

# Church of Christ

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## DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?

There is an old movie from the 1980's, Conan the Barbarian. At one point in the movie Conan and his group of warriors are fighting and as they face battle with overwhelming odds one asks the other, "What's the matter, do you want to live forever". The thought expressed, being that there in no better way to die than in battle or that life is not worth living without facing a challenge. A great inspiring thought, but how close to reality?

While I was in the hospital for tests a while back and I was asked a question I had never been asked before. The doctor came in and talked about the procedure I was going to have and asked, "Do you have a living will?" I told him, "Yes, I do." He said, well I have to ask this, "If something happens and your heart stops during this procedure, do you want us to try and bring you back?" Now that will make you sit up and take notice! I had to stop and think and ask a couple of questions to make sure I understood. I then told him, "Yes, bring me back."

What is it you want, what is really important to you? I'm reminded of an incident in the life of Jesus as he left the city of Jericho recorded in Mark 10:46 and following. Notice what happened: "And so they reached Jericho. Later, as Jesus and his disciples left town, a great crowd was following. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus from Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" "Be quiet!" some of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" When Jesus heard him,

he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "Teacher," the blind man said, "I want to see!"

The man, Bartimaeus, didn't have to ask questions for clarification, he didn't have to stop and think about it, he knew exactly what he wanted and Jesus granted his request.

What is it YOU want more than anything? Most folks, when given time to think about it would like to avoid death, they would say, "I want to live and if possible, to live forever". Paul wrote in Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

I want to live and I know I have eternal life because of God's promises! John wrote fabulous words of encouragement in 1 John 5:13. Notice what he says: "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

There's an old gospel song that says, "I know, I know, there's no doubt about it, he's real in my heart and I'm going to shout it". That's the feeling you have when you understand that you have life with Christ! Do you want to live? Yes! Then go to the book and see what he tells you that you must do! In fact read the whole chapter of Romans 6 for a starter.

May our God bless you with success in your attempt to live forever!

~Russ Lawson  
Messages From The Heart

## PRAY FOR...

**HEALTH:** Dorthea Bailey; Andrew Barcomb; Kevin Beery; Gloria Breyette; Andrea Briscoe; Matthew Cech; Harrison Chambers; Jon Ciampa; Bonnie Davis; Norean Durocher; Pauline Fountain; Jacob Dixon; Missy Hagan; Richard Hoff; Jennifer LaValley; Steve Lebeau; James LePage; Sr. Gail LePage; Pamela Louis; Nancy Lucia; Michael McCauslin; Conner Millar; Eliza Moore; Helen Baker Melinda's mother; Gerald Murphy; Clara Nelson; Amy Porter; Phyllis Reiblein; Elizabeth Richardson; Marialice Schroeder; Calvin Sears; Carrie Spencer; Jack Stone; Jared White; Freda Whitfield; Luke Whiteford;

**CANCER:** Nancy Boula; Wendy Daley; Elizabeth Dapo; Ken Dubuque Jr.; Mary Ebinger; Kevin Forette; Cindy Hagan; Jackie Harvey; Alice Henderson; Lori Kashorek; Penney Kilpatrick; Tom LaSalle; Amber Miller; Olivia Orndorff; Kay Rooke; Alison Russell; Jane Sayah; Carol Snider; Sheila Starke; Chris Underwood; Rick Wells

**LOSSES:** Friends & Family of Nancy Boula, Nelson Crowningshield, and Ronald King

**UPCOMING SURGERY:**

Susan Cave; Colleen Gerber; Jody Miller

**RECOVERY:** Leo Myers; Gerald Sayah

**ELDERS:** Doug & Alfred

**MISSIONS:** Brazil & Malawi

**STRUGGLERS:** 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 ...

God has certainly blessed us with the funds to renovate our auditorium, willing hands to assist in the project in various ways, and in His perfect timing. We were in good shape for our 4th Sunday meal last Sunday, Winter Bible School this past Wednesday, and Chris & Chrissy's wedding last Friday.



## Mission Moment

- Please pray for Roger Chambers who, despite a lung cancer diagnosis, is flying to Malawi on 4/6 to help with the mission work there for two months before returning home.

