

Church of Christ

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THE VALUE OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

Since the founding of our nation, people from all over the world have looked longingly to America, the land of freedom and opportunity. They realize the value of being an American. While there are some who now dispute this, by and large, we are still overwhelmed with the numbers of immigrants who come to these shores annually. These are individuals who want an opportunity; who want to spend their lives in some valuable endeavor.

For the most part we desire to spend our lives, our talents, energies, and abilities in some worthwhile endeavor. I submit that living for Jesus and being a Christian is where one can find the very most meaningful existence. Indeed, there are some who doubt the worthwhileness of this endeavor, especially if they witness inconsistencies in a Christian's life. Their doubts, however, do not negate certain realities that make being a Christian the greatest way to live. Mankind would give New Testament Christianity more serious consideration if they were constantly reminded of the meaningfulness and value of spending one's life in this way. Jesus reminds us that men will know that we are his disciples, "If ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). By the same token, He affirms that men would come to believe through seeing the unity and harmony within the Christian fellowship (John 17:21).

Just why should a person want to become a Christian? Certainly one need only look at the consequences of sin in the world to realize that we need deliverance from this presence. The Apostle Paul affirms that this happens through one person and one only: "For as by one man's disobedience

many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). In 2 Corinthians 5:21 we are reminded that God "made Him to be sin for as who knew no sin; that we might be the righteousness of God in Him."

Jesus offers eternal salvation to those who are willing to obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Friends, there is no other antidote in the world that can provide this kind of deliverance from a most dreaded disease: sin that results in death (Romans 6:23). Just think, all the burden of guilt is removed from a person's past life. He can be saved eternally one day.

In addition to the joy of release from sin and its consequences is the wonderful joy of spending one's life as a child of God. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:16-17). What better way for one to spend their life than living as a child of God and bearing glory to God through all that we do and say.

Dear reader, living for Jesus is the only way to live that brings with it any hope in the world to come. We buy insurance policies to protect loved ones in the event of our deaths. What sort of insurance do you have that will protect your soul for eternity? God has promised, and He's faithful in His word, "I will remember their sins no more" (Hebrews 5:12).

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PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: health concern
Blair, Christina: health struggles
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
Fitzpatrick, Penny: John's aunt, inoperable cancer
Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer
Harvey's impact on people of Texas and Louisiana
Jackson, Jeshua: Amber's friend's daughter with leukemia
Kashorek, Lori: lung cancer and success for new treatment
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, struggles
LST readers in the Ukraine
McCoy, Wendy: Melinda's relative, breast cancer
Miller, Francis: Jody's dad, tests
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambias
Philips, Cathy, Mary's friend, struggles
Powers, Steve and Philomena, loss of baby Michael
Richardson, Elizabeth. Eddie's sister, health
Ryan-Gilmore, Grant: friend of Chrissy, new baby surgery
Spencer Carrie: Alfred's niece, health
Stone, Randy: health
St. Pierre, Lynn, health
Kathryn Stapleton: struggles
Traveling: Mary Clacker and Althea Edwards
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health

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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 ...

After a record budget just shy of \$54K last year, we are starting this budget year a little shy of \$5K left in our account!



Thank you for your generosity to get a new ... sound system, carpeting, chairs, parking lot, and bus. To meet our budget of \$34,622, we are increasing our needed weekly contribution to \$575, well shy of our \$637 weekly average last year (not counting bus donations).

Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- 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 3
Youth classes as well ... and don’t forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Retreat & Youth Rally

Information is out about this month’s Camp Hunt Men’s Retreat and the Albany Youth Rally. Be sure to get the details!

The Oasis Project

For those who have been trained, the volunteer kick-off is 9/7 at 4 p.m.

Doug’s Devotional

“Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery” Daniel 2:47.

A purpose of a Bible overview series is to place seemingly unrelated Bible stories into the context of the central thread—a holy God’s plan to redeem sinful man. The accounts of Daniel are among those. Most have heard of “Daniel & the Lion’s Den” and know he’s somehow related to the stories of the fiery furnace and God’s hand that wrote on a wall. But, how does he fit into redemption history? Daniel was a prophet who wrote during the time God’s people were in captivity due to sin in Babylon. Perhaps that situation is not so different than ours today as we seek to remain God’s people in an immoral culture. By his obedience, however, Daniel changed kings’ hearts while in captivity. Nebuchadnezzar’s was the first. Daniel’s giving credit to God for the interpretation of the king’s dream caused the king to give the above glory to God. Later, Daniel’s refusal to pray to any ‘god’ but God and trust in Him—even when sealed in a den of lions—caused a similar expression of faith from Darius. How are you changing hearts by your obedience?

Tale as Old as Time

Thank you to all who helped make our ‘Beauty & the Beast’ themed Back-2-Bible School, “A Tale as Old as Time.”

School Supplies

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

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).

Sundae Toppings

Today: 9/3, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9/10, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time
9/17, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
9/24, 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: “The Cost of Discipleship”
Key to the Kingdom: “Nothing Else Needed”

2017 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 246-Ezekiel 48; Daniel 1-3
Day 247-Daniel 4-7
Day 248-Daniel 8-11
Day 249-Da. 12; Hosea 1-3
Day 250-Hosea 4-7

Make Bible reading your fall routine!



Mark Your Calendar

9/5, Christopher’s birthday
9/6 or 9/7, schools begin
9/14-16, Camp Hunt Ladies’ Retreat
9/19, Garth’s birthday
9/21-23, Camp Hunt Men’s Retreat
9/29-10/1, Albany Youth Rally
10/15, Fall Sing in Burlington

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our next fellowship meal is 9/24

Men’s Prayer Breakfast: the next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 10/1 at 8 a.m.

Today:9/3

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Alfred
Song Leader: Garth
#539 “Higher Ground”
#615 “He Keeps Me Singing”
#382 “Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?”
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Steven
#635 “Freely, Freely”
Scripture Reading: Chris - Daniel 7:25-27
Lesson: Doug “Your God is the God of Gods”
#643 “Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom”
Closing Song: Jim L
#1032 “He Is Wonderful”
Closing Prayer: Carl
Subs: TM, EB, HG

Next Sunday: 9/10

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Tyler
Song Leader: Eddie
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Scripture Reading: Steven - Acts 8:1-4
Lesson: Doug “Wherever They Went”
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Howard

Week of August 27

Bible Class	20
Morning Worship	39
Wed. Bible Class	28
Contribution	\$570.25
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$550.00

July→August Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave. 24→ 23; 17
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 38→ 34; 27
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 16→ 16; 13
Weekly Contribution Ave. \$653.77→ \$622.58; \$626.25
Yearly Contribution Ave. (52 weeks) \$637.70