Larry's Lines...

Self-Congratulation!

"We are honest men." (Genesis 44:11) Such was the declaration of the sons of Jacob. How dare anyone accuse them of being otherwise? They had not come to spy out the land of Egypt. The very idea!

"We are not spies". No, perhaps not, but did they really believe they were honest men? Do honest men behave themselves as liars, impostors, kidnappers, and slave-traders? While dwelling on their present of goodness, they conveniently forgot their past wickedness. They were the very men who through envy almost killed their brother Joseph. They lied to their father and caused him to believe that his favorite son had been slain by a wild animal. They had sold Joseph for a price, and never dreamed that they would see him again. Honest men? Judge for yourself. Why is it that when a man begins to sing his own praise he generally gets the pitch too high?

Perhaps just a word or two on "self-congratulation" is in order: "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger, and not your own lips" (Provers 27:2)

"If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing" —Jesus (John 8:54)

"For it is not the man that commends himself that is accepted, but the man whom the Lord commends" (2 Corinthians 10:18)

The sons of Jacob could shout all day long, "We are honest men...we are not spies," but among themselves they knew what they were. They said, "In truth we are guilty, concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he besought us and we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us," And Ruben answered them, "Did I not tell you do not to sin against the lad? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." The "honest" men were discovered. They admitted to themselves that they were frauds and that is a terrible punishment!

Have a Great Week

Larry

Sympathy

Frances Dockery went to be with the Lord, Thursday, March 14, 2019. Her services were held March 19, 2019. Frances attended church at Johnson at one time and she is the second cousin-in-law of Bobby Dockery.

Jeremy Myer's grandmother, Betty Myers passed away Monday, March 18, 2019 in Georgia. She was laid to rest in Florida. Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Upcoming Events

4th Sunday Devo and Fellowship March 24, 2018 Soup and Gumbo 60's and 70's Hosting and Cleaning

Ladies Retreat March 29th-31st at Lake Fort Smith. Packets are available and money is due. Please see Diane Murray, Janice Jones, or Lauren Mayhew for questions.

PRINCESS and SUPERHERO party, Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 3:00pm-4:30pm at Bentonville Church of Christ Activity Center Please see the event board for more information. Money raised goes to benefit the Women for Harding need-based scholarship fund.

March 31, 2019 will be a Wedding Shower for James Goodpasture and Alethea "Allie" Anderson The shower will take place here at the building at 4:00pm. They are registered at Walmart and Bed Bath and Beyond. Make sure you search for the register in Kentucky not Arkansas

Attention: Young Men Youth Led Services, March 31, 2019. This is a great time to practice your LTC songs and speeches.

Friends and Family Day! April 7, 2019. Let's plan to fill those pews and share our love of God with others, cards are available to hand out. Meat will be provided, please brings sides, drinks and desserts. Our goal is to have 400 this year.

Congratulations

Bobby and Meredy Dockery are the proud grandparents of Emma Grace. Emma was born March 15, 2019 weighing 7lbs, 8oz and 20 inches long. Both baby Emma and her mother Natalie are doing fine.

LTC EVENTS

Sunday's

DRAMA- 3:00-4:00- Holly & Nelson McCoy CHOIR- 4:00-5:00 Andrea Goodpasture Bible Quiz 5:00-6:00- Jennifer Fortenberry & Julie Martin

Song leading 5:30-6:00- Randall Harriman & David Cherry

Wednesday's

All puppet groups meet at 5:30 downstairs. Dinner is provided.

EVERYONE, plan on coming to the **LTC** preview on April 14th, 4-6. You will get to see our puppet groups, choir, drama group and view all the art work & more before the convention. Shirts can be picked up on this night as well.

Happy Birthday March 25th Josh Fortenberry Patricia Fortenberry Darla Mítchell

March 26th Jennífer Fortenberry Jearlean Perryman

March 28th *Jack Mayhew* Maekailynn Shefelbine

Pantry Item peanut butter, jelly and crackers

Happy Anniversary March 30th Ríchard and Mary Hutton

Announcements:

The Mitchells won't be taking pictures today. Please get ready to have your picture made if you haven't already. Old pictures are not being used, you are asked to take a new one for an updated directory.

If you have checked out a building key through the office, please turn them back in, as we only have a few to checkout.

Jar/Crew

March Mentor Challenge:

At the 4th Sunday night meal, get in line together, share a meal and catch up on things.

ARK RETREAT. Sign up for the ARK Retreat in Eagle Rock, MO starts now! The retreat is April 26-28th. https://tinyurl.com/JAR-ARKretreat Deadline to sign up is April 14th. Our theme for the retreat is "FOLLOW".

