Larry's Lines:

Potential and Prayer

"Men ought always to pray," said Jesus. It is more than a privilege; it is an obligation. But evidently Jesus was aware of some power in prayer that many of us have overlooked, for He prayed always. Just think of it: He was without sin; the only pegotten Son of God; clothed with power from on High; the only representative of perfect manhood; possessed miraculous power; yet He prayed constantly. Jesus prayed:

> after His baptism. during His personal ministry... in the garden of Gethsemane.. and as He hung upon the cross.

There is no question about it. Jesus believed in prayer! To Him. God is the Father and responds as a Father would to his children. In explaining this to His disciples He said, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?" Yet despite the preaching and practice of Jesus not many of us are "battering the gates of heaven with storms of prayer." We tend to cynically ask, "Why should we serve the Almighty? What is the good of us praying to him?" (Job 21:15, Moffatt). Permit Jesus to answer the question:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened (Matthew 7:7-8, RSV).

Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it (John 14:13-14, RSV).

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith (Matthew 21:22, RSV).

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you (John 15:7, RSV)

The next time you are tempted to think of prayer as just so much wasted motion, remember the words of Jesus.

when he's on his knees

Have a Great Week! Prayer
A man stands tallest Larry



Announcements:

If you are planning to go on the Ski Trip, please let Chesley Martin or Jeremy Myers know as soon as possible. Money is due TODAY, October 21, 2018.

If you are planning to go to Honduras with **Jeremy**, he needs to know by October 28,

Trunk or Treat will take place on October 31, 2018. Be aware, a lot of our kids are allergic to peanuts.

Upcoming Events

The **Outdoor Service** is tonight at 6:00pm. Festivities such as pony rides, 4-wheeling rides and a pie contest will begin around 4:30. Please bring sides. drinks and desserts. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Invite your family and friends.

Your invited to a renewal of yows 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.

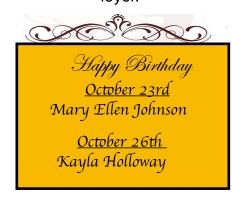
The **Annual Huffmaster Hayride** takes place this Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 5:00 pm at Terry and Linda Huffmaster's house. If you plan on going, please sign up today. Please bring chips of all kinds but especially for chili, desserts, toppings for chili, side dishes that go with hotdogs, a chair, and a blanket or jacket. Hot Dogs and Chili are provided.

Welcome

Please welcome our new members. Ethan & Rachel Ladymon have chosen to become part of our family. Please take time to welcome them. They can be reached at:

567 Mimosa Lane Fayetteville, AR 72703 Ethan 405-829-0099 riverhawk_dt_72@hotmail.com Rachel 479-283-1374 rachelr@gmail.com

Teacher Sign Up for the Winter Quarter is going on Right Now. Classes available for all ages, sign up sheet in the fover.



Pantry Items needed: **Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta**



Honduras Benefit Supper/Auction

The Mount Comfort Church of Christ will host their annual Honduras Benefit Chili cook-off and auction Saturday evening November 3, 2018. Diane Murray is collecting items for the auction. Those willing to make chili, please let her know. All money collected goes to help children in Honduras go to school.

Jar Youth

Deeper Youth Conference is coming up Nov 9-10 at the Center St COC and brings many outside groups into our area. These groups are in need of a place to stay, mainly for that Friday night. If you can host a group please go to this link and fill in your availability and Jeremy Myers (479-366-8446) will be in touch with you before the conference. Thank you!

https://tinyurl.com/ **DeeperHousing18**

Attention Teens: If you are planning to attend Deeper, please sign up by October 28, 2018. https://tinyurl.com/Deeper

Larry Scott

Mike Mitchell

Jared Cobb

Nursery Attendants Lauren Mayhew Jack Mavhew Laci Cherry

Greeters

Scarlett Cherry

Marc Wolfe

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment,

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 as well as those who are suffering from floods and hurricanes.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Oma Leta had a bad fall, Hudson

workers has just been diagnosed with cancer, Calvin Billingsley had a

Lowrimore (student of Kaileigh Shefilbine) also one of her co-

recent hospitalization and is now in rehab in Alma AR,, Amelia

Hester is having health issues, and Roger Gross.

Dean (Phil Curlee's sister).

