

Larry's Lines:

Church Growth at What Price?

Maybe I have read too many books on "church growth." Instead of being "turned on," I'm more and more "turned off." The emphasis seems to be on pleasing the customer. Meeting their "felt-needs." Giving them what they want.

Over and over we are told that churches must be "seeker-friendly." Does that mean that we abandon the realities of truth for the sake of a comfort zone? Does it mean we cry, "Peace, peace" when there is no peace?

Wasn't the sale of papal indulgences by Johann Tetzel "seeker-friendly?" Finding out what people want and giving it to them can be both popular and profitable in the short run. But it may also be a sell-out of the Gospel.

Just because we please ourselves doesn't mean that we please God. "Come to Bethel—and transgress; to Gilgal—and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; bring a thank offering of leavened bread and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel! says the Lord God" (Amos 4:4-5). "Being user-friendly" doesn't always translate being "God-friendly" as Amos was quick to point out.

Richard Niebuhr critiqued liberalism as "a God without wrath, bringing men without sin, into a Kingdom without judgement, through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross." Some, it seems, are almost willing to go that far to attract a crowd.

Have a Great Week!
Larry

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

(PM services at Johnson have been cancelled.)

Announcements:

Contribution for TODAY has been set aside for the Green Valley Bible Camp Facilities Improvement Project.

If you are planning to go on the **ski trip** please let Chesley Martin or Jeremy Myers know as soon as possible. They need to move forward with making accommodations.

If you are planning to go to **Honduras with Jeremy**, he needs to know by October 28, 2018. An informational meeting will take place at Farmington Church of Christ at 3:00 today.

Deacon's Meeting will take place, October 7th, at 4:00pm instead of 5:00pm. All deacons need to attend. **Budget Meeting** will take place, October the 25th at 6:00pm.

Upcoming Events

Youth Led Services take place tonight. All young men are encouraged to take part. Please see Preston Keeter or Caden Scott to let them know if you are planning to participate and what you plan on doing.

Save the Date

A **Baby Shower** for Rachael and Ty Brunkhardt has been scheduled for November 11, 2018 from 4pm-6pm. Their baby girl is expected to arrive in December!

The **Outdoor Service** will take place on October 21, 2018 at 6:00. Festivities will begin around 4:30. More information on this event in future bulletins.

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



Happy Birthday
September 30th
David Griggs

October 2nd
Kingston Dennis
Virgil Harmon
Justin Lee
Darcy Wilson
Lisa Sixkiller

October 3rd
Linda Allen

October 5th
Linda Huffmaster

October 6th
Charles Couch
Peyton Briggs

Pantry Items needed:
Chili and Crackers



Sympathy

Our **deepest sympathy** to the Lincoln Phillips family on the loss of Lincoln's grandmother, Rosetta Phillips. Rosetta passed away unexpectedly and now is with our Lord in heaven. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Congratulations

Congratulations to James Goodpasture and Alethea Anderson on their recent engagement.



Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Linda Huffmaster is having heart test done, Heather Martindale is struggling with a school friends death, Sharon Montgomery recent hospitalization, Leah Griggs is having liver enzymes issues.

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, The Rowena Morrison Family, and The Dustin Mayhew 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, Geneva 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 9

We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 8.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF October 2018

Lord's Table		Ushers
Larry Scott	Randall Harriman	JP Bradford
Trey Garner	Mike Mitchell	Matt Johnson
Heath Huffmaster	Matt Bassing	Liga Stamps
Doug Goodpasture	Virgil Harmon	
Dustin Mayhew	Larry Lloyd	

Greeters	Announcements
Mike Mitchell	Joe Harriman
Jared Cobb	John Cobb
	Eric Keeter

Deliver Communion	Prepare Communion
Josh Fortenberry	Betty Rainwater
	Doris Williams

Nursery Attendants	P.A. System
Lauren Mayhew	Jack Mayhew
Laci Cherry	Scarlett Cherry

Song Leader
Marc Wolfe

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

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THE LORD'S DAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME
Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Doug Goodpasture

Hymn #1014
Jesus Loves Me

Hymn #390
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn #682
Purer Yet and Purer

OPENING PRAYER
Alan Fortenberry

Hymn #324
Alas, And did My Savior Bleed
Verses 1&2 then Chorus
Verses 3&4 then Chorus

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Mark 10:32-34
David Shew

Communion Prayer
Kevin Murray

LORD'S SUPPER
Offering

Hymn #469
Faith is the Victory
3rd Verse is Power Point Only

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Matthew 16:13-19
Dustin Mayhew



Invitation Hymn #934
Softly and Tenderly

Closing Hymn #1015
Jesus Loves the Little Children

Closing Prayer
Preston Keeter

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 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

October 12th
Teen Devo @The Johnson's

October 17th
PRE Game with the Goforth's

October 19-21
Lee's Fishing Trip
JAR Fall Retreat@ Sky Ranch

AM SERMON OUTLINE

The First Day of Pentecost after the Resurrection of Jesus was a long awaited Day.

Designations of Function

1. "The Church" Colossians 1:18 & 24
2. "The Body of Christ" Ephesians 1:22-23
3. "The Kingdom of Heaven" Acts 8:12

Designations of Ownership

1. "The Church of Christ" Romans 16:16
2. "The Church of God" 1 Corinthians 1:2

Designations of Relationship

1. "The Family of God" Ephesians 2:19
2. "Disciples of the Lord" Acts 9:1
3. "The Temple of God" 1 Corinthians 3:16
4. The Church of the firstborn. Hebrews 12:23

Designations of Practices

1. The Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7
2. Singing. Ephesians-5:19
Colossians 3:17
3. Giving. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
4. Prayer. Acts 4:1-5
5. Preaching. 2 Timothy 3:1-7
6. Government: Elders. 1 Timothy 3:1-7
Deacons. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

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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 23, 2018

Bible Study: 161

Morning Worship: 243

Evening Worship: 117

Wednesday Night: 149

Chapters Read: 223

Contribution: \$ 8735.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

September 30, 2018

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Youth Led Services

Opening Prayer: Youth Led Services

Sermon: Youth Led Services

Scripture: Youth Led Services

Announcements: Dustin Mayhew

Closing Prayer: Youth Led Services

October 3, 2018

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Randall Harriman

Prayer: Chesley Martin

Devotional: Eric Keeter

Announcements: Jim Olmstead

Closing: Bruce Casada

October 7, 2018

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Joe Harriman

Song Leader: Marc Wolfe

Opening Prayer: Justin Goforth

Communion Scripture: Phil Curlee

Communion Prayer: Virgil Harmon

Scripture Reading: Matthew Goodpasture

Closing Prayer: Keenan Couch

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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



September 30, 2018