Our 1st ever CREW Retreat is May 10-12 at Camp Siloam. Cost is \$50.00 per person or \$150.00 per family. Sign up at Ittps://tinurl.com/ crew-retreat19.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues: Jessa hurt on the ski trip, Linda **Dockery** is in the hospital with some serious issues, **Jessica Rowe's** grandmother, Kerry George, Diane Camp (Pat Gore's sister-in-law), Smith Cherry eye issues, Marc Wolfe, Charles Couch recent back surgery and a lot of pain, Robert Boatright (brother in law of Linda Allen) is in WRMC room 4202, Linda Williams (Barbara Parsley's sister-in-law) recent surgery, Speedy is on dialysis 3 times a week, Shirley Hester, Pete Ball, Amy Allen is having more test, Eddie Thomas is doing better, Jacob House and Stephanie Henry is having serious issues.

Those on Hospice: Leslie Cones.

Those fighting Cancer: Douglas Milligan (Alan Fortenberry's nephew), Kim Williams (Megan Bassing's Aunt), Loveta Dean (Phil Curlee's sister), Carol Edwards (Laura Hughe's sister) and one of Kaileigh's co-workers.

Our Expectant Mother: Kayla Holloway and Monica Minor

Those who have lost loved ones: The Mike and Paula Culbreath Family, The Bud Rhine Family, The Frances Dockery Family and The Jeremy Mvers Family.

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Lou Ella Rhine, Oma Leta Smith, Lenore Sutton, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams, Roy Howard, Betty Jordan, Genevra Montgomery, Vada Loker and Kendra Phillips.

Remember in Prayer: The leaders of our community, our state, our country, our family members going on the ski trip, those traveling during spring break and our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

Jonathan Martindale Doug Goodpasture Virgil Harmon Larry Lloyd Matthew Goodpasture

Stefanie Curlee Nelson McCov

LTC Quiz Bowl Reminder Read Chapter 9 We will meet today at 5:00 to discuss chapter 11-15

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF March 2019

Lords Table

Heath Huffmaster Matt Bassing Dustin Mayhew Phil Curlee Preston Keeter

Greeters

Phil Curlee

Holly McCoy

Deliver Communion Jared Cobh

Nursery Attendants

Pam Hil

Audrey Hil

Ushers Michael Marvin Roy Lewis David Shew

Announcements

Joe Harriman Darron Mitchell Josh Fortenberry

Prepare Communion Barbara Parslev

Trish Fortenberry

P.A. System Chesley Martin

Song Leader Mike Mitchell

If you would like reminders on when you serve, please provide the office with your email address.

THE LORD'S DAY **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME

Joe Harriman

Song Leader **Doug Goodpasture**

Hymn # 213 He Is Able

Hymn # 469 Faith is the Victory

Hymn # 586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

> **OPENING PRAYER Doug Goodpasture**

Hymn #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

> **COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:17-21 JP Bradford

Communion Prayer David Cherry

LORD'S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #457 **How Firm A Foundation**

SERMON SCRIPTURE Daniel 1:9-15 Jim Olmstead

INVINCIBLE



Invitation Hymn # 540 O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink

> Announcements Joe Harriman

Closing Hymn #754 Faith of Our Fathers

> **Closing Prayer** Jared Cobb

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.

March Events

March 24th 4th Sunday Fellowship

Soup and Gumbo/60's and 70's Hosting March 26th Threads of Love March 28th Elders Meeting March 29th Ladies Retreat at Lake Fort Smith March 31st Wedding Shower for James Goodpasture and Allie Anderson Youth Led Services

April Events

April 7th Friends and Family **Deacons Meeting April 9th** Threads of Love April 11th Elder's Meeting April 13th Teen Devo at the Marvin's April 14th LTC Preview 19-20th LTC Convention 21st Easter Egg Hunt April 23rd Threads of Love April 26th Elder's Meeting 26-28th Ark Retreat

May Events

- 4- Teen Devo @J. Fortenberry's
- 5- LTC Banquet **5-** JM's Honduras meeting
- AM SERMON OUTLINE 1. Daniel had an invincible faith in a very difficult time in his life.
- 2. Daniel's faith was invincible... A. In spite of ungodly influence (1:2-7)
- B. When Tempted to Compromise (1:8-16)C. His Faith Was Rewarded (1:17-21)
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Thus says the Lord: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls". Jeremiah 6:16

March 24, 2019