

Larry’s Lines:

Defenseless Love

Rehoboth is not a household word. It’s the name of a well, but it is more than that. Rehoboth speaks of defenseless love. Let me tell you the story.

Centuries ago a man by the name of Isaac dwelt in the land of Gerar. He planted a crop and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. Everything went his way and he soon became rich. The Philistines envied him and wanted him to move on. “You are mightier than we,” they complained. So as an encouragement the Philistines filled all of his wells with dirt. So Isaac pulled up stakes and moved to the valley. There he digs again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father. But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, “The water is ours.” So Isaac moves yet again and digs another well, and over this one they did not quarrel. Isaac called it Rehoboth, saying, “For the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

Behind Rehoboth is a heap of patience, self-control and defenseless love. How easy it would have been for Isaac to give into retaliation, revenge and repayment. And who would have condemned him? “He has his rights. He’s justified in fighting for what is his.” But Isaac would have none of it. He went right on moving and digging.

Not all men are like Isaac. Consider Nikita Khrushchev who once said, “We Communist have many things in common with the teachings of Jesus Christ. “But,” he continued, “my sole difference with Christ is that when someone hits me on the right cheek, I hit him on the left so hard that his head falls off.” That’s the way a lot of folks are built.

Jesus calls men to a far more noble practice than putting up ones dukes: “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.” (Matthew 5:38,39)

It’s desperately difficult to do, but don’t trip over this command. In your next personal conflict remember Isaac, and let “Rehoboth” be your watchword.

Have a Great Week!

Larry

Upcoming Events

Our **Holiday Meal** will take place, TODAY right after morning services. If you are visiting please join us. We would love to have you as our guest.

A bus trip has been planned by Robinson Ave to go to the Ark Experience in Kentucky in April 2019, if you are interested, informational forms are on the event board. DEPOSIT IS DUE DECEMBER 20TH.

A **Medical Mission Seminar** will be held at the Springdale Convention Center in Sprindale AR, January 18 &19th. This is especially directed to those who have never been on a mission trip or a new high school graduate. Pre-Registration is encouraged, see the events board for more information.

Thank You

A **Special Thanks to everyone who participated in “Wrapping with the Police.” We had a great time and it was much appreciated by them.**

Announcements:

Cancellation of services due to bad weather will be announced on the following TV stations: KNWA-TV I Fox 24 or 40/29 KHBS/ KHOG.

DON’T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS OUT OF YOUR BOX!

Classes are cancelled for Wednesday night, December 26, 2018 for our New Year Devotion. All Classes meet in the auditorium.

If you taught class last quarter, please turn your notebooks in to the library for the Spring Quarter.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the **Adam Rowe family**. Adam’s dad Earl Rowe passed away on December 10, 2018. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday
December 16th
Kaileigh Shefelbine
December 18th
Heather Martindale
December 22nd
Aiden Ewart
Zoey Phillips

Pantry Items
Rice and Beans

Happy Anniversary
December 16th
Justin and Kristen Lee

December 22nd
Doug and Andrea Goodpasture

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We have a family with three children that has asked for help through one of our teachers. We have divided their requests up into 30 items. Following our Holiday meal, Dec. 16th, we will take the van to Wal-Mart to purchase the items and then return to the building to wrap them. Everyone is welcome to come help the teens fulfill these request. Some of the needs will be met from the money collect from the polar express night but we may need your help to purchase the rest. We will also have fruit baskets to deliver to our Widows and Widowers that same day.

LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER
READ: John Chapter 20
We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 19.

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

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Terry Wallis is having health issues, Marc Wolfe will have back surgery on the 17th at Mercy Hospital, Sharon Montgomery fell and broke her ankle, Lou Ella Rhine is at Walnut Grove Nursing home and is not doing very well, Maya Gustafson (a19 year old friend of Larry Culbreath had a bad accident and has bleeding on the brain), Shirley Hester is having some health issues, Dustin Mayhew recovering from his second procedure done on his heart, Hudson Lowrimore (student of Kaileigh Shefelbine) and The Darrell Camp family have had multiple health issues.

Those fighting Cancer: Oma Leta Smith, Leslie Cones and Kim Williams (Megan Bassing’s Aunt) and Loveta Dean (Phil Curlee’s sister) Carol Edwards (Laura Hughes sister) has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is having a mastectomy, and one of Kaileigh’s co-workers has just been diagnosed with cancer.

