Larry's Lines

The Coming Generation

Why is it that preachers continually emphasize the importance of Bible study? Have they just run out of other things to say, or is it really that important? Perhaps one thing to remember is that apostasy lurks just one generation away. It has been true in the past and it is true today. You well remember that in the days of Joshua were glorious. This man served as the faithful minister of Moses, the captain of the hosts of Israel and the conqueror of Canaan. His influence was so great that "the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua" (Judges 2:7). But then, at the age of one hundred and ten, Joshua dies. "And there arose another generation which knew not the Lord" (Judges 2:11). One generation served the Lord-the next does not. How swiftly things can change. What brought it all about? The answer is quite simple. Someone allowed a crop of children to grow up without proper instruction. And eventually they had to reap destruction. One step followed another until the punishment of God was meted out. Note the order of progression as it related to ancient Israel.

- 1. **Spiritual illiteracy.** They "knew not the Lord" (Judges 2:10).
- 2. Forsaking of God. "And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt" (Judges 2:12).
- **Serving false gods.** They followed "the gods of the people that were round about them" (Judges 2:12). They gave into pagan ideas, practices and customs. Immorality abounded and "every man did what that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6).
- **Punishment from God.** "And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about" (Judges 2:14).

There is no hope if spiritual illiteracy prevails. Heathen altars will abound. Tidal waves of iniquity will arise and destruction will follow. We must not fail the youth of today. We must diligently teach them the truth lest it be said once again, "There arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord."

Have a Great Week!



Corbin Cobb gave his life to Jesus Sunday evening, July 8, 2018 and we couldn't be more proud of this young man. We are so happy to have him as brother in Christ. Please help Corbin with his daily walk with Christ.

Underwear for Honduras. (Last Week)

We are collecting new underwear only for our mission trip. Please place your donations in the box provided in the foyer. For questions see Linda Huffmaster.

Pantry Items needed:

Side Dishes and Noodles

If you can help with Green Valley Day Camp, please see Janice Jones.

THANK YOU

Dear Johnson Family:

Thank you for your prayers and cards. Carolyn is in remission now. Please continue to have her in your prayers. She will continue to take her medication daily.

In Christian Love, Larry Paiz

Thank you for all your kind words, prayers, and cards during my dad's illness. Although we eventually lost him, we cannot express our appreciation of our family here at Johnson for all your love and concern. I also want to thank Jeremy Myers for doing the bulletin in my absence and for Larry taking over the office duties while I spent time with my dad in his last days and in preparations for his funeral. I appreciate you all so much. Stefanie Curlee

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

Announcements:



Ball July 19th Phil & Stefanie Curlee

Happy Anniversary

July 15th

Pete & Frankie

Upcoming Events:

4th Sunday Fellowship will take place July 22, 2018 after evening services. The menu is Sandwiches and Salads. 20's and 30's are hosting.

Youth Led Services will take place July 29, 2018. If you would like to participate. please let JP Bradford know.

July 25th- Extreme Pre-Game & Birthday celebration with Matt Bassing

Sympathy

Ruth Turner lost her infant great grandson, Wilson Brooks Turner July 7, 2018. The funeral was Thursday, July 12, 2018 in Judsonia Ark. Her grandson, Derek and his wife Lynley Turner suffered a miscarriage at 6 months.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Roy Lewis had shoulder surgery, Caden Davis had knee surgery, Jonah, nephew of Megan and Matt Bassing will have surgery on Monday,

Those on Hospice: Millie Hood and Oma Leta Smith

Those fighting Cancer: Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones and Kim Williams (Megan Bassing's Aunt).

Those who have lost loved ones: Ruth Turner Family, The Darby York Family, The Lilian Witt Family, The Curlee Family, and The McCov family.

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. Roy Lewis had shoulder surgery on Friday and is recovering well.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas, and those traveling this summer especially our Honduras Mission Trip participants.

JAR ADULT MENTORING PLAN

The mentoring list is finalized and is posted in the foyer. The teens are filling out a questionnaire about themselves for the mentors to get to know them better. (Teens, yours is green) You are looking for this logo.



