Larry's Lines:

God Preserves

If I sit quietly I can still see all of the activity which went on in our kitchen, the hub of all activity in our house. It was where the family gathered and visited while mother went on with her work and where the family met to eat.

It was also the place where I first learned what it meant to preserve something. With an apron on and busy hands, my mother applied herself to canning vegetables out of the garden. The old pressure cooker would sit and whistle on the stove as she filled more jars. Green beens were fine, but I especially liked it when she turned her attention from vegetables to fruit.

Let me tell you, there's nothing like hot biscuits, butter and apricot preserves on a cold winter day. The ability to preserve apricots has to be one of the worlds greatest discoveries. And I marveled that mother could do it.

But when it comes to the ability to preserve, there's nothing as wonderful as the work of God.

God preserved a burning bush so that it was not consumed. A feat which immediately caught the attention of Moses. You can't explain it as a temporary mirage of reflected sunlight on some red leaves, or a campfire of some Bedouin, or even the phenomenon of Saint Elmo's fire. Such pitiful explantations substitute our experiences for Moses' forty years in that area. Moses knew the bush was burning, but it wasn't being consumed. That's why Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush in not burnt" (Exodus 3:3). God was burning it yet preserving it!

Or consider His marvelous work in sustaining Israel during forty years of wilderness wanderings. Only God can preserve like that.

Such considerations help me to have great confidence in the Almighty. "The LORD... preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked" (Psalms 97:10).

Paul knew what God could do and therefore prayed, "May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thessalonians 5:23).

> Have a Great Week! Larry



Announcements:

Contribution for the Green Valley Bible Camp Facilities Improvement Project was 13,069.00. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

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 October 21, 2018.

If you are planning to go to **Honduras with Jeremy**, he needs to know by October 28, 2018.

Upcoming Events

Deacon's Meeting will take place TODAY, at 4:00pm instead of 5:00pm. All deacons need to attend. Budget Meeting will take place October the 25th at 6:00pm.

NWA Area Wide Worship TONIGHT Singing, Fellowship, Worship Springdale High School Performing Arts Center Speaker: David Shannon 5:30 p.m. (PM services at Johnson have been cancelled.)

Lee's fishing trip is scheduled for October 19th - 21st. If you plan on going, please let Lee know.

The **Outdoor Service** will take place October 21, 2018 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.



C.R.E.W. NIGHT

Carol Moore

October 14, 2018, right after evening services. This will be our last time for the year. Our topic is "Pillars of Truth" and the menu is Tacos. \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

Pantry Items needed: Pancake and syrup

Jar Youth

Our **Teen Devo** has been moved to October 13, 2018 at the home of Sherry McCoy from 6:30-8:30.

PRE-Game will be October 17, 2018 at the NWA Mall. Monthly Birthdays with the Goforths.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Fall Retreat.

Jar/Mentor Challenge

We are going to start having a monthly challenge for our teens and mentors. This month's challenge is to get together for something outside of worship. Maybe attending a game or performance, having dinner, going bowling or just having one another over for games.

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Amelia Bramlett (Becky Blues's granddaughter) had a bike wreck and had emergency surgery at Children's Hospital in Littler Rock, Loveta Dean (Phil Curlee's sister) just found out that she has triple negative cancer in her limp-nodes, Shirley Hester is having health issues, Roger Gross is in the Springdale Hospital, Linda Huffmaster is having a heart Cathe on October 11th.

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

Those who have lost loved ones: The Lincoln Phillips Family, The Lee Pennington Family and The Rowena Morrison 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 10
We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 9.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN

THE MONTH OF October 2018			
Lord's Ta Larry Scott Trey Garner Heath Huffmaster Doug Goodpasture Dustin Mayhew	able Randall Harriman Mike Mitchell Matt Bassing Virgil Harmon Larry Lloyd	<u>Ushers</u> JP Bradford Matt Johnson Liga Stamps	
Greete Mike Mitchell Jared Cobb	Diane Murray Tracy Scott	Announcements Joe Harriman John Cobb Eric Keeter	

<u>Deliver Communion</u> Josh Fortenberry

Nursery Attendants

Lauren Mayhew Jack Mayhew
Laci Cherry Scarlett Cherry

P.A. System Darby York

Prepare Communion

Betty Rainwater

Doris Williams

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Song Leade Marc Wolfe

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 Joe Harriman

Song Leader **Marc Wolfe**

Hymn #508 **A Wonderful Savior**

OPENING PRAYER Justin Goforth

Hymn PP Only How Deep the Father's Love

> Hvmn #364 **Come Share the Lord**

Hymn PP Only Oft We Come Together

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 3:15-18

Phil Curlee

Communion Prayer Virgil Harmon

LORD'S SUPPER Offering

Hymn #PP Only Only The Lord's Supper

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:17-30 **Matthew Goodpasture**



Invitation Hymn #382 Why Did My Savior Come To Earth

Closing Hymn #786 **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

> **Closing Prayer Keenan Couch**

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 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

October 13th

Teen Devo @ Sherry McCoys house

October 17th

PRE Game with the Goforth's

October 19-21

Lee's Fishing Trip

JAR Fall Retreat@ Sky Ranch

October 21st

Outdoor Service

October 23rd

Threads of Love

David and Leah Griggs Vow Renewal

October25th

Elders Meeting

Budget Planning Meeting

AM SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. What the Passover meant to the Jews and the institution of the Lord's Supper.
- 2. How often should we observe it? Acts 20:7
- 3. Who should participate in the observance.
- 4. How do we observe it?
 - a. With Prayer
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Memorial
 - d. Declaration
- 5. The Lord's Supper is Fourdimensional.
 - a. Inward
 - b. Outward
 - c. Backward d. Forward
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26&28

Welcome

Johnson church of Christ

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. Psalm 126:5-6

October 7, 2018