

Larry's Lines...

Love Has No Mathematics

Perhaps Jesus should have said, "Good for you Peter," when he showed his willingness to forgive as many as seven times. After all, that went beyond the Jews requirement. They took Amos 1:3 "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment," to mean that a person was to forgive three times. Peter had taken the liberty of adding four forgivenesses to that. He forgot that, "love has no mathematics." Jesus' answer to Peter was, "I say not unto thee, until seven times, but until seventy times seven."

Jesus was not saying simply forgive a few more times, He demanded a whole new spirit. Don't forgive 490 times, forgive without keeping count. Like Peter, we want to keep count. We make the church become,

"The organized charity, scrimped and iced,
in the name of a cautious, statistical Christ."

Why be guilty of dispensing God's ocean-sized mercy in eye droppers? Why not know how good it feels to forgive without counting? Jesus didn't keep score. As He hung in hideous pain, He gasped, "Father, forgive them..."

We often treat forgiveness the way a Roman Catholic persecutors treated a Dutch Protestant during the days of Inquisition in the Netherlands. The persecutor was chasing the Dutchman across a frozen lake and fell, screaming, through the ice. Instead of running on and escaping to safety, the Dutchman turned back to pull the persecutor from the watery grave. He even removed his own cloak and wrapped the freezing man in it. But as soon as they reached land the persecutory heartlessly turned over the Dutchman to be burned alive.

Once the we understand something of the height, depth and breadth of God's concern for us through Jesus Christ, we begin to be more humble about ourselves and more generous towards others. For us, forgiveness must mean actively seeking out the person who has hurt us deeply, and doing whatever we must to make things right between him and us. God is actively seeking many of us right now. He doesn't count the number of times He has forgiven us.

Have A Great Week,
Larry

Our new directory is now available. If you would like to have your copy as a pdf, please email the office at office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com and one will be delivered to your inbox. For those of you who don't have current pictures, you will get a chance to have yours taken this fall.

Upcoming Events

There will be a baby shower for Hannah Ball **TODAY**, September 8, 2019 at 4:00pm downstairs. Hannah is registered at Target, Dillards and Bella Jack's. Hannah is having a girl.

A Fall Cookout for the entire church will take place at Elm Springs Park, Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Please let Jeremy or David Cherry know if you are going so they can get a count for food. Please bring side dishes, drinks, and desserts. Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be provided.

Praise and Fellowship in the Park, Sunday, September 22, 2019 in Prairie Grove Battlefield Park from 5:00pm.

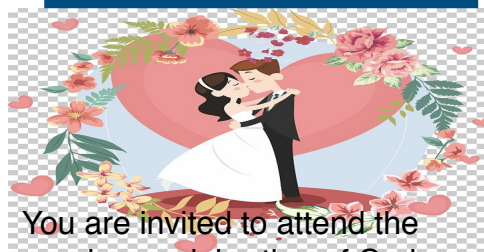
Charlie Couch will be attending the **Annual Homecoming in Paragould** and has offered to take our change cans for us. Please turn your change cans into the office by September 25th.

Robinson Ave Church of Christ is hosting a conference on relationships Sunday, September 22, 2019-Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Brochures are available in the foyer.

Welcome

Glen and Freda Barber has honored us by deciding to join our family. If you didn't already know, Freda is Pat Culbreath's sister. Please take the time to get to know this lovely couple and make them feel as honored as they make us feel. They can be reached at:
382 Claybrook Dr
Farmington AR 72730
Glen-843-384-8300
Freda-501-617-5998

You are Invited



You are invited to attend the marriage celebration of Carissa Knapp and Cole Martin, Sunday, September 15, 2018 at 2:30pm at Lake Fort Smith Park. The wedding will take place in the Black Bear Dining Hall.