If you are a mentor, there is a yellow questionnaire form for you to fill out for so the teens you are paired with get to know you better. You are looking for this logo. Turn in to Jeremy when filled



NEWS

For those not going to Honduras, mark your calendar for a service project with Jackson on July 21st. We are looking to serve those in our congregation who may need some help. Let Jackson know if you know of someone in need.

There are many ways to serve in the church here at Johnson. There are opportunities to teach or help in a class for a quarter. Men, there are opportunities to serve in the service or give a Wednesday night devotional. See Michael Marvin to get involved. Don't wait to be asked to serve, jump in, there is plenty to do in God's kingdom.

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

WELCOME

Announcements Kevin Murray

Song Leader Matt Johnson

Hymn #643 (1,2,3) Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

> Hymn #122 (1&3) The Love of God

OPENING PRAYER JP Bradford

Hymn #361 (1,2,3) Nailed to the Cross

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:18-22 **Heath Huffmaster**

Communion Prayer Doug Goodpasture

LORD'S SUPPER Offering

Hymn #810 (1&2) **Listen to Our Hearts**

Hymn#622 (1,2,3) **Ring Out of the Message**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:1-12 **Eric Keeter**

GETTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

Invitation Hymn #935 (1.2.4) **Sinners Jesus Will Receive**

Closing Hymn #72 (once) **Blessed be the Lord God Almighty**

> **Closing Prayer Nelson McCoy**

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.

July Events

July 16th-24th- Torch Honduras Mission Trip **July 18th** Summer Series Speaker Larry Combs, Huntsville Church of Christ July 20th-27th- Honduras Mission Trip **July 22nd-** 4th Sunday Fellowship 20's & 30's /Sandwiches & Salads

July 24th-Threads of Love

July 25th- Extreme Pre-Game & Birthday celebration with Matt Bassing

July 26th- Elders Meeting

July 28th-Sunnie Rogers & Russell Keck Wedding

July 29th- Youth Led Services

July 29-Aug 4th- Green Valley Bible Camp

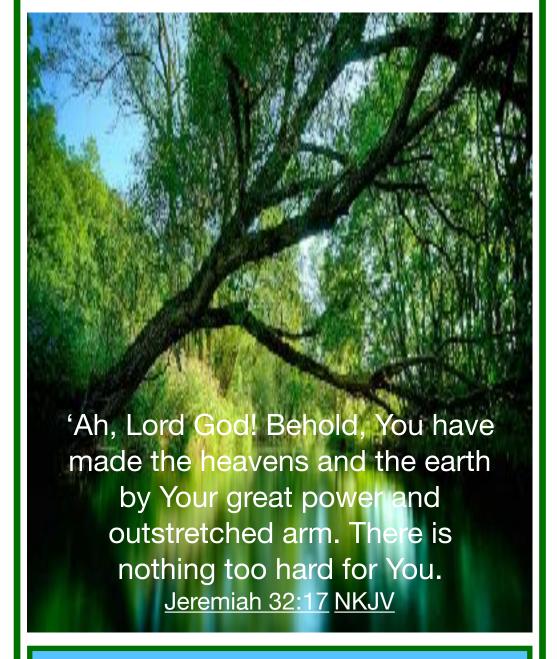
AM SERMON OUTLINE

- Outline of the text
- a. Jesus's Method vs.1-2 He Preached the Word.
- b. Jesus's Message vs. 3-5 Forgiveness
- c. Jesus's Majesty vs 6-12 He Forgave
- 2. There are five identifiable characters in
- a. Jesus-the master teacher and healer
- b. Paralytic-a man who could not help himself.
- c. The "Four" who carried the paralytic.
- d. The crowd who prevented the paralytic from getting to Jesus.
- e. "Teacher's of the Law" Not there to learn but to criticize.
- 3. Getting Lost To Jesus Requires these things.
 - a. Means
 - b. Men (People)
 - c. Methods
- 4. Final Observations
- a. Are we part of the crowd or one of the the four getting the paralytic to Jesus?
- b. Jesus "Saw Their Faith" Does Jesus see our faith?
- c. The teachers of the law sat in judgement of Jesus. When we come to worship, do we come to critique or with open hearts to learn and obey?
- d. Christ said, "Son, Your sins are Forgiven" Have you taken the necessary steps to accept His forgiveness.

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Welcome

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July 15, 2018