Larry's Lines...

Failure Need Never Be Final

So you have tried and failed. The bright promise of your early days has tarnished, and those highest hopes have come crashing to the ground. Visions of lost causes continue to limp before your eyes. You feel that all of your life has been nothing but ploughing in the sand, and sowing against the wind. You are almost resigned to despair.

Did you know that Michelangelo's huge statue of David was produced from a single block of granite weighing over ten tons? The block had been rejected because of imperfections by two different sculptors a century before. Yet out of this reject, Michelangelo fashioned his beautiful, and inspiring masterpiece. In the hands of a master, an alternative to disaster was found.

The fishermen were washing their nets. All night they had energetically toiled amid failure. Not a fish had been taken. What was there to do but quit? Further effort would surely prove futile. "Not so," said Jesus to Peter, "put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch". So it was that the unprofitable chore was once again undertaken...but this time it was under the direction of the Master. The result? So many fish were taken that these astonished fishermen found their nets breaking. Failure suddenly had been transformed into unprecedented success.

This little incident illustrates what Jesus is able to do with any situation in life...even the problem that grips you. Failure need never be final if Jesus is present.

I don't know how your 2019 went. I know there are some things I wish I had done differently and some things I didn't get done at all. And, yes, there were some failures. But 2019 is almost history, past, gone. We must now look to the new year. Use God's strength as an avenue for success in 2020.

> So let it be in God's own might We gird us up for the coming fight.

> > Happy New Year, Larry and Pat Culbreath

Upcoming Events and Announcements

We will not have a Sunday Night service tonight here at Johnson. We will be participating in the **Church of Christ City Wide Meeting** at Center Street. Please make plans to attend tonight at 6:00 at Center Street church of Christ.

Our Youth Led Services will take place next Sunday night, January 5, 2020. Young Men, please see Corbin or Chesley if you would like to participate.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone interested in going on a mission trip to Guatemala June 25-July 3rd or to Gallup, New Mexico July 9-16th. The deadline to sign up for Guatemala is January 12, 2020. See Jeremy with questions.

Budget Sheets are available in the fover for 2020.

Welcome

Welcome Jewel Miller. Jewel can be reached at 2402 W. Mary Place Dr. Fayetteville AR 72704, 479-236-2258 or dettie0243@sbcglobal.net. We are so happy to have her join our family.

> **Pantry Items** Soups and Stews

Please pray for our Honduras **Mission Trip. They left December** 28, 2019 and will return, January 5, 2020.

Target. See Jennifer Witt for details.

is having twin girls. See Ashley Martin for details.

Baby Showers

A Baby Shower for Rachel Ladymon will take place January 19, 2020

downstairs at 4:00pm. Rachel is registered at Target and Amazon and

Happy Birthday December 30th Tommy Stílwell <u>December 31st</u> Chrís Wítt January 1st Frankie Ball January 2nd Jazmyn Keck <u>January 3rd</u> Doug Goodpasture January 4th Holly McCoy

Happy Anniversary January 3rd Terry and Darcí Wilson

It is time to sign up for Youth Outreach University! Y.O.U. is Jan 24-25th in Conway. The sign up deadline is Jan 12th. Sign up at the following link.

https://tinyurl.com/JAR-YOU

Our first Parent/Teen Devo is Jan 11th at the Marvin's house. 6-8pm. Please plan on attending. Siblings are welcome. RSVP if coming. https://

tinvurl.com/JAR-TeenDevo

The 2020 Year Calendar is out in the fover! Pick up one today to take home.

Those with recent health issues: Shirley Hester is at Rehab due to health issues, Levi Holloway is having health issues, Abby Williams is having health issues, **Randy Barber** (Freda and Glen's Son) is recovering after a liver transplant. Jeff Huffmaster awaiting a kidney transplant, Darrell Spencer who lives in the house behind the church, has asked for prayers for his son and daughter in law, Alan and Cassie Spencer that had twins at 27 weeks and are at WRMC and not doing well, their baby's names are Tinley and Warner, Warner will be having open heart surgery, Those fighting Cancer: Lucy the Great (Justin Cavanaugh's aunt) was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer, Rachel Myers, Nathan Pirtle, Justin Williams (friend of Justin Cavanaugh), Oma Leta Smith, Elaine Nicklas, Eddie Thomas, Kim Williams (Megan Bassing's Aunt), and Carol Edwards (Laura Hughes's sister).

Those who have lost loved ones: The Vada Loker Family and The David Cherry Family.

Our Expectant Mothers: Megan Johnson and Rachel Ladymon.

Our New Mothers and babies: Hanna/Charlie and Amy/Chance.

A baby shower for **Megan Johnson** will take place January 12, 2020 downstairs at 4:00pm. Megan is having a girl and is registered at

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

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, and Kendra Phillips.

Remember in Prayer: Our friends and families traveling this Holiday Season and for our group going to Honduras. Our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas and protecting our country abroad and at home. The leaders of our Church, our community, our state, and our country.

Opportunity to Serve in The Month of January 2020 Lords Table		
Virgil Harmon	Dustin Mayhew	
Phil Curlee	Preston Keeter	
Mike Mitchell	Alan Fortenberry	
Ty Brunkhardt	Chesley Martin	
Paul Dickard	Jesse Shefelbine	
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<u>Ushers</u>		
Terry Huffmaster		
Darron Mitchell		
Roy Lewis		
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<u>Announcements</u>		
Joe Harriman		
David Shew		
George Martin		
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Prepare Communion		
Joyce Strope	Wanda Sanders	
P.A. System	Song Leader	
Randall Harriman	David Cherry	
Greeters		
Lee Pennington	Doug Goodpasture	
anda Gardenhire	Andrea Huffmaster	
Nursery Attendants		
NONE		

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

WELCOME Virgil Harmon

Song Leader

Matt Johnson

Hymn #895 (1,2&3) I'll Live In Glory

Hymn #794 (1,2 & 3) Unto Thee O' Lord

OPENING PRAYER Dustin Mayhew

Hymn #176 (1&2) Lamb of God

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE Hebrews 9:24-28 Alan Fortenberry

> **Communion Prayer** Heath Huffmaster

LORD'S SUPPER

Offering Hymn #448 **The Greatest Commands**

Hymn #622 (1,2&3) **Ring Out the Message**

SERMON SCRIPTURE Acts 2:41-47 **Lincoln Phillips**



Invitation Hymn #945 (1&3) **Kneel At The Cross**

> Announcements Virgil Harmon

Closing Hymn #533 (1&2) I AM A SHEEP

> **Closing Prayer** Larry Paiz

Welcome Visitors! We are so happy to have you and consider you ou 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

December Events December 29th

P.M. Service At Center Street (No Services at Johnson) December 31st **Office Closed** New Years Eve Party

January Events

January 1st **Office Closed** New Year's Devo in the Auditorium (Classes Cancelled) **January 5th** Youth Led Services **January 9th Elders** Meeting January 11th Parent/Teen Devo January 14th Threads of Love January 23rd **Elders Meeting** January 24-25th Y.O.U. In Conway January 26th 4th Sunday Devo and Fellowship Soup and Chili 20's and 30's Hosting and cleaning up January 28th

Threads of Love

Outline

- 1. What is the mission of the Johnson Church?
- 2. I want to suggest that each of us needs to have a target to be shooting toward that includes the basics of discipleship.
 - T stands for Truth A stands for Action R stands for Relationship G stands for Giving E stands for Evangelism T stands for Task

There is no telling what God can do through each of us and through this church if we will stay ON TARGET in 2020.

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Welcome

TOJohnson church of Christ

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - Psalm 103:1-2 NIV

December 29, 2019