Happy Birthday

September 8th

Maya Scott

Jackson Scott

September 9th

Wendy Knapp

Tawn Mitchell

September 11th

Autumn Ewart

September 12th

Jessica Harriman

September 14th

Reese Harriman

Eli Harriman

Pantry Items Toilet Paper and Hand Wipes

Happy Anniversary

September 14th

Josh and Jennifer
Fortenberry

Congratulations

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Dylan Clayton. Dylan and Corissa were married in a beautiful outdoor wedding, August 31, 2019.

Leadership to Christ

Hey Kids, if there is still an event you want to participate in, check with David Shew or Jeremy Myers to see if you can be added.

Prayers

Heather Martindale came forward Sunday morning to ask for prayers to help her deal with some emotional and spiritual issues in her life. She has been battling them alone for some time and now wishes to share her struggles with her church family.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

Those with recent health issues: Tommy Stilwell is in the VA Hospital, **Kristen Lee** is having surgery on the 19th, **Loraine Talley** (Friend of Freda Barber) fell and possibly had a stroke, she is 96 years old, **Nathan** (one of Andrea Huffmaster's students) was air lifted to Children's Hospital, **Gray Jones** (grandson of Janice Jones) recent surgery, **Shirley Hester** is having back issues, **Mary Jo Hankla** is having knee surgery Monday, **Jim Olmstead** is recovering from a knee replacement **Rachael Myers** (Jeremy Myers sister) recovering from surgery, **Abi Scott** recovering from back surgery, **Janice Thomas** fell and hurt her foot and is having therapy, **Kerry George went home**, **Ken Houston** (brother-in-law of Barbara Parsley) recovering from a heart issues, **Katherine Gopal** at the V.A. Nursing Home and **Jacob House** seeking treatment for 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 Mothers: Hannah Ball, Megan Johnson and Rachel Ladymon

Shut-Ins who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Oma Leta Smith, **Lenora 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 victims and their families of hurricane Dorian as well as those affected by the shooting in Odessa Tx**, Our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas and protecting our country here at home.

MENTOR CHALLENGE September 2019

Pick a short book of the Bible to read together. This can be done in person or through a Bible App. Talk about your favorite part.

BIBLE CLASSES THIS QUARTER

SUNDAY MORNING:

Adult Auditorium Class: Matt Bassing. **Acts**

Adult Class #1: Beginning of Hall. Alan Fortenberry. **Colossians, Philemon**
20-30's. End of New Hall. Justin Goforth & Darron Mitchell. **Story of God's People**
JAR YOUTH. TEEN ROOM. Jeremy & Chesley, Matt Johnson. **God so Loved.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Adult Auditorium Class: Terry Huffmaster. **Kings/ Chronicles (OT Study)**

Adult Class Downstairs: Mike Mitchell. **In depth Bible Study**

Adult Class #2:End of Hall. Doug Goodpasture. **Job. Song of Solomon**

Ladies Class. Beginning of Hall. Leah Myers. **Priceless. (on Worth)**

JAR YOUTH. TEEN ROOMS. Jeremy & Chesley, Matt Johnson. **God so Loved.**

THE LORD’S DAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Terry Huffmaster

Song Leader
Brad Harriman

Hymn #38 (All)
Awesome God

Hymn #587 (ALL)
Sing and Be Happy

OPENING PRAYER
Alan Fortenberry

Hymn #163 (ALL)
His Name Is Wonderful

Hymn #376 (ALL)
He Paid A Debt

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Hebrews 9:11-15
Josh Fortenberry

Communion Prayer
Kevin Murray

LORD’S SUPPER
Offering

Hymn #766 (ALL)
Open Our Eyes Lord

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Matthew 13:14-17
Dustin Mayhew



Invitation Hymn #552 (1&3)
Have Thine Own Way

Announcements
Terry Huffmaster

Closing Hymn #810 (Once)
Listen To Our Hearts

Closing Prayer
Ronnie Burns

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.