Our NEW Mother and Baby: Racheal and Joanie Brunkhardt

Those who have lost loved ones: The JP Bradford Family, The Brady Perry Family, The Pat Bowlinger Family and The Keith Montgomery 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 as well as those who are traveling during the holidays.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN
THE MONTH OF December 2018

Lord’s Table Jim Olmstead Lincoln Phillips Brad Harriman Darron Mitchell Gary Knapp	Ushers Marc Wolfe Terry Huffmaster Richard Hutton Terry Wilson Charles Bluse	Greeters Lee Pennington Amanda Gardenhire	Announcements Kevin Murray JP Bradford Brad Harriman
Deliver Communion Herb Hughes	Prepare Communion Lisa Lewis Jennifer Lewis	Nursery Attendants Lisa Lewis Jennifer Lewis	P.A. System Larry Lloyd
Song Leader Charles Couch			

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
Kevin Murray

Song Leader
Charles Couch

Hymn #508
A Wonderful Savior

Hymn #1004
While Shepherds Watched
Their Flocks

OPENING PRAYER
Matt Bassing

Hymn #1005
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Hymn #382
Why Did My Savior
Come to Earth

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Galatians 2: 20-21
Chesley Martin

Communion Prayer
Alan Fortenberry

LORD’S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #996
O Little Town of Bethlehem

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 9:6-7
David Cherry



Invitation Hymn #791
On Bended Knee

Closing Hymn #839
In His Time

Closing Prayer
Bruce Casada

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.

December Events

December 16th
Holiday Meal
Deacons and Elders Hosting

December 19th
Pregame

December 23rd
Christmas Devo

December 24th and 25th
Office Closed for Christmas

AM SERMON OUTLINE
Isaiah Prophesied The Coming of the Messiah.
1. The Jews were looking for a man of war to lead them to victory... God gave them a helpless baby to bring them back to Him.
2. Men wanted a ruler on an earthly throne... God would give a child in a feed trough.
3. God’s way is not man’s way.
A Child was promised
1. Joseph’s Problem
2. God’s Solution
A Child Proclaimed
1. The birth of Jesus
2. The Story of the Shepherds
A Child Is Praised
1. Naming the Child
2. The trip to the temple
The Child Protected
1. The Visit by Wise Men
2. The Flight to Egypt
3. The Slaughter of the Innocent Children
4. The return to Nazareth

PM Sermon Outline
The Ministry of Prayer
1. These people prayed
2. Herod closed all the doors but ONE
3. Most of our failures are prayer failures.
The Manner of Prayer
1. Frequency
2. Fervency
3. Fellowship
4. Faith
5. Focus
The Marvel Of Prayer
1. We are to pray as though everything depended upon God...Then work as if everything depended on us.

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<p>COME WORSHIP WITH US</p> <p>Sunday: Bible Class: 9:30 AM Morning Worship: 10:20 AM Evening Worship: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>ELDER Alan Fortenberry Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray</p> <p>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</p>	<p>MINISTER Larry Culbreath (479) 521-3410 Office (479) 444-1467 Home (479) 856-3801 Cell preacherlc@att.net</p> <p>YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER Jeremy Myers (479) 366-8446 Cell jmyers111@hotmail.com</p> <p>SECRETARY Stefanie Curlee (479) 521-3410 Office stefaniecurlee@att.net</p> <p>MISSIONARIES Marco Antonio Herbert Chukwu</p> <p>Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesdays, & Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30 – 2:30</p>
	<p>PROOF OF OUR LOVE December 9, 2018</p> <p>Bible Study: 143 Morning Worship: 193 Evening Worship: 139 Wednesday Night: 142 Contribution: \$12275.00</p> <p>OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE December 16, 2018 Sunday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Matt Johnson Opening Prayer: Steve Martindale Sermon : “Prayer Is Powerful” Scripture: Acts 12:1-5 Announcements: JP Bradford Closing Prayer: Preston Keeter</p> <p>December 19, 2018 Wednesday Evening</p> <p>Song Leader: Prayer: Devotional: Announcements: Brad Harriman Closing:</p> <p>December 23, 2018 Sunday Morning</p> <p>Announcements: Kevin Murray Song Leader: Charles Couch Opening Prayer: Mike Mitchell Scripture: Virgil Harmon Communion Prayer: David Cherry Scripture Reading: Bruce Casada Closing Prayer: Ty Brunkhardt</p>	

Welcome

to

Johnson church of Christ

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

December 16, 2018