

Larry's Lines:

A Genderless Church?

For some time now our society has seemed bent on getting rid of gender (something that is not going to be easily accomplished).

These pressures in society at large also affect religion. For example, the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible has done everything possible, it seems, to avoid gender-oriented language. Thus we read of "humankind" "Persons/person", "mortals", "human species," etc., to get rid of words that have gender connotations. Even such a thing as "armed man" in Proverbs 6:11 has become "armed warrior." And "parents" is sometimes used to replace "fathers" and "a man." I don't know about you, but this all seems somewhat ridiculous to me. Political correctness! That's the name of the game.

Unfortunately, these attitudes often influence the church. I have always believed Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." But I have never interpreted it, as some have, to mean that there is now unisex in the church, or that women can be elders, or preach if they want to. There is equality in salvation. All have put on Christ; all belong to Christ. In Christ women come to faith, baptism, and salvation on the same terms with men. They are equally acceptable to God, but their gender has not changed. Paul knew too, that slaves were still slaves even after they became Christians, but in Christ they enjoyed a common salvation with free men.

An interpretation of Galatians 3:28 which would cancel out the separate and distinct roles of men and women in the home or in the church is untenable. If becoming a Christian does away with gender, why did Paul draw a line and put certain restrictions on women in the assembly (I Corinthians 11:3-16; 14:33-36; 1 Timothy 2:8-15)?

We need to be careful with our interpretation of scripture lest we walk down the street and fall into a..."personhole".

Have a Great Week!
Larry



Announcements:

Contribution for September 30, 2018 has been set aside for the Green Valley Bible Camp Facilities Improvement Project

New forms have been prepared for the building use. If you plan to have an event that includes the usage of the auditorium and or fellowship hall, please fill out the appropriate forms and turn them into the office for approval.

Pantry Items needed:
Cornbread Mix and Oatmeal

Upcoming Events

4th Sunday Fellowship will take place, TONIGHT after evening services, The menu is Mexican, with the 60's/70's hosting and cleaning up.

Jeremy will have a Honduras meeting, TODAY at 5:00 in the teen room for anyone interested in going next year.

Youth Led Services are next Sunday, September 30, 2018. All young men are encouraged to take part. Please let Jeremy Myers know if you are planning to participate.

NWA Area Wide Worship
October 7, 2018
Singing, Fellowship, Worship
Springdale High School
Performing Arts Center
Speaker: David Shannon
5:30 p.m.

Save The Date

Your invited to a renewal of vows for David and Leah Griggs, October 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. here at Johnson church of Christ. Cake and punch will follow downstairs in the fellowship hall.

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

Happy Birthday

September 23rd

Kathy Lloyd
David Cherry
Pat Culbreath
Greg Miller

September 24th

Laci Cherry

September 26th

Joe Harriman

September 28th

Paulette Ball

September 29th

Jim Allen
Justin Gardenhire

Something to chew on!

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador, over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved great windstorms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day that lordly king of the forest came thundering down. So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure indulges—these things "spoil" the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Leah Griggs is having liver enzymes issues, Jim Griffin has lung cancer and is having his left lung removed, Keith Montgomery recent hospitalization, and Benny Moore recent surgery.

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

Those who have lost loved ones: The Lee Pennington and The Rowena Morrison Family, The Dustin Mayhew Family, and The Everette Evans Family.

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration! 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, and our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER

READ: John Chapter 8

We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 7.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF September 2018

Lord's Table

Jonathan Martindale	Pete Ball
Joe Harriman	JP Bradford
Matt Johnson	George Martin
Eric Keeter	Josh Fortenberry
Bradon Wolfe	Easton Wolfe

Ushers

Richard Hutton
Gary Knapp
Jared Cobb
Rodney Friend

Greeters

Darron Mitchell	Tawn Mitchell
David Shew	

Announcements

Virgil Harmon
Dustin Mayhew
Jim Olmstead

Deliver Communion

Jared Cobb

Prepare Communion

Trish Fortenberry
Laura Hughes

Nursery Attendants

Pam Hill	Audrey Hill
Maya Scott	Amy Scott

P.A. System

Matt Bassing

Song Leader

Mike Mitchell

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment, please provide the office with your email address.

THE LORD'S DAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Doug Goodpasture

Hymn #611
Walking in Sunlight

Hymn #467
We Have an Anchor
(1 verse not in the book)

OPENING PRAYER
Phil Curlee

Hymn #329
What a Savior

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Galatians 2:20-21
Terry Huffmaster

Communion Prayer
Randall Harriman

LORD'S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #652
We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Psalm 8:3-9
Preston Keeter

CREATED FOR
GOD

Invitation Hymn #927
Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Closing Hymn #718
We Shall Assemble

Closing Prayer
Larry Paiz

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.

September Events

September 23rd

4th Sunday Fellowship
Mexican/60's and 70's hosting

September 23rd

Praise and Fellowship in the Park

September 23-26

Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest Church of Christ

September 25th

Threads of Love

September 26th

Pre-Game at Steak and Shake
Birthday with Linda Huffmaster

September 27th

Elders Meeting

September 28-29th

Ruth Rally at Mount Comfort
Rush at Freed Hardeman (SR. High Trip)

September 30th

Youth Led Services

October Events

October 7th

Area Wide Worship Service
Deacons Meeting
(No Evening Services at Johnson)

October 9th

Threads of Love

October 10th

Preacher Exchange

October 11th

Elders Meeting
Budget Planning Meeting

October 12th

Teen Devo @The Johnson's

AM SERMON OUTLINE

1. Created in God's Image
 - a. What Is Man? Psalm 8:3-4
 1. He is valuable Psalm 8:3-4
 2. He is Flesh and blood Genesis 2:7
 3. He is Spirit Genesis 2:7 John 4:24
 4. He is a soul Genesis 2:7
2. Created For A Relationship With God
 1. Our God created us because of love
 2. Loving God is our purpose in life
Matthew 22:37
3. The outer man is decaying-the inner man is renewed 2 Corinthians 4:16

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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.