- Rachel is up to \$2900 of the \$3000 she is raising for her mission trip to Ghana this summer with other OVU students, where she'll help build a church building and assist at an orphanage. If you'd like to help, see Doug.

- Mary Cl. is planning a Let's Start Talking trip in September either to Greece or Europe somewhere.

## 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 Common Time at 6:30 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed

If interested in helping with the Oasis Project to help homeless youth in the Plattsburgh area, see Doug today.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God ..."*

James 4:7.

After demonstrating how the wisdom of heaven is better than the wisdom of the world, James describes why Christians often stagnate in a low swamp of quasi-faith: they are too friendly with the world! We can all relate to this to some degree. We tell ourselves that this world is not our home, but most of us have turned our tents in for the deluxe, all-amenities-included, pop-out camper. What's the solution: submit yourselves, then, to God. Most of us would argue that we already do that, but end up sounding like Saul to Samuel, "But I did obey the Lord," when the bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle can be heard. How, then, do we submit and lift ourselves out of our quagmire? James breaks down that task into some practical ways. 1. resist the devil; 2. come near to God; 3. wash your hands & purify your hearts; 4. grieve, mourn, and wail; 5. Humble yourselves before the Lord; 6. do not slander to judge your neighbor; 7. do not boast or brag. How did you do? If we're honest, there are several in this list that we each can pick out that we need to work on. Want to grow in your relationship with God? How are you submitting?

## M.A.G.I. Box Time! (Making a Godly Impact)

If you didn't pick up your boxes last week, please do so today. The deadline for returning them is Sunday, April 16. You may turn them in before that date whenever you finish filling the boxes. Thank you for signing up to help a child in Zambia and don't forget we have the school supplies to add to the boxes in the front classroom.



Thank you for Making A Godly Impact!

## Munchie Moments

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** our first Sunday meal was today; join us for our next one on 5/7 at 8 a.m.

**Fellowship Meal:** our 4th Sunday meal will be a taco bar at 5 p.m. as part of our Spring Sing we'll host on 4/23. There's a sign-up sheet for bringing something!

## Sundae Toppings

Today, 4/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4/9, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
4/16, NO Family Meeting; Easter  
4/23, 3 p.m. Spring Sing; 5 p.m. taco bar



## Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. 7 p.m.

In Search of the Lord's Ways: "Prepare for Worship"  
Key to the Kingdom: "All We Need is Love"



## Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 92-2 Kings 13-17  
Day 93-2 Kings 18-22  
Day 94-2 Kings 23-25; 1 Ch. 1-2  
Day 95-1 Chronicles 3-7  
Day 96-1 Chronicles 8-12

*What was your favorite story this week?*



## Mark Your Calendar



4/4, Rachel's birthday  
4/5, Timothy's birthday  
4/7, John's birthday in Christ ('13)  
4/19, Eddie and Amber's birthdays  
4/24, Tyler's birthday in Christ ('16)  
4/23, Spring Sing here!  
4/28, Tim graduates from the police academy in WV  
4/28-30, Wetzel Road Youth Rally

*Who is missing that you can call or visit this week?*

## Cleaning Corner

The April & May sheet is now on the refrigerator. Your taking a turn during this time is appreciated and needed. Thanks.

## Men Who Serve Today:4/2

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Carl  
Song Leader: Jim L.  
# 517 "Heaven Came Down"  
# 748 "Let the People Sing Amen"  
# 337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"  
Talk/bread prayer: Garth  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Steven  
# 171 "Above All Else"  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - James 4:7-10  
Lesson: Doug "Submit Yourselves, Then, to God"  
#915 "Trust and Obey"  
Closing Song: John  
#587 "Sing and Be Happy"  
Closing Prayer: Tyler

## Next Sunday:4/9

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Jody  
Song Leader: Steven  
Talk/bread prayer: John  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Scripture Reading: Eddie - Ephesians 2:19-22  
Lesson: Doug "Built Together"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Jim B

## Week of March 26

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$828.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>

## February→March Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave. 29→ 22; 15  
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 31→ 36; 33  
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 12→ 15; 10  
Weekly Contribution Ave.\$588.53;→\$588.53; \$509.50  
Yearly Contribution Ave. (30 weeks) \$667.71