

Larry's Lines...

Two Men In The Same Church

Gaius and Diotrephes belong to the same church (3 John). But that is about all they have in common. They do not possess the same spirit, nor do they exemplify the same truth before the world.

Gaius is more than esteemed. He is truly loved, and loved for the truth's sake. He is a man who is spiritually healthy. John's prayer is that he might enjoy the same degree of bodily health that his soul enjoys. The triumph of his soul in great principles is so large that it far overshadows his physical well-being. Happy is the man of whom this can be said. Gaius was among those who rendered service to the brethren, especially strangers. He helped by supporting those in God's work, and thus became a fellow worker in the truth. His life was true, and he followed the truth. Thus John writes, "No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth."

Diotrephes is a bird of a different feather. Above everything else Diotrephes likes to put himself first. He is so bold that he will not even acknowledge the authority of the apostle John. John says that he is "prating against me with evil words." Who then is safe from strife of tongues? If reviling is the one talent you have, then I suggest you bury it.

One should not imagine that he is a person of influence simply because he has the power of destruction. If power it be, it is the lowest power. Hindering good movements and abusing good men is nothing to take pride in.

Every man has it within his power to be a Gaius or a Diotrephes. "Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good" (3 John 11).

Have A Great Week,
Larry

Baby Showers

Mark your calendars for the upcoming baby showers for Megan Johnson and Rachael Ladymon. Their showers will take place in January and they are both having girls. More info in the upcoming bulletins. Megan's will take place on January 12, 2019 at 4:00 and Racheal's will take place January 19, 2019 at 4:00 and both of them will be in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Attention: Senior Ladies Group
Sherry McCoy will be hosting a Christmas Party at her house, **Today** December 8, 2019 from 3:00-5:00pm. Christmas cookies and punch will be served. We will enjoy a lot of Christian fellowship. Bring an ornament for the ornament exchange. Sherry's address is 1722 Ridgeview Drive, Springdale Ar.

Ladies, You are invited to a special **Christmas Party**, Monday Night December 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the home of Lauren Mayhew at 2901 Kay Lane in Springdale Ar. Please bring finger foods and if you would like to participate in a Gift Exchange, please keep to a \$15.00 limit. Please sign up in the foyer so that we know how many plan on attending. Hope to see you there.

The Golden Age Dinner will be at Western Sizzlin in Springdale, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Please sign up if you would like to attend. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

We will be **Wrapping with the Police** December 12, 2019. The Johnson Police need help wrapping gifts for needy children in our community. Dinner will be provided. We need gifts and wrapping supplies to help with this project. A box has been placed in the foyer for these donations. **This is a church wide event and will take place at the church around 6:30.**

Polar Express Night takes place December 14, 2019. This is a great night for our parents to shop for their little ones. Please drop off and pick up your child/children between the hours of 5:30-8:30. Pizza will be served and the older kids will be going caroling. See Jeremy or Tracy for more information.

Just a reminder that **LTC practices** begin in January 2020. Group leaders and kids need to be ready.



Happy Birthday

December 8th
Luke Huffmaster
December 9th
Ronnie Burns
Price Bradford
Trey Marvin
Beverly Cosby
December 11th
Cooper Cobb
December 12th
Amiee York
Piper Gardenhire
Madison Fortenberry
December 13th
Becky Bluse
December 14th
Roger Gross
Kent Holloway
Laura Myers

Pantry Items
canned meats and canned fruit

Congratulations to Janice Jones on the birth of her grandson, Chance Carter McGohan. Chance was born November 26, 2019 at 1:48pm. He was 23 inches long and weighed 10pounds 12 oz. His mother Amy is doing fine.



Deck The Tables

Please take time to decorate a tree for the holiday tables. We need a total of 26. The trees are provided in the foyer and all we need is your imagination and hard work. Please turn them in by Wednesday, December 11th. See Contessa Shew for more information.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

Those with recent health issues: Jeff Huffmaster awaiting a kidney transplant, Darrell Spencer who lives in the house behind the church, has asked for prayer for his son and daughter in law, Alan and Cassie Spencer that had twins at 27 weeks and are at WRMC with brain bleeds and not doing well, their baby's names are Tinley and Warner, Vada Loker is not doing well after surgery, Bobby Dockery heart surgery, Arvil Allen had a Heart Valve Replacement, Randy Barber (Freda and Glen's Son) waiting on a liver transplant, Calvin Billingsley is having heart issues.

