Terry Huffmaster
Megan Johnson	David Shew
	Randall Harriman

<b>Deliver Communion</b>	<b>Prepare Communion</b>
Virgil Harmon	Betty and Dixie
	Chuck and Becky

<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	<b>P.A. System</b>
Teena Cobb	Chesley Martin
Alli Shew	
Contessa Shew	

**Song Leader**  
Doug Goodpasture

**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  
Joe Harriman

Song Leader  
Brad Harriman

Hymn

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Hymn

OPENING PRAYER  
Justin Goforth

Hymn

Hymn

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE  
Hebrews 5:7-10  
JP Bradford

Communion Prayer  
Charles Couch

LORD'S SUPPER  
Offering

Hymn

SCRIPTURE READING  
John 8:25-32  
Keenan Couch



Invitation Hymn

Closing Hymn

Closing Prayer  
Jared Cobb

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.

### May Events

**May 27th**

4th Sunday Fellowship  
Mexican/ 40's and 50's Hosting

**May 28th**

Memorial Day-Office Closed

### June Events

**June 3rd**

New Quarter Begins  
Deacons Meeting

**June 4th-6th**

NWA Work Camp

**June 6th**

Summer Series Begin  
Jack English

**June 9th-14th**

Uplift @Harding

**June 10th**

CREW

**June 12th**

Threads of Love

**June 14th**

Elders Meeting

**June 17th**

Fathers Day

**June 20th**

Pre-Game

Birthday's w/Lauren Huffmaster

**June 23rd**

Teen Devo@Building

### Am Outline

1. Freedom is important to us and remember those who died to make us Free.
2. What is the Freedom that Jesus Promised?
3. What is TRUTH?
4. How does the Truth make us Free?
  - A. Obedience is necessary to be free.
  - B. Faith - John 8:24
  - C. Repent of our sins - Luke 13:3
  - D. Confess our Faith - Romans 10:9-10
  - E. Baptized for the forgiveness of sins Romans 6:3-4
  - F. Continuing obedience - John 8:31

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<p><b>COME WORSHIP WITH US</b></p> <p>Sunday: Bible Class: 9:30 AM Morning Worship: 10:20 AM Evening Worship: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://johnsonchurchofchrist.com">johnsonchurchofchrist.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com">office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</a></p>	<p><b>ELDER</b> Alan Fortenberry Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray</p> <p><b>DEACONS</b> 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</p>	<p><b>MINISTER</b> Larry Culbreath (479) 521-3410 Office (479) 444-1467 Home (479) 856-3801 Cell <a href="mailto:preacherlc@att.net">preacherlc@att.net</a></p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> Stefanie Curlee (479) 521-3410 Office <a href="mailto:stefaniecurlee@att.net">stefaniecurlee@att.net</a></p> <p><b>Youth/Family Minister</b> Jeremy Myers <a href="mailto:jmyers111@hotmail.com">jmyers111@hotmail.com</a> 479-366-8446</p> <p><b>Church Office Hours:</b> Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday 8:30 – 4:30 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30 – 2:30</p> <p><b>MISSIONARIES</b> Marco Antonio Herbert Chukwu</p>
<p><b>PROOF OF OUR LOVE</b> May 20, 2018</p> <p>Bible Study: 171 Morning Worship: 256 Evening Worship: 155 Wednesday Night: 142 Chapters Read: 194 Contribution: \$8390.00</p> <p><b>OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE</b> Sunday Evening May 27, 2018</p> <p>Song Leader: Devotional Prayer: Devotional Sermon: Heaven Scripture: Psalms 16:5-11 Announcements: Matt Bassing Closing Prayer: Devotional</p> <p>May 30, 2018 Wednesday Evening Song Leader: JP Bradford Opening Prayer: Dustin Mayhew Devotional: Mike Mitchell Announcements: Heath Huffmaster Closing Prayer: Matt Johnson</p> <p>June 3, 2018 Sunday Morning Announcements: Terry Huffmaster Song Leader: Doug Goodpasture Opening Prayer: David Shew Communion Scripture: Charles Couch Communion Prayer: Alan Fortenberry Scripture Reading: Brad Harriman Closing Prayer: Chris Witt</p>		

# Welcome

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## Johnson church of Christ



# May 27, 2018