

Church of Christ

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MOTIVATE YOURSELF

As I have become “more mature,” I have found that often I find home more inviting than something that is “not home,” especially on these cold winter days. I sometimes find it harder to motivate myself to get out of my warm comfortable space and do things, even if I know they need to be done. But of course if we don’t motivate ourselves then perhaps God will allow our motivation to come from somewhere else.

I’m reminded of an incident that happened when I was about 18 years old. I was helping build a house with my dad and others in one of the suburbs of Dayton, Ohio. There was an old stray dog that showed up on the job site. He was really skittish and afraid to get too close to us, probably he had been mistreated by someone. Anyway, I kept trying to win his confidence and even shared some of my lunch with him. He finally seemed to become a little more trusting and even took some food from my hand. He backed off and sat down and then surprisingly he yelped loudly, jumped up and took off running. I was mystified until I went over and looked at where he had sat down. There was an electrical cord with two frayed wires just where he had sat down. He received an unexpected shock and a lot motivation to vacate the premises.

What is it that you know you should be doing

and are not? I’m convinced that there are a great many people who don’t begin to use their talents or God given abilities. They are comfortable and don’t want to get out of that comfort zone. Sometimes we enjoy the comfort of hearing others teach, but perhaps we should be teaching ourselves. Isn’t the church always asking (sometimes begging) for those to help teach? What about serving? Do we ever really have enough people to do the many things that need to be done within our church family? That takes a lot of forms such as cooking, cleaning, visiting, sharing, comforting, encouraging just to name a few.

There is a parable told by Jesus meant to motivate us to do what we should be doing. It is about three men who are given talents (in this case money) and told to use them for their Lord. Two did, but one buried his and gained nothing for his master, (Matthew 25:14-30). In the end Jesus said, “For to everyone who has will more

be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (vs 29-30)

Let’s hope that God doesn’t have to give us this kind of “shocking” motivation to get us to use our talents. Don’t think you don’t have any, God gives them to us all, it’s up to you to discover them and develop them.

~Russ Lawson
Messages From The Heart

PRAY FOR...

HEALTH: Dortha Bailey; Andrew Barcomb; Kevin Beery; Gloria Breyette; Andrea Briscoe; Jean Buskey; Matthew Cech; Harrison Chambers; Jon Ciampa; Bonnie Davis; Norean Durocher; Pauline Fountain; Jacob Dixon; Missy Hagan; Richard Hoff; Michele Kempe; Jennifer LaValley; Steve Lebeau; James LePage, Sr.; Gail LePage; Pamela Louis; Nancy Lucia; Michael McCauslin; Conner Millar; Eliza Moore; Clara Nelson; Amy Porter; Phyllis Reiblein; Elizabeth Richardson; Brenda Rushia; Marialice Schroeder; Calvin Sears; Jack Stone; Jared White; Freda Whitfield; Luke Whiteford;

CANCER: Elizabeth Dapo; Ken Dubuque Jr.; Jeff Eagle; Mary Ebinger; Kevin Forette; Kelly Guynnup; Jackie Harvey; Alice Henderson; Lori Kashorek; Penney Kilpatrick; Tom LaSalle; Amber Miller; Olivia Orndorff; Kay Rook; Alison Russell; Jane Sayah; Carol Snider; Sheila Starke; Chris Underwood; Rick Well

UPCOMING SURGERY: Susan Cave; Colleen Gerber; Jody Miller; Brenda Rushia

RECOVERY: Jim LaRue; Leo Myers; Gerald Sayah; Janet Wood

ELDERS: Doug & Alfred

MISSIONS: Brazil & Malawi

STRUGGLES: Diane Barcomb; Scott Barcomb; Johnny Kowolski; Sean Lemineau; Bob Miller; Tyler Moore; Maria Pelkey; St. Pierres;

Our nation

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

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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Class 10 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.

Wednesday
Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.

