Larry's Lines:

Season's Greetings

Dear Church Family

Pat and I want to wish each of you a very happy, safe and pleasant holiday season. We also want you to know how very much we love and appreciate you. You have given us so much love and have lifted us up in some trying times and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are truly a special church family. I don't know that we can ever repay you for all that you have done for us except to say that if you ever need us, we will try to be there for you like you have been there for us.

I can hardly believe that another year is almost over. Where in the world does the time go. We can and should learn from each passing year things that will help us in the future. We can not dwell on the past. good or bad, but we can use the past to grow. No matter what we may have accomplished in 2018, there is still much to do. The future is ahead of us. Somewhere in that future is the door to eternity for each of us. We need to make absolutely sure that we are ready when that time comes. So whatever we do in 2019, let's live each day serving God.

My prayer for us in 2019 is that each of us will... "lay aside every weight of sin, which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

We love each of you so very much, and appreciate the love you have shown us. May God bless you and keep you and may the coming year bring you joy and happiness.

> Happy Holidays! Larry and Pat

The Elders are requesting that If you are planning to use the church building for an event such as a baby shower, birthday party, funeral, wedding, wedding shower, family gathering or anything else that is of a personal nature, you must fill out an event form and return it to the office for the elders approval. This will help with making sure that they know who is using the building and what the building is being used for.

Announcements:

This January we will change our order of worship slightly. We will continue to have the Elder's prayer to start the worship, but announcements will come at the end of our services. If you have announcements you would like to have announced from the pulpit, please turn them in to the Elder of the month before the beginning of services. The Elder of the month is the Elder listed in the beginning of the worship order of services.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR **CHRISTMAS CARDS OUT OF YOUR BOX!** If you find a card in your box of someone who no longer attends or a shut in, please turn them into the office.

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.

The office will be closed December 24th and 25th.

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.

Congratulations

We are so proud to announce that Carissa Knapp and Cole Martin are engaged to be married. We are so happy for the two of them.

Kent and Kayla Holloway will be looking forward to a new baby in the near future. We are so excited for them. Although Kayla it is still early in her pregnancy and she is hoping that the more people that know the more prayers they will receive that they have a healthy baby.

Thank You

Thank you to the Keepers and their helpers for making our Holiday Dinner table center pieces so beautiful.



Happy Birthday December 24th

Díane Murray

Sara McCoy

December 25th Jordan Scott

<u>December 26th</u>

Lisa Martindale

December 27th Larry Paiz

Pantry Items Personal Care Items

Happy Anniversary December 23rd Míchael and Julie Marvin

December 29th Terry and Patricia Neumaster

JAR YOUTH

The teens will have a New Year lock in here at the church at no cost to anyone, December 31st-January 1st starting at 7:00pm. College Age Students are welcome to join us. Please make sure to RSVP to Jeremy and pick your teen up by 7:30am.

Upcoming Events

Youth Led Service will take place December 30, 2018. If you would like to participate, please let Caden Scott or Easton Wolfe know.

Our **New Years Eve** party will take place December 31st from 7:00pm to midnight. Please bring your favorite finger food, drinks and games. We will ring in the new year together.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Carrie Davis (daughter of Barbara Parsley) hurt her back, Terry Wallis is having health issues, Marc Wolfe is recovering from back surgery, **Sharon Montgomery** is recovering from a broken ankle, Lou Ella Rhine is at Walnut Grove Nursing home and is doing much better, Maya Gustafson is at home and is much improved, Shirley Hester is having some health issues, and Dustin Mayhew recovering from his second procedure done on his heart.

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 Adam Rowe Family, The JP Bradford Family, The Brady Perry Family, and The Pat Bowlinger Family

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration! Lenore Sutton, 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 as well as those who are traveling during the holidays.

> LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER READ: John Chapter 20

We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 19.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF December 2018

Lord's Table <u>Ushers</u> Jim Olmstead Marc Wolfe Herb Hughes Lincoln Phillips Phil Curlee Terry Huffmaster Brad Harriman Richard Hutton Josh Fortenberry **Darron Mitchell** Terry Wilson Jim Allen Charles Bluse Gary Knapp

Lee Pennington

Amanda Gardenhire Erin Bradford

Announcements Doug Goodpasture

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

Song Leader Charles Couch

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment, 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 Kevin Murray

Song Leader **Charles Couch**

> **Hymn #66** Doxology

Hymn #1018 Joy To The World

OPENING PRAYER Mike Mitchell

Hymn #202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn #375 Oh, the Depth and the Riches

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE John 19:17-30

Virgil Harmon

Communion Prayer David Cherry

LORD'S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #1005 **Beautiful Star of Bethlehem**

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 15:1-11 Bruce Casada



Invitation Hymn #533 I Am a Sheep

Closing Hymn #831 Let Me Live Close to Thee

> **Closing Prayer** Ty Brunkhardt

Welcome Visitors!

We are so happy to have you and consider you our honored quest. 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 23rd

Singing Devo

December 24th and 25th

Office Closed for Christmas

December 26th

New Year's Devo

Classes Cancelled

December 27th

Elders Meeting

December 30

Youth Led Service

December 31st

Office Closed

New Year's Eve Party

Teen Lock In

January Events

January 1st

Office Closed

January 8th

Threads of Love

January 10th

Elder's Meeting

January 22nd

Threads of Love

January 25th **Elders Meeting**

January 27th

4th Sunday Devo and Potluck 20's and 30's Hosting

AM SERMON OUTLINE

- 3. God will be glorified.
- 4. We will abide in Christ's love.
- 5. Our joy will be full.

Stay Close to Christ... Do not

They will make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and He will be accompanied by His called and chosen and Revelation 17:14 faithful ones.

Welcome

Johnson church of Christ

December 23, 2018

There Must Be A Close **Connection Between Every Christian And Christ.**

1. How Close is Christ to the Christian?

The Need to Maintain That Close **Connection With Christ.**

- 1. We will bear much fruit.
- 2. Our Prayers will be answered.

Disconnect.