# Larry's Lines...

# It aint' necessarily bad... Being a rebel, that is!

Out on the plains of Dura stood three rebels. Their crime? They refused to bow down...while everybody else was bowing. Poor Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendnego! They were out of step.

Everyone was accepting the visible expression of king Nebuchadnezzar's "new theology." A national idol had been set up and all of the people, small and great, were commanded to bow down before it at a given signal, so bow they did.

I suppose that the temptation must have been great for these three rebels. They stood to lose a lot. They had been "set over the affairs of the province of Babylon" and thus held high positions with good salaries. Disobedience could mean the loss of these things. A man has to take that into account. And besides, they owed something to the king. He had elevated them from slavery to authority. Shouldn't gratitude be considered? And it wasn't as if this were optional. It was "commanded." Therefore they really didn't have a choice in the matter. And besides, "everybody is doing it" so you know it must be all right. It's such a little thing to bend the knee. What possible harm could come of it? (And don't forget that a hot furnace is waiting and doom is certain for those who disobey).

But these hard-headed fellows said, "We will not serve thy gods." They should have known, that kind of talk would get them in a heap of trouble. You don't fool around with the words of a king. So the next thing you know they are thrown into the furnace that has been heated seven times hotter than it was supposed to be. Apparently the motto of the the king was: "Burn, babies, burn."

No sir, they were not saved from the fiery furnace but they were saved in it. Cast out by men, they were brought into a sweeter communion with God, for there was a fourth man in the fire, "like the Son of God." And you know what? After their trial, "the king promoted Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego." How do you like them apples?

Have A Great Week, Larry

I would rather walk with God in the dark than GO alone in the light.

## **Happy Retirement**

Congratulations to George Martin on his retirement. George officially retired from Dentistry and is now pursuing other interest. We wish George the best of luck in his new endeavors.

#### Jar/Crew

JAR Birthday Refuel @Angus Jacks w/ The Mitchell's, August 14th. The van leaves at 5:30 sharp or you can meet us there.

#### MENTOR CHALLENGE AUGUST 2019

School is back! Check in with your teenager about the first week of school. See how it went and what you can pray for them about. Share a verse or two to encourage them as they start this new time.

#### TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Praise be to God for we have a new brother in Christ! Zach Davis chose to follow Christ Friday night while at Green Valley. Jeremy Myers had the honor of baptizing this extraordinary young man. Please help Zach in his walk with the Lord. Zack is the son of Corey and Holly Davis.

Happy Hnniversary

Aug. 13th

Nelson and Holly

McCoy



August 13th

Tommie Ball

August 14th

Bruce Casada

Danny Williams

August 15th
Mitchell York

Pantry Items soups and stews

## **Upcoming Events**

#### August 25th

4th Sunday Fellowship w/Southern Comfort Foods and Ice Cream 40's and 50's Hosting

#### **Announcements**

TEACHERS! TEACHERS! Summer is almost over and we still need 5 Teachers for the Fall Quarter starting September 1st! For those who have already signed up "Thank You" and your curriculum is in the library.

Bible Hour is cancelled for Sunday, August 11, 2019 and August 18, 2019. All children should go to the auditorium.



We are so blessed to have another new brother in christ, Jacob Fortenberry. Jacob was baptized, Saturday night, by his dad, Josh Fortenberry. Please guide him with his daily walk in Christ.

## **Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits**

Those with recent health issues: Jeremy Myers sister) had breast cancer mastectomy and reconstruction on Wednesday, Abi Scott had back surgery in Little Rock on Wednesday, Janice Thomas fell, Loveta Dean fell and broke her hip and is beginning a new round of chemo, Shirley Hester had surgery on her toe, Kerry George is recovering from heart surgery, Ken Houston (brother-in-law of Barbara Parsley) recovering from a heart attack but is now having kidney issues and is in ICU, Katherine Gobal at the VA in Rehab, Jacob House has a brain tumor.

Those fighting Cancer: Justin Williams (friend of Justin Cavanaugh) has brain cancer, Elaine Nicklas, Eddie Thomas, Kim Williams (Megan Bassing's Aunt), Loveta Dean (Phil Curlee's sister) and Carol Edwards (Laura Hughes's sister)

Our Expectant Mother: Hannah Ball

Our New Mother and Baby: Kayla Holloway and Levi

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration!

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 Teachers and Children heading back to School, Our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas and protecting our country here at home. The leaders of our Church, our community, our state, our country.

#### **TODAY**

# LTC KICKOFF! AUG.11TH. 5-6 PM.



PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



COME FIND OUT WHAT MEAT & POTATOES HAS TO DO WITH OUR NEW LTC FOCUS.

This is the night to hear about different LTC events, find out when they practice, & sign up. Event leaders can sign up as well.

Prizes will be drawn for those present!

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

### WELCOME

Joe Harriman

Song Leader Randall Harriman

Hymn #47 Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

#### **OPENING PRAYER** Kevin Murray

Hymn #186 **Christ We Do Adore Thee** 

#### **COMMUNION SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:32-34 George Martin

**Communion Prayer Dustin Mayhew** 

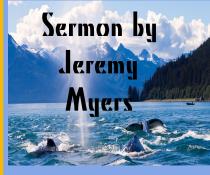
**LORD'S SUPPER** 

Offering

Hymn #712 **Jesus Is Coming Soon** 

Hymn #647 **Soldiers Of Christ Arise** 

**SERMON SCRIPTURE** Matthew Goodpasture



**Invitation Hymn #790 Lord Take Control** 

> **Announcements** Joe Harriman

Closing Hymn #490 It Is Well

> **Closing Prayer** JP Bradford

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.

# **August Events**

## August 11th

LTC Back to School kickoff

#### August 13th

Threads of Love

#### August 14th

JAR Birthday Refuel @Angus Jacks w/ The

Summer Series Speaker Harry Fitzgerald/ Robinson Avenue

#### August 21st

Summer Series Speaker Larry Combs Huntsville Church of Christ

#### August 22nd

**Elders Meeting** 

#### August 25th

4th Sunday Fellowship w/Southern Comfort Foods and Ice Cream 40's and 50's Hosting

#### August 27th

Threads of Love

#### August 28th

Our Last Summer Series Speaker: Nathan Jorgensen/Mount Comfort

# **September Events**

#### September 1st

New Quarter Starts **Deacons Meeting** 

#### September 2nd

Labor Day

#### September 7th

Teen Devo at Heath Huffmaster's

#### September 10th

Threads of Love

#### September 12th

Elder's Meeting

## September 14th

Church Wide Park Cookout

#### September 22nd

4th Sunday Fellowship/Mexican 60's and 70's Hosting

#### September 24th

Threads of Love

#### PM Sermon

- 1. It is important to keep records.
- 2. God keeps records.
- 3. How Do I Get My Name in "The" Book.
- a. Not my Morality alone.
- b. Not by Sincerity alone.
- c. Not by Faith alone.
- d. By Obeying God's Commands.

Warning-Our name can be blotted out of "THE BOOK".

The Importance of having ones name in God's Book of Life.

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I came that they may

HAVE LIFE

& have it abundantly.

August 11, 2019