Welcome to Worship

The church of Christ that meets in Plattsburgh invites you to attend any of our services. We love having visitors and are honored for you to attend. We seek to follow the New Testament in all that we do in our worship services. Our primary aim in worship is to glorify and honor God by worshipping Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) Trusting in the promise of the gospel message, we now live out obedience to God's Word as our only authority and pattern for our lives and the church. We want to encourage you to come and learn, worship, grow, and serve the Lord with us! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

From the Shepherds ...

We'd love to have more folks to sing some of the old hymns with the residents of the Vilas Home this Wednesday, 2/8, at 6:30 p.m. This is a great way to serve the community with the love of Christ! On 2/15, we plan on supporting Lori's district-wide strings concert at 7 p.m. at the high school instead of class. Then, 2/25 fro 11-3, we will have a hat and glove table at CVPH for the Winter Carnival. Bring the family, have fun, and serve the community too!



We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for: Adults: "God's Eternal Purpose & Plan" Youth classes as well ... and don't forget our Wednesday's Singing at the Vilas Home.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our 4th Sunday meal is 2/26. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to pass.
Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m.: we'll meet at 8 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of March, 3/5. The menu is not yet determined.

Who can you encourage today?

Doug's Devotional

"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" James 2:17.

Everyone thinks it is cute when a three year-old says she's a doctor and wants to hear her grandpa's heartbeat with her play stethoscope. But, play-acting is considered "stolen valor" when a grown man poses as a military service member. In more home-spun vernacular: you can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig. Ask almost anyone if he or she is a Christian, and the answer will invariably be a resounding "Yes!" But look at the person's life. Jesus said that others will know we are Christians by our love. It is what we do, then, rather than what we say. The same thing goes for faith. If people only watched what you did without hearing you ever say it, would they conclude that you have faith? It's interesting that the Greek word for faith translated in the negative form is sometimes disobedience. Action is inherent in the word. Faith can't be faked. Even the demons, James continues, have a mental affirmation that there is one God. What makes them shudder, then, instead of being saved? There is no action behind their belief. Do you live out your faith or is your Christianity "stolen valor"?

Your most powerful testimony is how you treat others after the CHURCH SERVICE is over

Sundae Toppings

Today, 2/5, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
2/12, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
2/19, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
2/26, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways: "At Your Word"
Key to the Kingdom: "Paul's Picture of God"



Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 36-Numbers 9-13
Day 37-Numbers 14-18
Day 38-Numbers 19-23
Day 39-Numbers 24-28
Day 40-Numbers 29-33

Are you staying caught up?



Mark Your Calendar



2/8, 6:30 p.m., singing at the Vilas Home
2/10, Howard's birthday
2/11, Kim's birthday
2/14, Doug & Lori's birthdays in Christ ('93)
2/15, 7 p.m., Lori's PCSD Strings Concert (It's all hers!)
2/18, Chris' birthday
2/20, Jody's birthday in Christ
2/24, Madison's birthday
2/25, 11-3, Winter Carnival @ CVPH
3/10-11, Church Growth Conference in Manchester, CT
3/29, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Winter mini-VBS

Cleaning Corner

The February and March sheet is now on the refrigerator. Your taking a turn during this time is appreciated and needed. Thanks.

Men Who Serve Today:2/5

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Alfred
882 "No Tears in Heaven"
870 "Beyond This Lan of Parting"
945 Kneel at the Cross"
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler
458 "Redeemed"
Scripture Reading: John - James 2:14-19
Lesson: Doug "Faith by Itself ... is Dead"
939 "O Why Not Tonight?"
Closing Song: Eddie
716 "Sing to Me of Heaven"
Closing Prayer: Jody

Next Sunday:2/12

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Steven
Song Leader: John
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Jody
Scripture Reading: John - James 2:14-19
Lesson: Doug "Faith by Itself ... is Dead"
Closing Song: Tyler
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Week of January 29

Bible Class	23
Morning Worship	38
Wed. Bible Class	11
Contribution	\$568.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$550.00

December→January Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave.	23→ 18; 13
Sun. AM Worship Ave.	35→ 32; 28
Wed. Bible Class Ave.	5→ 13; 11
Weekly Contribution Ave.	\$926.78;→\$566.89;\$509.80
Yearly Contribution Ave. (22 weeks)	\$666.62