September Events

- September 8th**
Baby Shower for Hannah Ball
- September 10th**
Threads of Love
- September 12th**
Elder's Meeting
- September 15th**
Knapp/Martin Wedding at Lake Fort Smith
- September 21st**
Fall Church Cookout (the whole church is invited)
- September 22nd**
4th Sunday Fellowship/Mexican/60's and 70's
Prairie Grove Praise in the Park
- September 24th**
Threads of Love
- September 25th**
Refuel@Chick-fill-a
- September 26th**
Elders Meeting
- September 28th**
Children's Home in Paragould Ar Homecoming
- September 27th-29th**
Rush at Freed Hardmen
- September 29th**
Youth Led Services

October Events

- October 4th-5th**
Ruth Rally @Mount Comfort
- October 6th**
Area Wide Services

- AM Outline**
The Spiritual Importance of our eyes.
The Wrong Use of our Eyes.
- A. Haughty Eyes. Psalm 18:27
 - B. Being wise in our own eyes. Proverbs 3:7
 - C. No fear of God in our eyes. Proverbs 36:1
 - D. Having lustful eyes. 1 John 2:16
- The Right Use of our eyes.**
- A. Focused on God. Psalm 141:8
Hebrews 12:2
 - B. Focused on only what is good. Psalm 101:3
 - C. Focused on others. Philippians 2:3-4
- PM Sermon**
Background for Our Lesson
When living becomes a bag with holes.
- A. Education without God.
 - B. Life without putting God first.
 - C. Life without laying up treasure in Heaven.
 - D. Life without Christ.

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<p><i>COME WORSHIP WITH US</i></p> <p><i>Sunday:</i> <i>Bible Class: 9:30 AM</i> <i>Morning Worship: 10:20 AM</i> <i>Evening Worship: 6:00 PM</i> <i>Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.</i></p> <p>Website: johnsonchurchofchrist.com Email: office@johnsonchurchofchrist.com</p>	
<p>ELDERs Alan Fortenberry Virgil Harmon Joe Harriman Terry Huffmaster Kevin Murray</p>	<p>MINISTER Larry Culbreath (479) 521-3410 Office (479) 444-1467 Home (479) 856-3801 Cell preacherlc@att.net</p> <p>YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER Jeremy Myers (479) 366-8446 Cell jmyers111@hotmail.com</p> <p>SECRETARY Stefanie Curlee (479) 521-3410 Office stefaniecurlee@att.net</p> <p>MISSIONARIES Marco Antonio Herbert Chukwu</p> <p>Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesdays, & Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30 - 2:30</p>
<p>PROOF OF OUR LOVE September 1, 2019</p> <p><i>Bible Study: 151</i> <i>Morning Worship: 206</i> <i>Evening Worship: 110</i> <i>Wednesday Night: 159</i> <i>Chapters Read: 111</i> <i>Contribution: \$ 74,00.00</i></p> <p>OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE September 8, 2019 <i>Sunday Evening</i></p> <p>Song Leader: Mike Mitchell Opening Prayer: Steve Martindale Sermon: Does Your Bag Have a Hole in it? Scripture: Haggai 1:3-6 Announcements: Heath Huffmaster Closing Prayer: Matthew Goodpasture</p> <p>September 11, 2019 <i>Wednesday Evening</i></p> <p>Song Leader: Herb Hughes Prayer: David Cherry Devotional: Preston Keeter Announcements: Ethan Ladymon Closing: Lincoln Phillips</p> <p>September 15, 2019 <i>Sunday Morning</i></p> <p>Announcements: Terry Huffmaster Song Leader: Brad Harriman Opening Prayer: Virgil Harmon Communion Scripture: Doug Goodpasture Communion Prayer: Heath Huffmaster Sermon Scripture: Matt Johnson Closing Prayer: David Shew</p>	

WELCOME

to

Johnson church of Christ



Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.
2 Timothy 1:13-14 NKJV

September 8, 2019