

Church of Christ

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RENEWING YOUR MIND

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1-2).

In this text, the apostle Paul calls on Christians to be “transformed.” The Greek term translated “transformed” means “to change from one form into another.” It is the same word from which we get metamorphosis, a term that refers to the changing of a caterpillar into a butterfly. So, in effect, this verse says, “Be changed from one form into another.”

After instructing us to “be changed,” Paul then reveals how this transformation occurs. Notice again: “And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” In order for us to change our lives, we first have to renew the mind.

The renewing of the mind begins when one first obeys the Gospel and thereby becomes a Christian. However, renewing the mind is something that is an ongoing work; it is a work that will not end until one leaves this world. We must constantly give attention to this because there are so many things of the world which may confuse and distract our minds from things which are spiritual. Sinful pleasures, money and materialism, relationship problems, or just the daily cares of life can become the main emphasis of our lives. We can spend so much time thinking about these matters that “being transformed” and changing our actions is impossible. If there are things we want to change about our personal conduct and character, we must renew the mind.

Changing bad habits, breaking addictions, changing our personal conduct and character are not easy because renewing the mind is so challenging. It may take time for a renewed mind to be obtained so that behavior can be changed. Paul wrote, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24). Keep putting on the new man is the point.

Begin today “seeking those things above” (Colossians 3:1-2). Set your mind on things which are spiritual. Meditate upon God’s Word. Seek God and develop a desire to please Him. Think on things which are high and holy (Philippians 4:8). Whatever your struggles are, you can “be changed by the renewing of your mind.” Don’t give up.

Mark Lindley
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Ripley, MS

PRAY FOR...

Barns, John: health struggles

Brownwood family: struggles

Clackler, John: Julie’s dad, in Meadowbrook

Collins, Judy: Mary Ch’s cousin, cardiac struggles

Cross, Lynn: health struggles

Crumpp family: various struggles

Evans, Crystal: Cindy’s daughter, health struggles

Fredrick, John: in rehab following motorcycle accident

Garrow, Ralph: serious back trouble

Hommes, Joyce: various family struggles

Howard, Sammy: struggles

Laphan, Charlene: health struggles

Loss: friends and family of Alan Smart, Mike’s dad

McKever Neil: failing health

Missing members: please contact someone this week

Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine

Monette, Caleb: Lynn St.Pierre’s grandson, struggles

Moschelle, Danielle: health struggle with cancer

Peck, Tanya: Patty’s niece, health struggles

Rivers St. Gary: Mike’s grandfather in CVPH with RSV

Rivers, Phyllis: Mike’s grandmother at home with RSV

St.Pierre, Lynn: family struggles

Ukrainian and Russian Christians

Vaus, Amy: Amber’s cousin, stage 4 lung cancer

War between Israel and Hamas

Whitfield, Freda (& caregivers): Mary’s mother, health struggles

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday- 9 am-1 pm

Schedule of Services

Sun. Bible Classes 10 A.M.

Sun. Worship 11 A.M.

Wed. Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.

“Continue to help us keep this list updated and to pray for those mentioned in previous bulletins.”

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to the Plattsburgh Church of Christ. We are so glad to have you here with us today. We have been praying that God would allow us to meet you today and worship together. If you are visiting from the area, we would love to have you as part of our family!

For The Congregation

Family Meeting today. Please stay to help set the themes and service for a new year. We are also looking for suggestions for an end of the year activity.
Don Alan and Hannah are attending a marriage seminar next weekend. Garth will be speaking to us next Sunday.

Thoughts for the Congregation

Question to think on this week.
“In what ways can I engage in meaningful dialogue and bridge the gaps between different beliefs and worldviews, while remaining rooted in my faith?”

Munchie Moments

Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Our next breakfast is January 7 at 8am followed by the MLM
Ladies’ Time: Our luncheon is next Sunday. Ladies please plan to join us.
Fellowship Meal: Our next meal is January 28. Let’s celebrate our new year together.

How Good is the God We Adore

How good is the God we adore!
Our faithful, unchangeable friend;
his love is as great as his pow’r
and knows neither measure nor end.

For Christ is the first and the last;
his Spirit will guide us safe home;
we’ll praise him for all that is past
and trust him for all that’s to come.

Joseph Hart

Doug’s Devotional From Afar

“Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God”
Acts 15:19.

It was a very different time for the Lord’s church. Former pagans were pouring into the church as they heard for the first time the message of hope and Jesus overcoming of death. This inevitably created a problem in that first century as some steeped in tradition tried to impose requirements upon them that were never part of the gospel. Those seeking to stay true to scripture decided not to cause further trouble upon them by not adding to the gospel any other trappings of tradition. We’re at a similar crossroads today. For decades younger generations have been drifting away from “organized religion” when it is really traditions that are not found in scripture and are seen as archaic that they reject. In doing so, they’ve become secular pagans who seek for hope in selfish materialistic and hedonistic gods. Those who are the keepers of the gospel must first convince younger generations that this is the only hope for mankind while not troubling those turning to God with the traditions we’ve built up that we love so much but don’t work for them. Do we love the lost more than these?



Sundae Toppings

Today: Family Meeting
12/17, Ladies Luncheon
12/24, No Fellowship Meal
12/31, 5th Sunday, New Year’s Eve



2023 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: James and 1 & 2 Peter
Dec. 10, Heb. 9-10, Prov. 10
Dec. 11, Heb. 11, Prov. 11
Dec. 12, James 1-3, Prov. 12
Dec. 13, James 4-5, Prov. 13
Dec. 14, 1 Peter 1-3, Prov. 14
Dec. 15, 1 Peter 4-5, Prov. 15
Dec. 16, 2 Peter, Prov. 16
SUPP: Christian Growth
website: video.wvbs.org
Other Resources
sermonlines.com
theabidingword.com

Children’s Church Workers

Today: Kristia Brownwood
Next Week: Melinda Stone

Jokes on Ice

- Q: What did one snowman say to the other?
A: Do you smell carrots?
- Q: How does Frosty the Snowman get around the neighborhood?
A: On his ice-icle.
- Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies.
- Q: What do you call a snowman that can walk?
A: Snow-mobile.
- Q: Where does a snowman keep all his money?
A: At the local snow bank.
- Q: What do snowmen wear on their heads?
A: Ice caps.

Sunday 12/10

Welcome: Don
Opening Pray: Don
Song Leader: Garth
#480 ”Blessed Assurance ”
#508 “A Wonderful Savior”
#221 “Jesus, Name Above All Names”
Talk/Prayer-bread: Howard
Prayer-fruit of the vine: Howard
Prayer-collection: John
#450 “Give Me the Bible”
Scripture Reading: Chris - Phillipians 4:4-6
Lesson: Don Alan - “Overcoming Challenges with Confidence” ”
#517 “Heaven Came Down”
#528 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
Closing Prayer: Chris

Next Sunday: 12/17

Welcome: Carl
Opening Pray: Carl
Song Leader: Alfred
Talk/Prayer-bread: John
Prayer-fruit of the vine: John
Prayer-collection: Chris
Scripture Reading: Howard - TBA
Lesson: Garth- TBA
Closing Prayer: Howard



Mark Your Calendar

12/16, Kristia Brownwood’s birthday in Christ

Dec 3, 2023	
Bible Class	15
Morning Worship	23
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$902.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$733.00
Willsboro Sr. Center Service	16