

## Larry's Lines...

### IS YOUR GOD A BURDEN?

Is your God a burden or a burden-bearer? In speaking of the idols which were so common in his day, Jeremiah says, "Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried for they cannot walk." (Jeremiah 10:5) That sounds like a helpless god. They can't speak and they have to be carried because they can't walk.

There are many people today whose God is a burden to them. He is just one more added responsibility, and one more obligation. They worship even though they hate the thought. They give - even though it pains them. They keep commands even though they had just as soon take castor oil. Their God is plainly a burden to them. Wanting the cheapest religion possible, they never ask how much they can do, but how little. They offer the second best and then declare as those in the days of Malachi, "Behold what a weariness it is" (Malachi 1:13). Yes sir, their God has to be carried...and their religion becomes a burden to them.

But there are others who find God a burden-bearer rather than a burden to bear. Their God is one upon whom they can cast all their burdens and He will sustain them. (Psalms 55:22) They have given themselves to Christ and found Him to be not a hard taskmaster, but an "Unspeakable gift." They have learned that "His Yoke is easy and His burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

So brother, does your God have to be carried, or does He carry you?

Have a Great Week,  
Larry Culbreath

### Baby Showers

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 Target. See Jennifer Witt for details.

A Baby Shower for **Rachel Ladymon** will take place January 19, 2020 downstairs at 4:00pm. Rachel is registered at Target and Amazon and is having twin girls. See Ashley Martin for details.

Directory Pictures will be taken both January 12th and 19th for our new members, members with family additions, and for those who didn't take one before.

We are wishing Jonathan Martindale well on his new adventure. He will be leaving us and heading to Saint Louis to start his new job. Please pray for his success.

### Upcoming Events and Announcements

**Our Youth Led Services will take place Sunday night, TONIGHT 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.

**LTC practice starts** in January! Group leaders, please be prepared to start when your practices are scheduled. Check the board for all the details. For those participating in Bible Quiz, it is time to start reading the book of 2 Samuel. The convention is 16 weeks away! Here is the upcoming practice schedule:

#### Sundays:

*Starting Jan. 5th:*  
4-5pm- Drama  
5-6pm- Bible Quiz

*Starting Jan 12th:*  
3-4pm- either Song leading, or Speech  
4-5pm-Chorus  
( Will take place every other week (see board for details)

**January Challenge** for 5th and 6th grade: Read 1 chapter of Proverbs each day. The entire church is invited to take this challenge with them.

#### Happy Birthday

January 7th  
Patsy Allen  
January 9th  
Darla Trolinger  
Matt Bassing

#### Happy Anniversary

January 6th  
Ethan & Rachel  
Ladymon

#### Pantry Items Spaghetti Sauce

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://tinyurl.com/JAR-TeenDevo>

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

### Sympathy

Our sincerest love and sympathy goes the Vada Loker Family. Vada passed away December 21, 2019. Vada will be missed by so many. Vada was a long time member here at Johnson.

The David Cherry family on the loss of his grandmother.

To the family of Leisa Anne McClelland. Leisa passed away December 31, 2019. Her services were held here at Johnson, January 4, 2020. Leisa is the niece of Laura and Herb Hughes.

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters on the loss of those who died in the shootings at the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement TX.**

### Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

Those with recent health issues: **Kerry George**, **Shirley Hester** went home, **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,

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 Leisa McClelland Family**, **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**.

**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

##### Ushers

Terry Huffmaster  
Darron Mitchell  
Roy Lewis

##### Announcements

Joe Harriman  
David Shew  
George Martin

##### Prepare Communion

Joyce Strobe                      Wanda Sanders

##### P.A. System

Randall Harriman

##### Song Leader

David Cherry

##### Greeters

Lee Pennington	Doug Goodpasture
Amanda Gardenhire	Andrea Huffmaster

##### Nursery Attendants

Lisa Lewis                      Kaileigh Shefelbine



# THE LORD'S DAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

Joe Harriman

Song Leader  
David Cherry

Hymn #

Hymn #

OPENING PRAYER  
Bruce Casada

Hymn #

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE  
Romans 5:6-11  
Ethan Ladymon

Communion Prayer  
Kevin Murray

## LORD'S SUPPER

Offering

Hymn #

Hymn #

SERMON SCRIPTURE  
James 1:5-8  
Heath Huffmaster

## Challenges for



Invitation Hymn #

Announcements  
Joe Harriman

Closing Hymn #

Closing Prayer  
Nelson McCoy

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

## January Events

**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

## February Events

**February 8th**

Teen Hosted Banquet

**February 22nd**

Teen Devo @Barbara Parsley

**February 11th**

Threads of Love

**February 13th**

Elders Meeting

**February 18th**

Threads of Love

**February 20th**

Elders Meeting

1. God is always ready and willing to help us with our problems.
2. Things are not what makes us happy or sad, but how we respond to them.
3. Problems are the proving ground for our Faith.
4. We need to accept personal responsibility for our sins.

