

## Larry's Lines...

# Nothing Fails Like Success

"Riding high in April, shot down in May," It's an old story, but nothing fails like success.

Under the rule of Suleiman I, the Ottoman empire struck fear into the hearts of all those who heard of its exploits. By the time of Mohammed II, they had the best artillery in the world. The Turks were a force to be reckoned with. Nobody took them lightly.

How, then, does a great power like this fall? The historians, Will and Ariel Durant, give these valuable insights: "The opportunities for enjoyment that had come from victory and wealth proved too tempting; the sultans dissipated in the harem the energy needed to discipline the army, the bureaucracy, and the viziers. Their empire had grown too large for effective administration, for the rapid communication of commands and transfer of soldiery; the provinces were ruled by pashas whose distance from Constantinople made them almost independent of the sultans. No longer stimulated by hunger or threatened by enemies, the Turks slacked down into laziness and venality; bribery corrupted the government while debasement of the currency disorder the economy and the army...they repudiated the strict training and discipline that had made the Janissaries the best soldiers in Europe." And the empire crumbled. It was ruined by success.

Moses knew of this danger and warned his people of the time coming when they would eat and become full; when they would build good houses, and experience an increase of their flocks and herds; when their silver and gold would be multiplied. It was *then* that they should "*take heed lest you forget the Lord your God, by not keeping his commandment and his ordinances and his statutes, which I command you this day*" (Deuteronomy 8:11-20). He did not want them to perish through success," let it also be remembered, nothing fails like success either.

Have A GREAT WEEK  
Larry

### THANK YOU

Barbara Parsley would like to thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of her brother. Mike is doing much better after his long and complicated back surgery and has a long road ahead of him.

### Upcoming Events

**Mission Sunday** is TODAY. Our contributions for today will go to the Honduras Mission trips this summer.

**Leadership to Christ Awards Banquet** will take place tonight after evening services. Everyone is invited to attend a banquet to award our children for all their hard work during the 2018/2019 year.

Deacons Meeting Today!

**Promotion Sunday is May 26, 2019.** That is the day when our children get to move up. No longer will he/she be stuck in the same grade they just completed in school. For example if you just completed 1st grade you will move up to 2nd grade and so forth.

### Announcements

**Teachers sign up is going on right now. Please take the time to serve for our children.**

Chad Wagner will be our guest speaker tonight. Chad works with our Nigerian Missions and Herb Chikwu.

**UPLIFT SIGN UP!** It is time to sign up for UPLIFT. We are going to the first session on June 8-13th. Parents need to sign their teen up at [upliftonline.com](http://upliftonline.com). Use the sponsor code 2019Johnson250 when you sign up.

**Green Valley Bible Camp sign up** is open too! We are going to Scott Ware/ Jimmy Allen week July 28-Aug 3rd.

All items left in the lost and found box will be put in the Hope Harbor Box next week.

New cans from the Children's Homes have arrived! Pick one up on your way out today!

### Sympathy

Our sincerest sympathy to the Kenneth Miller Family and the Greg Miller Family on the loss of Roxie Miller. Kenneth's mother and Greggs grandmother, Roxie died at the age of 99 April 16, 2019 and was buried in Prairie Grove AR.




*Happy Birthday*  
May 6th  
Carissa Knapp  
Drake Bradford  
May 7th  
Scarlett Cherry  
May 9th  
Landon Trolinger  
Jacob Fortenberry  
Dustin Mayhew  
Larry Culbreath


*Happy Anniversary*  
May 5th  
Jim and Linda Allen

**Pantry Items**  
**Canned Meat**

VBS is June 24th-26th.

### Jar/Crew

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** On May 19th, our incoming 7th graders will be presented with a Bible from their family. But they will also get a mentor. If you are interested in being a mentor for one of our incoming 7th graders and can commit to mentoring them for the next 8 years, please see Jeremy before the 19th.  
**May Mentor Challenge:** If you already are a Mentor, your challenge is to find out when their finals are and pray for them.

 **Sign up deadline is extended to today!** Our 1st ever **CREW Retreat** is May 10-12 at Camp Siloam. Our Guest speaker is Brent Newton from Jefferson City, MO. Cost is \$50 a person or \$150 a family. Whichever is cheaper. Can't come the whole weekend? \$30 a person or \$75 a family if only staying one day or one night. Turn in money to Laci Cherry. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CREW-retreat19>

## Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

**Those with recent health issues:** **Mike Jackson** (brother of Barbara Parsley) fell and broke his back and had back surgery to repair the damage, **Bart Dyke** (a friend of David Cherry) is experiencing kidney failure and is praying for a match, **Kerry George, Diane Camp** (Pat Gore's sister-in-law), **Smith Cherry** eye issues, **Jacob House** is getting treatment for a brain tumor, and **Stephanie Henry**.

