

# Church of Christ

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## AGENTS OF GOD'S GLORY

A friend of mine is an agent for professional athletes. His whole career is based on representing his clients to teams in hopes of securing them the best possible salary and contract package. For each of his clients, he has a portfolio that highlights their statistics—height, weight, career highlights, awards, you name it. At a moment's notice, he can give you a clear picture of the athlete's accomplishments and abilities.

Every once in a while, my agent friend and I will talk about some of the athletes he represents. He has a couple of big names on his list, and I've found myself thinking, "Wow, you're an agent for him? No way! That would be amazing." But when I think about it, you and I have a far greater privilege and calling. We are agents of God—hired by the price He paid on the cross—to spread the "stats" of His glory everywhere we go.

Of course we know that God is totally self-sufficient and that His worth isn't based on what other people think. But this fallen world needs to be reminded of how incredible and vast our God is. The psalmist points out that the heavens declare His glory. Creation speaks loud and clear about His creative power and divine nature. His Word paints a magnificent picture of His glory, recording the drama and wonder of God's interaction with His people. And we have, on a daily basis, the responsibility of reflecting and representing God's glory in this world.

His "portfolio" of glory staggers the imagination. It encompasses His personal, unconditional

love. It draws in His broad and limitless mercy—mercy that patiently holds back His hand of judgment. His credentials include perfect wisdom, undiminished holiness, unflinching faithfulness, perfect justice, and the realities that He is all-powerful and all-knowing. Simply put, His glory is all that He is in His all-surpassing, praiseworthy, stunning perfection.

So how do we reflect His glory? On this side of heaven, as fallen sinful creatures, we do it imperfectly. However, as we begin to grasp how immense and incredible God's glory is, it starts to show up in our lives. As we demonstrate mercy and forgiveness to a friend that has wounded us, we are agents of God's mercy. When we remain faithful to our relationships, loving others through thick and thin, we are reflecting the glory of God's unconditional love. When our hearts of compassion move us to act on behalf of the poor, the needy, and the marginalized, we are representing our God's heart of justice and compassion. As our lives begin to line up with the principles of God's Word, we highlight the glory of God's perfect wisdom. His "portfolio" is on display for a needy and watching world.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the purpose of our redemption—God buying us back—was that we might glorify God. You are His agent today. There is no greater privilege or calling!

Joe Stowell  
getmorestrength.org

### PRAY FOR...

Ballad, Nikki in Arkansas  
Bennett, Jim: health concern  
Carter, Roland, Jim L's relative, health  
Cech, Matthew: Terry's relative, mitochondrial disease  
Chambers, Harrison and Roger: Alfred's brothers, health-  
Chambers, William & Essie: Alfred's relatives, health  
Childers, Nancy: Amber's great-aunt, colon cancer  
Deeton, Mike: Katelyn's friend, heart  
Duprey, Karina: Earl's niece, cancer  
Elders, Alfred and Doug  
Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer  
Hartman, Linda: Jim B's friend, car accident  
Kashorek, Lori: lung cancer/recovery from surgery  
Kemp, Pauline and Frank: Christina's friends, loss of nephew  
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  
McCoy, Wendy: Melinda's relative, breast cancer  
Miller, Amber: chemo after cancer-free  
Miller, Francis: Jody's dad, tests  
Missions: Jody: testing, surgery on 6/26  
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Zambias  
New jobs: Chris, Emilie and Katelyn  
Provost, Emilie: raising Sorcha in the Lord  
Richardson, Elizabeth. Eddie's sister, health  
Spencealther, Carrie:  
Stone, Arnold, Lynn's uncle, esophageal cancer  
St. Pierre, Lynn, health  
Kathlyn Stapleton: struggles  
Traveling: Madison Beery Mary Clackler, Jim Bennett,  
Rachel Kashorek and other students from OVU  
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, 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 ...

We’re switching the Ladies’ Time to 8/20 and the Family Meeting to next Sunday, 8/13! Lots of details to discuss about VBS at the end of the month and a draft budget. The elders are busy discussing numbers to begin on September 1, please get any thoughts or project/mission ideas to them ASAP. Thanks! in Plattsburgh.



## Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- 7/25--8/11, Rachel will do mission work in Ghana
- Mary Clackler is going on a Let’s Start Talking trip in Kiev, Ukraine from 9/7-10/2.

## We’ve Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:  
Adults: John’s class--Search For Truth, lesson 2  
Youth classes as well ... and don’t forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

## School Supplies

Before you buy, check out our supply of backpacks, binders, folders, and 1 subject notebooks to give away.

## Tale as Old as Time

There will be plenty of opportunities to serve during our VBS around that theme on August 29-31, 6-8 p.m. Mark your calendars and get your friends and neighbors to join you for this end-of-summer event!

## Doug’s Devotional

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17.

An objective of our Vision 2020 is to provide “applicable & biblically-centered sermons & classes” that will “challenge the saved & lost to grow and equip individuals & the church to reach out with the gospel of Christ.” As shepherds, we want to guide you to green pastures and living water ... and the only way to do that is through the Word of God! It tells us itself that it thoroughly equips the man of God. As for sermons this year, I seek a well-rounded, four-thread approach of overview, expository, topical, and Vision 2020 lessons that encompass the whole of redemption history and the Christian life. This is aided by our Sunday morning & Wednesday evening classes as well as members’ private study of Scripture whether it be the suggested Bible reading printed weekly in our bulletin or another regimen. Sadly, like the proverbial horses led to water, many only thirst for the little they get at the Sunday services they attend. God is equipping us thoroughly through His Word. Stay thirsty, my friends!

## The Oasis Project

Thank you to all who trained last Tuesday to be a part of this exciting project this fall!

## Munchie Moments

**Fellowship Meal:** Invite a friend and bring a dish for our 4th Sunday meal on 8/27 after worship.

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast:** the next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 8/6 at 8 a.m.

## Wash & Wear

- the cleaning sign-up for this season 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).
- VBS “Tale as Old as Time” shirts are \$10/adult and free to those in pre-K--12 grade who attend (order by 8/13)

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 8/6, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast  
8/13, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
8/20, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time  
8/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



## Key Word Search



Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.  
In Search of the Lord’s Ways: “Your Soul  
Key to the Kingdom: “Your Soul”

## 2017 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 218-Jeremiah 25-28  
Day 219-Jeremiah 29-32  
Day 220-Jeremiah 33-36  
Day 221-Jeremiah 37-40  
Day 222-Jeremiah 41-44

*Are you keeping up?*



## Mark Your Calendar

8/11, Gracelyn’s birthday  
8/18, Jody’s birthday  
8/24, Stone anniversary (‘84)  
8/29-31, 6-8 p.m. VBS “Tale as Old as Time”  
9/14-16, Camp Hunt Ladies’ Retreat  
9/21-23, Camp Hunt Men’s Retreat

## Corporate Elections

As a requirement of NYS, we will hold an election at the 8/13 Family Meeting for officers to keep our tax-exempt status and legally represent us, effective 9/1. This has no bearing on the biblical governing of the Lord’s body in Plattsburgh.

## Today:8/6

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Jim L  
Song Leader: Alfred  
#PP, Open the Eyes of My Heart”  
#749 “The Battle Belong to the Lord”  
#538 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”  
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven  
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler  
#639 “Rescue the Perishing”  
Scripture Reading: John - 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
Lesson: Doug “May Be Thoroughly Equipped”  
#945 “Kneel at the Cross”  
Closing Song: Eddie  
#851 “I’ll Fly Away”  
Closing Prayer: Jody  
Subs: GH, HG, CH, CC

## Next Sunday: 8/13

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Garth  
Song Leader: John  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Isaiah 11:1-3  
Lesson: Doug “A Branch Will Bear Fruit”  
Closing Song: Tyler  
Closing Prayer: Chris

## Week of July 30

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$534.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>

## June→July Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave. 26→ 24; 13  
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 35→ 38; 27  
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 16→ 16; 19  
Weekly Contribution Ave.\$514.76→ \$653.77;\$636.25  
Yearly Contribution Ave. (48 weeks) \$638.96