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: Jessica Harriman Family.

Our Expectant Mothers: Megan Johnson and Rachel Ladymon.

Our New Mothers and babies: Sunni/Ivory Jane, Keelie /Levi, Hanna/Charlie and Amy/Chance.

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: 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the entire McNeely Family. Their patience paid off December 11, 2019, when both Uriah and Isaac were adopted into the McNeely Family after 7 years of waiting. We are so happy for all of you!

Welcome

Please welcome Marcia Coward. She has blessed us all by wanting to be a part of our family. Marcia can be reached at 3962 Chesapeake St. Springdale, AR 72762. mcoward@cox.net. 479-750-9427.

Please check the lost and found box for missing items. All items left after today, will be donated to Hope Harbor. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Holiday Dinner will take place Sunday, December 15th after morning services. Please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks. Meat is provided.

JAR YOUTH/Mentors

If you would like to connect with our teens, please sign up to bring cake or cupcakes for their birthday. We celebrate each month at the last refuel. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer for your convenience.

THE LORD'S DAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Matt Johnson

Hymn #238 (2 times)
You Are the Words and the Music

Hymn #922
Jesus Paid It All

OPENING PRAYER
Alan Fortenberry

Hymn #337 (All Verses)
Hallelujah, What a Savior

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE
Ephesians 1:3-8
Brad Harriman

Communion Prayer
Josh Fortenberry

LORD'S SUPPER
Offering

Hymn #15 (twice)
Step By Step

Hymn #77 (1, 2, 4)
Glorify Thy Name

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Matthew 2:1-12
Nelson McCoy



Invitation Hymn #935 (1,2,4)
Sinners Jesus Will Receive

Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Closing Hymn #66
Doxology

Closing Prayer
Lincoln Phillips

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.

December Events

December 10th

Golden Age Christmas Dinner

December 12th

Wrapping with the Police

Elders Meeting

December 14th

Polar Express/Christmas Caroling

December 15th

Holiday Meal

December 25th (Classes Cancelled)

Christmas Devo

December 26th

Office Closed

Elders Meeting

December 29th

Youth Led Service

December 31st

New Years Eve Party

AM SERMON OUTLINE

They Sought Jesus

1. Who were the Magi?
2. Why did they come to Palestine?

They Found Jesus

1. If you will seek the Lord in the right way...God will help you find him.

They Worshiped Jesus

Gold- a gift fit for a king.
Frankincense- a gift fit for a priest.
Myrrh-a gift fit for a Savior.

They Were Blessed Because They Found Jesus.

PM Sermon Outline

1. Matthew 5:20 "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
2. The Sin Of Silence
If our being a Christian is not a sufficient reason to recommend it to someone else, then the whole system is in question.
3. The Sin of Indifference.
4. The Sin of Robbing God.

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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

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PROOF OF OUR LOVE

December 1, 2019

Bible Study: 162

Morning Worship: 218

Evening Worship: 158

Wednesday Night: 136

Chapters Read: 123

Contribution: \$6339.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

December 8, 2019

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Randall Harriman

Opening Prayer: Joe Harriman

Sermon: The Pharisee's Sins

Scripture: Luke 10:30-36

Announcements: Steve Martindale

Closing Prayer: Chesley Martin

December 11, 2019

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Brad Harriman

Prayer: David Shew

Devotional: Steve Martindale

Announcements: Randall Harriman

Closing Prayer: Jared Cobb

December 15, 2019

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Virgil Harmon

Song Leader: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: Terry Huffmaster

Communion Scripture: Phil Curlee

Communion Prayer: Michael Marvin

Sermon Scripture: Darron Mitchell

Closing Prayer: Ty Brunkhardt

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

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Heath Huffmaster

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Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

Wednesday 8:30-6:30

Friday 8:30 - 2:30

Welcome

to

Johnson church of Christ

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

[Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV](#)

December 8, 2019