# Larry's Lines

# The Last Invitation

Come! Come! Come! The entire Bible reverberates with the sound. It is the message of Isaiah 1:18: "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are as red as crimson, they shall become like wool." or again, "Lo, everyone who thirst, come to the waters... come ye, Buy...without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1). And it is none other than Jesus who says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Take up the sound and press it on - "COME!" the spirit says Come. The bride (Church) says Come. And the one who hears is to say Come.

What a message for those who are thirsty, for those who have not been satisfied with life. Graham Greene, in his autobiography, tells of his war against boredom. He experimented with Russian roulette because he thought it might be possible once again to enjoy the visible world by risking its total loss. He put the muzzle of the revolver into his right ear and pulled the trigger. He heard the click. Looking down the chamber he could see the charge had moved into firing position. Carnival lights went off in his head. From time to time he repeated the experience, slowly the effect of the drug wore off-he lost the sense of jubilation. He tried drink. For an entire term at Oxford he went to bed drunk every night and began drinking again immediately when he awoke. Nothing availed. The story is not new. It has been repeated by many others. Men are thirsting for something...but they do not know what.

Have you heard there is a Savior? Do you know where a man can drink and never thirst again? Then why do you stand there mute? The air is ringing with the voice of the Spirit and the Bride. If you have heard the sound, then shout: COME! COME! COME!

> Have a Great Week! Larry

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.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Youth Led Services tonight! If you would like to participate, please let JP Bradford know.

It's Green Valley Week and most of our members will be there on Wednesday night. There will be a singing service here at Johnson at 7:00pm but there will not be a Summer Series Guest Speaker.

Deacons Meet at 5:30, August 5, 2018.

August 5, 2018 will also be Jackson Eldridge's last day. He has done a great job with the kids this year as a Youth Minister Intern. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Please wish him well as he heads back to Harding to complete his education.

Larry Scott came forward last Sunday night asking for the prayers of the congregation as he goes through some life changing events. Please pray that these changes help to strengthen him, bring him closer to the Lord, and resolve themselves according to the Lord's plan.

> Happy Birthday <u>July 30</u> Leon Strope <u>August 2nd</u> Kylie Keeter August 4th Dawson Whitted

All Honduras Mission Team members have made it home safely. Glad to have all of you back in our midst!

#### **Help Wanted**



#### Happy Anniversary <u>Aug 1st</u> Jeremy and Leah Myers <u>Aug 2nd</u> Joe & Ríta Harríman <u>Aug 4th</u> Tom & Doris Williams

**Pantry Items needed:** Cereal and Oatmeal

**Announcements:** 

GVBC Day Campers will leave the building each day at 7:45 and return around 5:00pm or 5:15pm depending on traffic. Please sign your GVBC Day Camper up in the foyer if you plan on them riding the van.

All Cans for Southern Christian Children's Home are due back by August 19, 2018.

#### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the entire Marla Meador's Family. Marla recently experienced a stroke which caused her to fall which in turn she incurred a brain bleed that could not be stopped by the physicians in the Springfield Hospital. Marla passed away quietly into the arms of our Lord, Thursday, July 26, 2018. Marla is the cousin of Diane Murray.

READY, SET, GO! The Teacher Sign up sheet for the fall guarter is now in the foyer.

ATTENTION LTC Event Leaders: Leader sign up is going on right now. Leaders are needed for the 2019 Convention. Leaders please see the LTC board for instructions, deadline is set for September 2nd. Also, leaders and participants need to watch for "Work Days" this fall.

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

Janice Thomas has a cracked foot, Calvin Billingsly isgetting heart procedures at NW Medical Center. Calvin is in room 2404, Millie Hood is now at the Pat Walker Hospice House, and Lisa Martindale had neck surgery and is in a lot of pain.

Those on Hospice: Millie Hood and Oma Leta Smith Those fighting Cancer: Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones and **Kim Williams** (Megan Bassing's Aunt).

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#### **Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:**

#### Those with recent health issues:

Those who have lost loved ones: The Marla Meadors Family, The Rowe Family, Ruth Turner Family, and The McCoy

#### 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, our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas, and those traveling this summer.

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

**WELCOME** 

Announcements **Kevin Murray** 

Song Leader Matt Johnson

Hymn #3 (1&3) Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

> Hymn #791(1,2) **On Bended Knee**

**OPENING PRAYER David Shew** 

Hymn #382 (1,2,3) Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** 1st John 4:8-10 **Dustin Mayhew** 

> **Communion Prayer Jim Olmstead**

LORD'S SUPPER Offering

Hymn #286 (1,2,3) **Wonderful Story of Love** 

Hymn #57 (1,2,3) **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** 

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1-7 **Michael Marvin** 

# RELENTLESS

Invitation Hymn #129 (1-4) **Amazing Grace** 

Closing Hymn #611 (1,2,3) **Heavenly Sunlight** 

> **Closing Prayer** John 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.

### **July Events**

July 29th Youth Led Services July 29-Aug 4th Green Valley Bible Camp

#### **August Events**

August1st Singing Devo (no classes) August 5th **Deacons Meeting** Jackson's last Sunday August 9th **Elders Meeting** August 12th C.R.E.W. Fellowship August 14th Threads of Love August 23rd **Elders Meeting** August 28th Threads of Love August 26th 4th Sunday Fellowship 30's and 40's / Southern Comfort Foods and Ice Cream August 29th Summer Series Ends

### **September Events**

- September 2nd New Quarter **Deacons Meeting** September 3rd Office Closed for Labor Day September 11th Threads of Love September 13th **Elders** Meeting
- AM SERMON OUTLINE
- 1. God's Relentless Grace is demonstrated in a trilogy of parables in Luke 15.
- God's Grace is Deliberate 2. Luke 15:13-7 3. God's Grace is Determined
- Luke 15:8-10 4. God's Grace Is Devoted Luke 15:11-32

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# Welcome

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Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. Jeremiah 32:17 NKJV

# July 29, 2018