## Larry's Lines:

### **RUNNING WILD**

Moses couldn't believe his eyes. The people were running wild and out of control. They "had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to their shame among their enemies)."

They had cast off all restraint. Instead of bowing down to God they bowed down to a golden calf and "rose up to play" (a delicate description of immoral acts).

The exact word used twice in Exodus 32:25 is found in warning off Proverbs 29:18. "Where there is not prophecy the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."

Where there is no message from or attention to the Word of God, the people throw away all moral restraints. They become ungovernable.

I was shocked to see the results of the survey taken in the Little Rock schools. In the seventh through the ninth grades 40 percent have copulated; and by the twelfth grade the figure is 70 percent.

And a majority believe weapons are at least sometimes a problem in their school.

When we observe the gangs, the drugs, the thefts, the rapes and the murders in our society, it is apparent what has happened.

We have forgotten the Word of God and we are running wild.

We desperately need to return to the basics. We must read the Bible, teach the Bible, preach the Bible and obey the Bible.

And as we study this revelation from God let us heed the admonition of Kierkegaard, "When you read God's word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, "it is talking to me and about me."

When John Wycliffe penned the preface (sometime between 1380 and 1384 A.D.) to what is known as the Wycliffe Bible, he wrote, "The Bible is for the government of people, by the people, and for the people."

#### Have a Great Week! Larry

#### **Announcements:**

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

Mentors/Teens continue exchanging cards. Jeremy needs a picture with you and your teen.

#### **Upcoming Events**

LTC Bible Bowl Quiz meets at 5:00pm

Deacons meeting today at 5:00pm.

Ski Trip Info Meeting Today at 5:30pm in large adult class room. Anyone planning to go this next year, please attend this meeting.

**C.R.E.W. night is tonight** from 7:00 to 8:00pm. JP is smoking meat and sides are provided. It's \$3.00 a person or \$10.00 per family. C.R.E.W. is for singles, young married, families with children up to teenagers. Make plans to attend tonight, our focus will be on prayer.

A LTC Leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 5:00pm.

#### **Deadline Approaching**

Today is the last day to sign up for RUSH and the Ruth Rally. Both take place the 28th-30th of September. Rush is for 10th - 12th grade only. Ruth Rally is for girls only at takes place at Mount Comfort Church of Christ.

LTC Leader and participant sign up ends TODAY! There are a lot of vacant spots for both Students and Leaders. This program helps prepare our children for their future as well as the future of our church. The 2019 Convention will be held on Easter Weekend in Rogers AR.

#### Congratulations

Dillon Clayton and Corissa Lewis are now engaged. Please congratulate the new couple on their commitment to the Lord and to one another.

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



#### Happy Birthday September 9th Wendy Knapp Tawn Mítchell

September 11th Autumn Ewart September 12th

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September 15th Laura Williams Bo Grady Abby Myers

#### LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER **READ: John Chapter 6**

Pantry Items needed: Rice and Beans

Happy Anniversary September 14th Josh and Jennífer Fortenberry

#### **Sympathy**

Our Sincerest Sympathy to the Dustin Mayhew Family. Dustin's grandmother, Wanda Joy Coffey, went to be with the Lord Monday, September 3, 2018. Her services were held Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Texas. Please pray for the Mayhews safe return as they travel home.

Our Sincerest Sympathy to the Everett Evans Family. Everett was baptized a few years back on Friends and Family Day. His wife is Marsha and their granddaughter is Lucy, both are members here. Everette passed away on September 4, 2018 at the age of 81.

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

Jonathan Martindale Joe Harriman Matt Johnson Eric Keeter Bradon Wolfe

Darron Mitchell Vicki Craft

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

Those with recent health issues: Larry Culbreath had a heart cathe but they found no blockage, Keith Montgomery recent hospitalization, Genevra Montgomery is in the hospital, Benny Moore recent surgery, Virgil Harmon had a heart attack and had a stent put in, Gwen Baker recent back surgery, Krista Casada had recent eye surgery, Amy Allen recent surgery, and **Pearl Couch** is now at Westwood Rehab.

Those who have lost loved ones: The Mayhew Family, The Everette Evans Family, The Janice Thomas Family, The Helen Friend Family, and The Shefelbine Family.

Shut-Ins 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 our teachers and kids going back to school.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN** THE MONTH OF September 2018

#### Lord's Table

Pete Ball JP Bradford George Martin Josh Fortenberry Easton Wolfe

**Greeters** Tawn Mitchell David Shew

Gary Knapp Jared Cobb Rodney Friend

<u>Ushers</u>

**Richard Hutton** 

Announcements Virgil Harmon Dustin Mayhew Jim Olmstead

**Deliver Communion** Jared Cobb

**Prepare Communion** Trish Fortenberry Laura Hughes

**Nurserv Attendants** 

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 **Mike Mitchell** 

Hymn #612 (1,3 & 5) **His Yoke Is Easy** 

Hymn #497 **Whispering Hope** 

Hymn #831 Let Me Live Close TO Thee

> **OPENING PRAYER David Shew**

Hymn #373 A Hill Called Mt. Calvary

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** Luke 23:33-46 **Michael Marvin** 

> **Communion Prayer Alan Fortenberry**

Hymn #581 I'd Rather Have Jesus

LORD'S SUPPER Offering

Hymn #496 **O Listen to the Wondrous Story** 

#### GUEST SPEAKER: JERRY BATES FROM WORLD EVANGELISM

Invitation Hymn #683 I Am Mine No More

> **Closing Prayer Lincoln Phillips**

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 9th Last Day to sign up for LTC Ski Meeting Jerry Bates Missionary Report and **AM Service Deacons** Meeting C.R.E.W. Honduras Reports for PM Service September 11th Threads of Love September 13th **Elders** Meeting September 15th Ladies Day at Pea Ridge church of Christ 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 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 Hardman (SR. High Trip) September 30th Youth Led Services

**October Events** 

October 5-6th JAR Fall Retreat October 5-7th Lee's Fishing Trip October 9th Threads of Love **October 11th Elders** Meeting October 12th Teen Devo @The Johnson's **October 14th** Area Wide Services (No Evening Services at Johnson) Johnson church of Chríst Spríngdale, AR 72762 5602 Elmore Street

> Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com Vorship: 10:20 AN Email: <u>office@johnsonchurchofchris</u> Worship: 6:00 PM 7:00 P.M. 9:30 AM MINISTER Eveníng Worshi Wednesday: 7 lass: Bíble ( Morning

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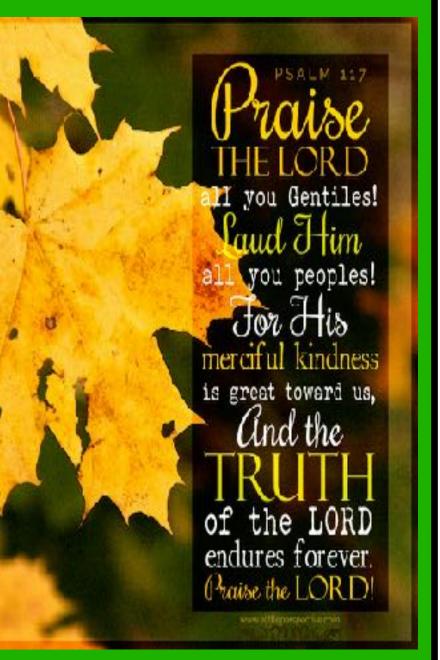
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