

Church of Christ

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A FEW LESSONS I LEARNED IN AFRICA

Christians share a common bond in Jesus that transcends locations and cultures. Although I was on the other side of the world, there was instant friendship and fellowship each time I met another member of the body of Christ. Though we spoke different languages, we could still communicate Christian love very easily.

It's OK for life to move at a slower pace. Nothing gets done quickly in Tanzania. While that runs counter to American culture, there is much to commend taking life at a slower pace. After a few days of adjustment, I began to appreciate and enjoy the laid-back environment in which no one was being pressed by arbitrary deadlines. It made me think about Jesus, a man who was always busy yet never seemed to be operating at break-neck speed.

Christians who leave their native countries to live in foreign ones for the purpose of enlarging the borders of Christ's kingdom deserve our respect and gratitude. I met and grew to love and appreciate seven special Americans who left everything they had ever known to move to Tanzania to reach people with the saving message of Jesus. I don't

think I have the mettle to do that, and that heightens my respect for those who do.

There still are people in the world who want to study the Bible and will stop what they are doing to do so. Where in America can you walk into a business, ask the owner if he would like to study the Bible, and have him invite you to sit down right then and study with you? It happens every day in Tanzania.

Contentment in life is possible. You don't need luxuries to make you happy. Some of the happiest people you'll meet live in mud huts with no indoor plumbing. The poorest Americans have far more material possessions than most Tanzanians. And we want more. But as wealthy as they know Americans are, not one person ever asked me for a penny.

God's creation is stunningly beautiful. Neither verbal descriptions or pictures can adequately capture the beauty of Tanzania. All I could do was stand in awe of the creation and the Creator.

Eddie Parrish
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PRAY FOR...

Bone, Dan, Melinda's uncle, heart attack and other issues
Carter, Roland, Jim L's relative, health
Cave, Susan, recovering from surgery
Cech, Matthew: Terry's relative, mitochondrial disease
Chambers, Harrison and Roger: Alfred's brothers, health
Dailey, Wendy: Darrell's wife, great scan
Dupell, Henry: tumors
Duprey, Karina: Earl's niece, cancer
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer
Hogan, Garth: work situation
Kashorek, Lori: lung cancer/recovery from surgery
Kemp, Pauline and Frank: Christina's friends, struggles
Lebeau, Steve: John's friend, health
Lermineau, Sean: Carl's relative, struggles
LePage, Gail: Jim L's mom, health
LePage, Jim Sr.: Jim L's dad, recovery from hand accident
Miller, Amber: chemo after cancer-free
Miller, Francis: Jody's dad, tests
Miller, Jody: surgery on 6/26
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Zambia
Richardson, Elizabeth: Eddie's sister, health
Sayah, Gerald: Lori's father, health
Spencealther, Carrie:
Stone, Arnold, Lynn's uncle, esophageal cancer
St. Pierre, Lynn, health
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Ch's mom, health

"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 ...

Today, Roger Chambers, after encouraging us at our Men's Prayer Breakfast, will speak at 10 a.m. on his work in Malawi that we've helped to support. He'll also bring the message at our 11 a.m. service. Instead of meeting on the second Sunday, the ladies will get together with Roger's wife, Mitzi, after service this



Mission Moment

- today, Roger & Mitzi Chambers are telling about their mission work in Malawi.
- next Sunday, the Phillips family from the CrossPoint church of Christ in Florence, AL, plan to visit and encourage.
- in July, Rachel will do mission work in Ghana for three weeks.
- in September, Mary Clackler will work in Kiev, Ukraine, with Let's Start Talking.

We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:
Adults: Robin Phillips on our mutual work for the gospel
... and don't forget our Wednesday Common Time at 6:30 p.m.

Doug's Devotional

We have the wonderful problem of growing pains! Not too long ago, some were on double-duty during service. Not so now. We're blessed with 13 men for 9 spots (not counting preaching) which means that 4 must be subs every Sunday. Based on attendance and spiritual attitude during the last quarter, the 9 places will be filled by those who were 'here' the most. Another mark of a growing church is the Lord's work that goes on without the elders ever hearing about it ... or happens when the preacher has had to step back as I have over the past few weeks due to our family's situation (of which I can't thank everyone enough). A third mark would be less of a focus on ourselves and more on missions. We have helped with the work in Brazil for years, and now our members have filled Magi boxes to send to Zambia, helped Rachel go to Ghana this summer, and will help send Mary to the Ukraine later this year. Today, Roger Chambers will tell us about the work in Malawi that we've helped support, and yet, still a mission church ourselves, we will have the Phillips family from a supporting church in AL visiting next week.

Munchie Moments

- Fellowship Meal:** the ladies plan to reciprocate on 6/25 for a late Fathers' Day meal!
- Men's Prayer Breakfast:** the next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 7/2 at 8 a.m.

Wash & Wear

- the cleaning sign-up for June & July is on the fridge. Taking a turn is appreciated & needed.
- the church's blue polo shirts in a variety of sizes are \$15 each (to cover cost only).

Camp Hunt Update

- to get a discount, 5 teens were signed up for Camp Hunt last week.
- health forms are needed from all our youth for the church's records.

Sundae Toppings

Today: 6/4, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast; p.m. Ladies' Time
6/11, Phillips family here, Mary C1 is out of town
6/18, Fathers' Day; 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
6/25, 12:30 p.m. ladies' make Fathers' Day lunch



Key Word Search



Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways:
"A Friend to Jesus"
Key to the Kingdom: "What Do I Look Like?"

2017 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 155-Psalms 73-77
Day 156-Psalms 78-82
Day 157-Psalms 83-87
Day 158-Psalms 88-92
Day 159-Psalms 93-97

Are you in the Word every day?



Mark Your Calendar

6/6, Chambers' anniversary ('75)
6/13, Steven S and Glenda's birthdays; Amber's birthday in Christ ('89)
6/19, Kashorek ('93) & Goodman ('04) anniversaries
6/28, Chrissy's birthday
6/29, Melinda's birthday
7/1-8, Camp Hunt General A Week
7/2, John's birthday
7/4, Jim L's birthday in Christ ('00)
7/7, Doug's birthday

Today:6/4

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Alfred
Song Leader: Garth
#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
#221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"
#287 "There Is a Redeemer"
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Steven
#342 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"
Scripture Reading: Howard - James 4:13-15
Lesson: Roger Chambers "Time"
#789 "Father"
Closing Song: Chris
#278 "Victory Chant"
Closing Prayer: Carl

Next Sunday: 6/11

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Tyler
Song Leader: Eddie
Talk/bread prayer: Jody
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Scripture Reading: Steven - Isaiah 2:17-21
Lesson: Doug "When He Rises to Shake the Earth"
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Howard

Week of May 28

Bible Class	21
Morning Worship	34
Wed. Bible Class	16
Contribution	\$668.50
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$550.00

April→May Averages; 1 Year Ago
Sun. Bible Class Ave. 20→ 23; 17
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 32→ 35; 27
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 10→ 15; 13
Weekly Contribution Ave.\$610.66→ \$564.38;\$612.34
Yearly Contribution Ave. (39 weeks) \$649.80