Larry's Lines:

You Worship—But What?

The apostle John made a mistake. He was so thrilled with the revelation he received on the isle of Patmos that he fell down at the feet of an angel who showed him such glorious things. Immediately the angel said, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." To worship is not a mistake. Our very souls cry out for it. The word "worship" comes from the same root as the words, "worth," "worthy" and "worthwhile." Consequently, when we worship we give honor and adoration to those qualities which are worthwhile. Worship is as natural to man as seeing or breathing. He will worship. But that worship should be properly directed. In the words of the angel, "Worship God." Because:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!
Worthy art thou, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for thou didst create all things,
and by thy will they existed and were created.
(Revelation 4:8,11)

Knowing this is both illogical and unnatural that a being such as God should not be worshipped. How perfectly natural that the first of the ten commandments should be, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

How frequently this commandment has been broken is open for easy investigation. We have bowed before Science, groveled before Self, deified Humanity and served the creature rather than the Creator.

D. Elton Trueblood has written, "If we want to have one world, the only way to begin is by the recognition of our dependence upon the one God. All other possible objects of ultimate loyalty are fictitious. A deep sense of the priority of the first commandment would change all men fortunate enough to share it. It would make us humble and make us brave. It is the first stone in the foundation upon which we must try to rebuild man's shattered house." With one heart let us heed the invitation of the psalmist:

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Psalms 95:6,7)

> Have a Great Week! Larry

Upcoming Events

Christmas Caroling will take place Today! See Andrea for details.

The Golden Age Christmas party will take place at Western Sizzlin in Springdale, December 11, 2018 at 6:00. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer so we can get a head count of those planning to attend.

Keepers will meet at 5:00pm on the 12th of December to make table decorations for our Holiday Meal. Dinner will be provided. All young ladies are welcome and their mother's help will be appreciated.

Caitlyn Craft Parker's baby shower has been moved to December 15, 2018 from 9:00am to 11:00am. She is registered at Target and Amazon.

Polar Express/Parents Night out has been moved to December 15, 2018. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to come. Food will be provided and any donations made will be used to help a needy family.

Wrapping with the police will take place December 11, 2018 at 6:00pm here at the building. Please come help wrap gifts for the needy children in Johnson or decorate the float that will deliver the gifts. All supplies will be available as well as pizza for those who participate. See David Cherry for questions.

Our **Holiday Meal** will take place, Sunday, December 16, 2018 right after morning services. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Meat is provided and the Elders and Deacons will host.

New Address

Sharon Montgomery 44 Fenner Lane Greenbrier AR 72058



Happy Birthday December 9th Ron Burns Price Bradford Trey Marvín Beverly Cosby December 10th Trey Garner December 11th Cooper Cobb Dakota Griggs December 12 Amiee York Piper Gardenhire Madison Fortenberry December 13th Becky Bluse December 14th Roger Gross Kent Holloway Laura Myers December 15th Colton Hill Whitney Mitchell

Pantry Items
Cereal and Oatmeal

Oma Leta Smith

Congratulations and Prayers

Ty and Racheal Brunkhardt are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Joanie Annette, who came into the world at 9:05 am December 2, 2018 at 7lbs and 14oz. Joanie has a rare strep and will be in the NICU until she finishes her antibiotics. Ty and Racheal will be staying at the Ronald McDonald House until baby Joanie can come home. Keep this family in your prayers.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Sharon Montgomery fell and broke her ankle, Emmet Windham has been ill, 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 recently had 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, Earl Rowe (Adam Rowe's father) has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, 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 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, 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.

Announcements:

A Medical Mission Seminar will be held at the Springdale Convention Center in Sprindale AR, January 19-21st. 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.

A bus trip has been planned by Robinson Ave to go to the Ark Experience in Kentucky April 2019, if you are interested please see Larry or Stefanie for a flyer.

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.

Sympathy

JP Bradford lost his grandmother, Eulene Bradford, Wednesday, December 5, 2018. She was from Greenbrier AR and a faithful member of the Church. Please keep JP and his family in your prayers.

LTC QUIZ BOWL REMINDER READ: John Chapter 19 We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 18.



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 #23 **Our God Is Alive**

Hymn #19 Come, Thou Almighty King

> **OPENING PRAYER Virgil Harmon**

> > Hymn #346 **He Lives**

Hymn #235 Let All That Is Within Me

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:6-11 **Heath Huffmaster**

Communion Prayer Chesley Martin

LORD'S SUPPER

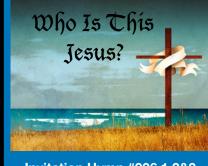
Offering

Hymn #250 **The Great Redeemer**

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20

JP Bradford



Invitation Hymn #936 1,2&3 Lord, I'm Coming Home

> Closing Hymn #718 We Shall Assemble

> > **Closing Prayer Chris Witt**

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 would love to help make your visit a

December Events

December 9th

LTC Christmas Caroling

December 11th

Threads of Love

Golden Age Christmas party

Holiday Wrapping Party for Johnson Police

December 12th

Keepers Meet

December 13th

Elders Meeting

December 15th

Baby Shower for Caitlyn Craft Parker

Polar Express/ Parents Night Out

December 16th

Holiday Meal

Deacons and Elders Hosting

December 19th

Pregame

December 23rd

Christmas Devo

December 24th and 25th

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

December 26th

New Year's Devo

Classes Cancelled

December 27th Elders Meeting

December 30

Youth Led Service

December 31st

Office Closed

AM SERMON OUTLINE

HE IS GOD.

- 1. He is the image of the invisible God. (Colossians 1:15)
- 2. Philip said to Him"Lord, Show us the Father." (John 14:8-9) HE IS THE CREATOR
- 1. For by Him all things were created. (Colossians 1:16-17)
- 2. He is before all things.
- 3. In Him all things hold together. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH
- 1. He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28)
- 2. He also loved the church .
- (Ephesians 5:25)
- 3. He reconciled us to Himself.

Welcome Johnson church of Christ

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

December 9, 2018