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

**Our Expectant Mother:** Kayla Holloway

**Those who have lost loved ones:** The Alan Fortenberry family, the Leslie Cones Family, the Marjorie Johnson Family, the Kenneth Miller Family and The Gregg Miller 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:** Our children and teachers finishing up the school year, the leaders of our community, our state, our country, and our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

If you are teaching next quarter, please get your class information into the office, we need to update our class list for our visitors.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF May 2019

<b>Lords Table</b> Ronnie Burns Terry Huffmaster Terry Wilson Charles Bluse Ethan Ladymon	Bobby Hill Richard Hutton Gary Knapp Darron Mitchell Randall Harriman	<b>Ushers</b> David Cherry Alan Fortenberry Brad Harriman
<b>Greeters</b> Betty Bailey Rodney Friend	Wilma Dickard Justin Goforth	<b>Announcements</b> Kevin Murray Jim Olmstead Randall Harriman
<b>Deliver Communion</b> Dustin Mayhew		<b>Prepare Communion</b> Wanda Sanders Joyce Strobe
<b>Nursery Attendants</b> Andrea Huffmaster		<b>P.A. System</b> Ty Brunkhardt
	<b>Song Leader</b> Matt Johnson	

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

Kevin Murray  
Song Leader  
Matt Johnson

Hymn #538 (Vs. 1,2,4)  
Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn #791 (Vs. 1,2)  
On Bended Knee I Come

OPENING PRAYER  
Phil Curlee

Hymn# 315 (Vs. 1,2,3,4)  
When I Survey the Wondrous  
Cross

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE  
Psalm 22:14-21  
Mike Mitchell

Communion Prayer  
Terry Huffmaster

## LORD'S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #578 (Vs.1,2,4)  
We Will Glorify

Hymn #103  
He Has Made Me Glad

SERMON SCRIPTURE  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Eric Keeter

# "The Happy Sermon"



Invitation Hymn #918 (Vs. 1,4)  
Out of My Bondage

Announcements  
Kevin Murray

Closing Hymn #722 (Vs. 1,3)  
Let The Beauty of Jesus  
Be Seen in Me

Closing Prayer  
Keenan Couch

### 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.

## May Events

### May 5th

LTC Banquet  
JM's Honduras meeting  
Mission Sunday  
Deacons Meeting  
Guest PM Speaker Chad Wagner

### May 9th

Elders Meeting

### May 10-12th

CREW Retreat

### May 12th

Mothers Day

### May 14th

Threads of Love

### May 19th

JAR Senior Sunday

### May 23rd

Elders Meeting

### May 26th

Promotion Sunday  
End of Quarter  
4th Sunday Fellowship

### May 27, 2019

Memorial Day  
Office Closed

## June Events

### June 1st

The Goodpasture/Anderson Wedding

### June 2nd

Crew Night

### June 3-5

NWA Work Camp

### June 5th

Summer Series

New Quarter

### June 8-13

Uplift

### June 16th

Donuts for Dads

### AM SERMON OUTLINE

The Gospel of Christ is truly "Good News" and brings happiness to those who accept it.

1. Happiness is a Gift of God.
2. Happiness is not an unconditional gift.
3. Faith and Hope bring us Happiness.
4. The Resurrection is a basis of Happiness.
5. We can be Happy in spite of trials and problems.

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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.

Website: [johnsonchurchofchrist.com](http://johnsonchurchofchrist.com)

Email: [office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com](mailto:office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com)

### PROOF OF OUR LOVE

April 28, 2019

Bible Study: 157

Morning Worship: 232

Evening Worship: 126

Wednesday Night: 145

Chapters Read: 147

Contribution: \$9847.00

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

May 5, 2019

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Mike Mitchell

Opening Prayer: Marc Wolfe

Guest Speaker: Chad Wagner

Scripture:

Announcements: Jim Olmstead

Closing Prayer: John Cobb

May 8, 2019

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Bruce Casada

Prayer: Larry Scott

Devotional: Darron Mitchell

Announcements: Randall Harriman

Closing: Ethan Ladymon

May 12, 2019

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Kevin Murray

Song Leader: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: Joe Harriman

Communion Scripture: Dustin Mayhew

Communion Prayer: Virgil Harmon

Scripture Reading: Keenan Couch

Closing Prayer: Nelson McCoy

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Marco Antonio

Herbert Chukwu

### Church Office Hours:

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

# WELCOME

to

Johnson church of Christ

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death,

is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:55

Today is the day that the Lord hath made! I will rejoice and be glad in it. PSALM 118:24

# May 5, 2019