

Church of Christ

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NOT FOR HIRE

If you've been around the world of golf for long, you know that winning the coveted "Green Jacket" at the Masters is arguably the most coveted accomplishment in golf. As I was watching the final round of the Masters Golf Tournament in 2007, I was thrilled to hear the winner give credit to Jesus for the gifts and abilities the Lord had given him. With much of the world watching, he turned the spotlight from himself to Jesus!

It brought to mind the year that Bernhard Langer won the Masters. In the Butler Cabin afterward, before millions watching on TV the interviewer said to him, "Winning the Masters must be the greatest moment in your life." To which the champion replied, "This is no doubt the greatest moment in my golf career, but it doesn't compare to the fact that 2,000 years ago today my Lord and Savior rose from the dead to give me eternal life!"

I was off my couch, ecstatic that Jesus and what He has done for us was getting such global recognition!

This is exactly what it means to glorify God and to live with enough biblical sanity to know that all we have and all we are is directly attributable to God's grace and provision in our lives. Think about it. Where would you be today if God had not given you the mental horsepower to figure stuff out, the opportunities for education and promotion, the talents to do things well, the spiritual gifts to participate successfully in His work, the income to keep food on the table, or the wisdom of His Word to help you know how to live? The list is long when it comes to what God has graciously given you. To say nothing of the gift of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection! The fact is that you and I

would be nothing if it weren't for God's generous and undeserved supply.

So, since all we have is from God, it's important that we don't act like we are self-made people. In fact, when King Nebuchadnezzar took God's glory for himself, he was banished to eating grass in the field like an animal until he got the picture straight about who should get the glory for his power and position (Daniel 4:29-34). And Herod was eaten by worms and died for letting the people call him god (Acts 12:21-23). God takes it seriously when we rob Him of His glory!

Granted, it's not always easy to know just what to say when you want to transfer the applause from yourself to God. But just knowing that it's important to give credit where credit is due is a good beginning. Every once in a while, someone will tell me what a great sermon I preached, and in that moment I am keenly aware that what I do with the spotlight is very important. I have to tell you, when I take the compliment for myself I end up feeling small and disloyal. But when I acknowledge that I had no idea what they needed to hear, I can say with confidence, "We both know where the blessing came from!" and I love to tell people that if they were blessed by the sermon it's a sure sign of how much God loves them. Every time I turn the spotlight where it belongs, I end up feeling grateful to God and joyful that I was able to give Him the glory.

So take the Bible's advice: Keep the spotlight on Jesus—then know the joy of what it means to live for His glory.

Joe Stowell
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PRAY FOR...

Bacon, Rob & Donna: safe traveling to Cape Cod & Maine
Baker, Hailey: Maddie's friend, broken jaw
Ballard, Sophie: Nikki's niece, struggles
Bennett, Jim: health concern
Bier, Christina: health
Bushey, Jason & Chantelle: Crumps' friends, baby needs surgery
Clackler, Mary: traveling home and her readers in Ukraine
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
Kashorek, Lori: lung cancer and success of new treatment
Lebeau, Steve: John's friend, health
Lermineau, Sean: Carl's relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health
McCoy, Wendy: Melinda's relative, breast cancer
Miller, Francis: Jody's dad, tests
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Zambia
Philips, Cathy, Mary's friend, struggles
Powers, Steve and Philimena, loss of baby Michael
Provost, Emilie: raising Sorcha in the Lord
Richardson, Elizabeth. Eddie's sister, health
Spencer Carrie: Alfred's niece, health
Stone, Jack, Lynn's uncle, esophageal cancer
Stapleton, Katelyn: struggles
Taylor, Robert Jr.: preacher friend, dying.
The Oasis Project
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health
Willette family: struggles

"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 ...

Many of you know Arthur Barry of the Valley Cities church of Christ from Camp Hunt. His small but growing church plant has the opportunity to buy a church building in Sayre, PA, from a dying denominational group for \$100,000. He's asking if we are able to raise \$1000 by the end of 2017 for them to do that? We thought we'd bring it to the members here and see if we can brainstorm ideas for this worthy cause.



We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for: Adults: John's class--Search For Truth, lesson 4 Youth classes as well ... and don't forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Family Fun Activity

Next Sunday people should bring a bag lunch to eat in a car. We're planning to go to Paul Smith's Interpretive Center. If it's raining, we'll go bowling.

Youth Rally

We are a few short today as a vanload plans to return from the Albany Youth Rally later today.

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).

Doug's Devotional

"Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" Isaiah 2:3.

Seven centuries before God in the flesh could suffer and die for our sins to restore us to Himself, Isaiah spoke of the coming gospel. First, it would not be good news just for God's covenant people at that time. "Many peoples" are able to "go up to the mountain of the Lord." Starting with Cornelius, Jesus removed the dividing wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles by His blood shed on the cross. Now all can come to God through faith! Second, the restoration that would come through the good news would be spiritual. "He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." Our greatest need was not to have a military leader overthrow the occupying force in the holy land but a Messiah overthrow enslaving sin in our hearts to make us holy. Third, we see that the gospel will go forth "in the last days" from Jerusalem. From there, it is our job to proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth. Are you proclaiming the gospel?

Mission Moment

My time in Ukraine has come to an end. This last week has been one of sad goodbyes. I have fallen in love with these people and the way they do so much with so little. I can't wait to share my time away with you. Tonight at 9 PM(your time) I leave Kiev and should be home by 9 PM tomorrow night. It is a long trip, but I plan to see you all on Wednesday night. Keep praying for me and my readers that I'm leaving behind, please.

The Oasis Project

The Oasis Project will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. For confidentiality reasons, if you are not vetted, please stay away from the church building during those hours. Thank you.

Sundae Toppings

Today: 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10/8, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
10/15, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting; 1:30 leave for Fall Sing
10/22, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
10/29, 5th Sunday



Key Word Search



Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways: "What Happens at Death"
Key to the Kingdom: "A Mystery Revealed"

2017 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 275-Matthew 5-8
Day 276-Matthew 9-12
Day 277-Matthew 13-16
Day 278-Matthew 17-20
Day 281-Matthew 21-24

Make Bible reading your fall routine!



Mark Your Calendar

9/29-10/1, Albany Youth Rally
10/14, Geri Rushia's birthday
10/15, 3 p.m. Fall Sing in Burlington
10/16, Tara's birthday
10/17, Aowen's birthday
10/23, John's twins' birthdays
10/31, Dylan's birthday

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our next one is 10/22. Bring a dish & invite a friend.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: the next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 11/5 at 8 a.m.

Today: 10/1

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Carl
Song Leader: Steven
#851 "I'll Fly Away"
#882 "No Tears in Heaven"
#324 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"
Talk/bread prayer: Garth
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L
#867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Isaiah 2:1-5
Lesson: Doug "The Word of the Lord from Jerusalem"
#924 "Just As I Am"
Closing Song: John
#PPT "Here I Am to Worship"
Closing Prayer: Tyler

Next Sunday: 10/8

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Jim L
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Scripture Reading: Chris - 1 John 1:5-7
Lesson: Doug "Fellowship with One Another"
Closing Song: Steven
Closing Prayer: Jim B

Week of September 24

Bible Class	27
Morning Worship	38
Wed. Bible Class	
Contribution	\$510.25
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00

August → September Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave. 23 → 25; 19
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 34 → 37; 28
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 16 → 11; 9
Weekly Contribution Ave. \$522.58 → \$640.20; \$584.37
Yearly Contribution Ave. (4 weeks) \$640.20