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PROOF OF OUR LOVE September 16, 2018

Bible Study: 168

Morning Worship: 204

Evening Worship: 149

Wednesday Night: 143

Chapters Read: 302

Contribution: \$ 13093.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

September 23, 2018

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Devo

Opening Prayer: Devo

Sermon: Great Lesson from the Psalms

Scripture: Psalms

Announcements: Dustin Mayhew

Closing Prayer: Devo

September 26, 2018

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Marc Wolfe

Prayer: Steve Martindale

Devotional: Joe Harriman

Announcements: Jim Olmstead

Closing George Martin

September 30, 2018

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon

Song Leader: Mike Mitchell

Opening Prayer: Doug Goodpasture

Communion Scripture: David Shew

Communion Prayer: Kevin Murray

Scripture Reading: Dustin Mayhew

Closing Prayer: Preston Keeter

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Monday, Tuesdays, & Thursday

8:30 - 4:30

Wednesday 8:30-6:30

Friday 8:30 - 2:30

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

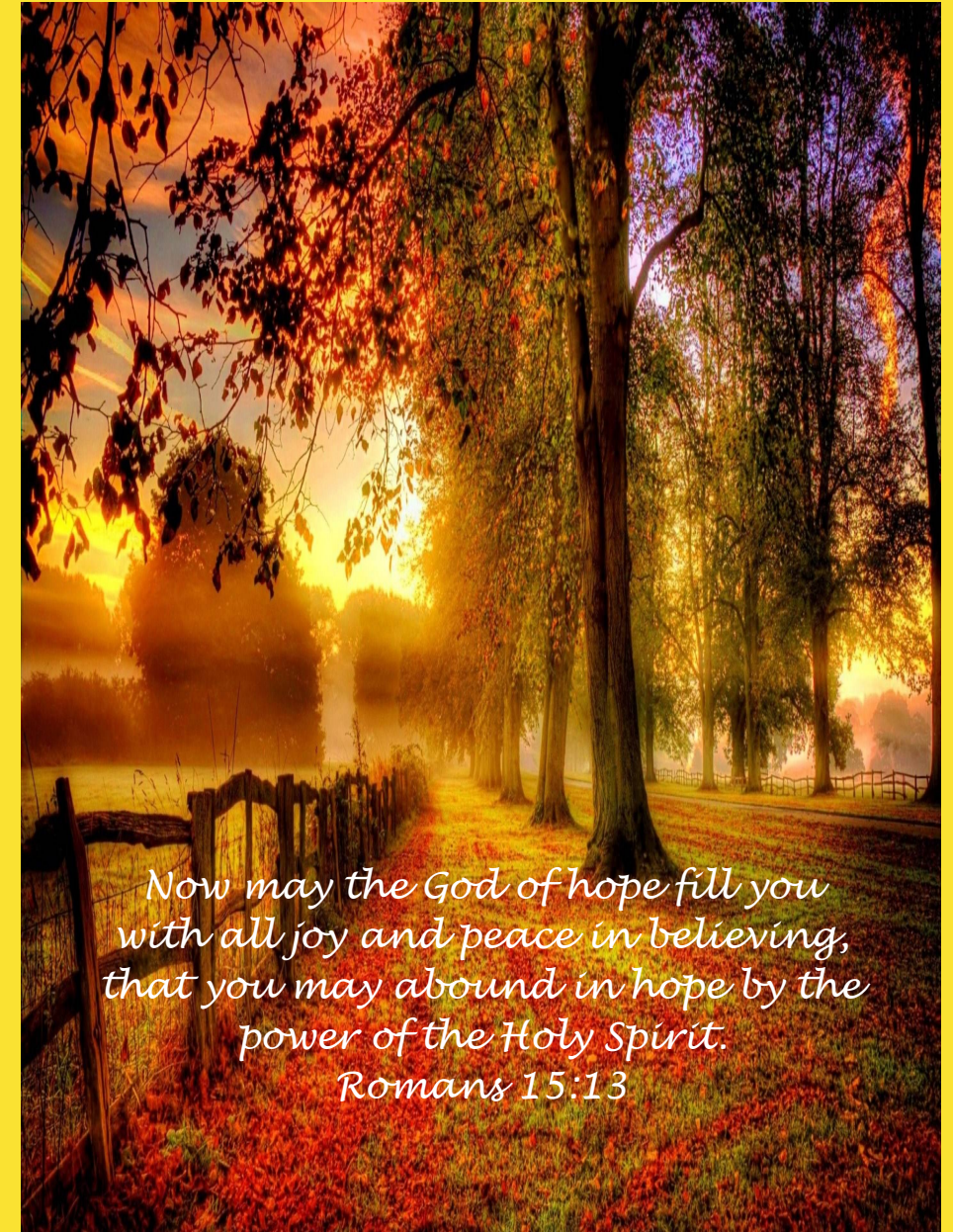
Dustin Mayhew

David Shew

Welcome

to

Johnson church of Christ



Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

September 23, 2018