Bramlett (Becky Blues's granddaughter) is now at home, Shirley

Those fighting Cancer: Oma Leta Smith, Keith Montgomery,

Leslie Cones and Kim Williams (Megan Bassing's Aunt) and Loveta

Those who have lost loved ones: The Lincoln Phillips Family.

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Pearl Couch, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and

LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER READ: John Chapter 12 We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 11.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF October 2018 Lord's Table <u>Ushers</u>

Randall Harriman JP Bradford Trey Garner Mike Mitchell Matt Johnson Heath Huffmaster Matt Bassing Liga Stamps Doug Goodpasture Virgil Harmon **Dustin Mayhew** Larry Lloyd

Announcements

Diane Murray Joe Harriman Tracy Scott John Cobb Eric Keeter

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Prepare Communion Deliver Communion Betty Rainwater Josh Fortenberry

Doris Williams P.A. System

please provide the office with your email address.

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

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

WELCOME

Announcements Joe Harriman

Song Leader Mike Mitchell

Hymn #840 I Will Pray

OPENING PRAYER Terry Huffmaster

> Hymn #394 **Walk With Me**

Hymn #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE John 6:35-40 ESV

Darron Mitchell

Communion Praver Herb Hughes

LORD'S SUPPER Offering

Hvmn #848 **Did You Think To Pray**

Hymn #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21ESV **Easton Wolfe**



Does God Hear My Prayers?

Invitation Hymn #810 Listen To Our Hearts

> **Closing Prayer David Shew**

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.

October Events

October 21st Outdoor Service

October 23rd

Threads of Love David and Leah Griggs Vow Renewal

October 25th

Elders Meeting

Budget Planning Meeting

AM SERMON OUTLINE

"Does God Hear My Prayers"

One of God's Great Blessings is Prayer "God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessings:

Redemption: Romans 3:24

Freedom from Condemnation: Romans 8:8

The Love of God: Romans 8:34 Newness of Life: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Liberty: Galatians 2:4 Wholeness:Colossians 2:10

Grace: 2 Timothy 2:1 Salvation: 2 Timothy 2:10

How are we to Pray?

Believing: Mathew 21:22 James 1:6

Boldly: Hebrews 4:16

Earnest, submissive, humble, patient

How Not to Pray!

Like the Pharisee: Luke 18:9-13 Whose Name Do We Pray IN?

To God in Christ's name: John 16:23-24 John 14:13-14

How Often Should We Pray?

Peter and John set aside a certain time:

Constant: Romans 12:12

Night and Day: 1 Thessalonians 3:10 Jesus prayed early in the morning: Mark

What Should We Pray For? Our Daily Bread: Luke 11:1-4

Forgiveness: Mark 11:25 Faithfulness: Ephesians 1:15-16

Strength: Ephesians 3:14-17 Hope: Colossians 1:3-5 The Church: Philippians 1:3-6

Yourself: Acts 8:22-24 Your Enemies: Luke 6:27-28

Temptation: Matthew 26:41 Wisdom: James 1:5

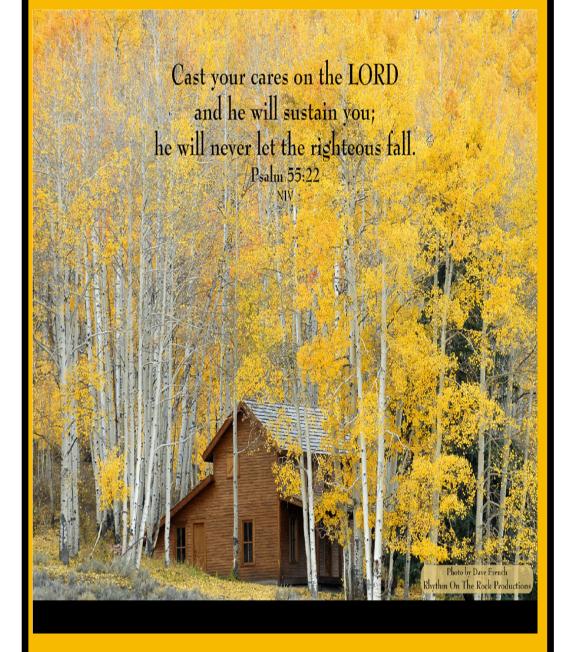
God knows what we need before we ask but we must ask Him: Matthew 6:8

"You Have Not Because You Ask Not: James 4:2

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Welcome

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