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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 December 29, 2019

Bible Study: 151

Morning Worship: 211

Evening Worship: N/A

Wednesday Night: 67

Chapters Read: 71

Contribution: \$11,913.00

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

January 5, 2020

Sunday Evening

### YOUTH LED SERVICES

January 8, 2020

### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corbin Cobb

Prayer: Matt Johnson

Devotional: Mike Mitchell

Announcements: George Martin

Closing Prayer: Ty Brunkhardt

January 12, 2020

### Sunday Morning

Announcements: Joe Harriman

Song Leader: David Cherry

Opening Prayer: Herb Hughes

Communion Scripture: Michael Marvin

Communion Prayer: Chesley Martin

Sermon Scripture: Eric Keeter

Closing Prayer: Bobby Hill

### 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

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Herbert Chuoku

### Church Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesdays, &

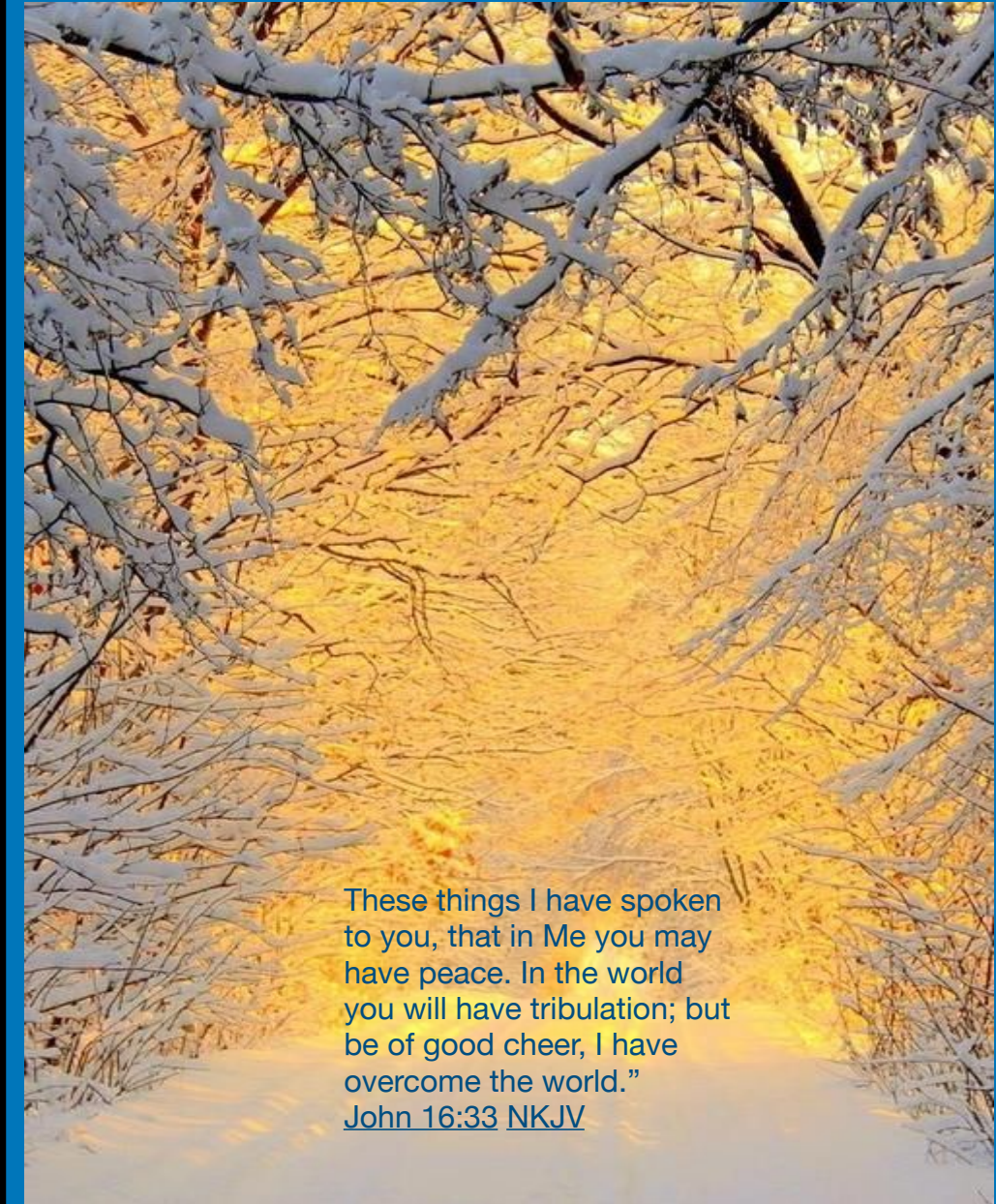
Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

Wednesday 8:30-6:30

Friday 8:30 - 2:30

# Welcome

to  
Johnson church of Christ



These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33 NKJV

## January 5, 2020