

Church of Christ

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SWEETER THAN HONEY

I wonder how many of us got tired of hearing our moms tell us, “Eat this, it’s good for you!” And you can bet that if it required a lot of coaxing, it wasn’t the most appetizing dish on the table!

Thankfully, there are a few items on the good-for-you menu that go down a little easier than eggplant or brussels sprouts. Like honey, for example. Who doesn’t love a glob of honey slathered thickly on buttered toast? And not only does it taste good, but scientific studies show that honey has great medicinal value. For one thing, it helps reduce cholesterol. It’s loaded with antioxidants that help fight cancer. And a bit of honey and lemon mixed with hot water has a sure soothing effect on a sore throat. In food world, there’s nothing else quite like honey. No wonder the psalmist David used it to describe God’s Word when he exclaimed, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103).

If we’re honest, our attitude doesn’t usually match up to David’s. Can we really say that God’s Word is “sweet” or, for that matter, “sweeter than honey”? Usually it’s more like, “Oh, I guess it’s good for me, so I have to read it.” When we engage the Bible with that attitude, it’s no wonder that it seems like a bland, flavorless experience.

So let’s start reading the Word expecting to have a meaningful, personal encounter with God. For me, it cannot be just an exercise in reading through the Bible in a year or making sure I read a chapter a day, or any other system that allows me to put a tic mark on my spiritual checklist next to the “Bible reading” obligation. Each encounter with Scripture

has to be a search for something that is relevant to my life. I need to read until I hear Him speak in a way that reaches to the core of me. If it comes quickly, I may not need to read further. But if it takes more time than I had planned, I need to keep reading until my soul, heart, and mind have been revitalized.

When I read about the fact that God is sovereign and fully in control of everything that is happening in my life (Jeremiah 10:23) and ultimately manages the whole universe (Colossians 1:16-17), how sweet is that? When I read that He will never leave me or forsake me (Hebrews 13:5), and that He works everything to a good conclusion (Romans 8:28), it settles my spirit with a sweet taste. When I read that this world is not my home (1 Peter 2:11) and that my home is heaven, a place where God will wipe away every tear (John 14:3; Revelation 21:4), there could be nothing sweeter!

The more we read the words and promises that fill our hungry hearts and provide healing antidotes to our wounded souls, the more we will understand the psalmist’s enthusiasm for God’s Word. I’m telling you right now, when your life goes south, when you are confused and don’t know what to do, your next best meal is not going to help you at all. But the words of God will be just what you need. So, go ahead—eat it—not only is it good for you, it’s sweet!

Whatever your approach, reading the Bible should be a dynamic experience that is alive with flavor and excitement. As you continue to connect with God through His Word, relish every morsel. After all, His words are sweeter than honey!



PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles
Baker, Hailey: Maddie’s friend, broken jaw
Ballard, Sophie: Nikki’s niece, struggles
Blier, Christina: health
Brownwood, Donna: Melinda’s relative, health
Burna, Bonnie: Carl’s aunt, cancer
Buskey, Tonyea: Jackie’s sister, heart surgery
Cech, Terry: surgery to remove spots on bladder
Darling, Wendy: Carl & Cindy’s sister, broken ankle
Deeton, Mike: Katelyn’s friend, heart
Duprey, Karina: Earl’s niece, cancer
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Forette, Kevin: John’s friend, cancer
Jackson, Jessah: Amber’s friend’s daughter, leukemia
Kashorek, Lort: lung cancer and success of new treatment
Kaitlyn and Nikki: sickness
Laramy, Paul : Steven’s brother, motorcycle accident
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John’s friends, health struggles
Lernineau, Sean: Carl’s relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L’s parents, health
Miller, Francis: Jody’s dad, tests
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia
Philips, Cathy, : Mary’s friend, struggles
Philips, Florence: in the hospital
Provost, Emilie: raising Sorcha in the Lord
Shelters, Jill: Marlana’s neighbor, struggles
Spencer Carrie: Alfred’s niece, health
Stone, Jack: health
Stapleton, Katelyn: struggles
Stowe, Kayonna: Nikki’s niece’s friend, cancer
Taylor, Robert Jr.: Nikki’s dad’s preacher friend, dying.
The Oasis Project
Waters, Scott: Eddie’s aide, biopsy
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.

Joe Stowell
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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 need to be a 'People of the Word.' Therefore, in 2018, we'd like all of our members to diligently study God's words that bring life! Whether you follow the published plan that will bring you through the Bible in a year or one of your own, stay in the Bible a little each day. A 30 Day Challenge (the NT in a month) and a significant-passage-per-day-through-the-Bible plans are available as well.



We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:
Adults: John's class--Search For Truth, lesson 7
Youth classes as well ... and don't forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Moment.

•Please pray for all our mission works.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our next 4th Sunday meal is 1/28 after morning service. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to pass.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: the next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 2/4 at 8 a.m.

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.

Doug's Devotional

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" John 17:17.

Jesus, the Word made flesh Himself, claims in His Word, that the Word of God is truth. Well, many worldly skeptics would argue that just because the Bible claims to be truth doesn't make it so (even though they would accept that a boy identifying as a girl allows him to use a different restroom). But they have a point. We should not claim something about the Bible that it does not claim for itself or that God, while He made His dwelling among us, didn't claim about it. Is there proof outside of Scripture that the Bible is truth? The answer is yes! Though written over 1500 years and by people of different cultures, languages, and backgrounds, there is a unity of thought and purpose. Careful copying over centuries as demonstrated by the Dead Sea scrolls, outside sources, and archaeology all attest to its accuracy, and although it is not primarily a book of science or of anthropology, all details within the Bible are historically, linguistically, and scientifically accurate. Finally, the Bible happened in the open, where even Christianity's enemies attest to the validity of its events and changed lives. Do you believe the Bible is true?

**THE BIBLE IS NOT
MAN'S WORD ABOUT
GOD, BUT GOD'S WORD
ABOUT MAN.**

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John Barth
American Novelist

Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
1/21, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
1/28, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
2/4, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways: "Revive Us Again"
Key to the Kingdom: "Exodus: Be Set Free"



2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 15-Exodus 1-5
Day 16-Exodus 6-10
Day 17-Exodus 11-15
Day 18-Exodus 16-20
Day 19-Exodus 21-25

Read a little every day!



Mark Your Calendar

1/20, Brant anniversary ('89); Steve P's birthday
1/28, Tim's birthday in Christ ('09)
2/10, Howard's birthday
2/14, Doug & Lori's birthdays in Christ ('93)
2/18, Chris' birthday
2/20, Jody's birthday in Christ ('09)
2/24, Madison's birthday

Today: 1/14

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Chris
#1031 "You are Holy"
#67 "For The Beauty of The Earth"
#490 "It Is Well With My Soul"
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
#346 "He Lives"
Scripture Reading: Howard - John 17:15-19
Lesson: Doug "Your Word is Truth"
#915 "Trust and Obey"
Closing Song: Jim L
#449 "Thy Word"
Closing Prayer: Steven
Subs: DK, TM

Next Sunday: 1/21

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Steven
Scripture Reading: Garth - Luke 3:21-23
Lesson: Doug "You Are My Son"
Closing Song: Chris
Closing Prayer: Howard

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).

Week of January 7

Bible Class	21
Morning Worship	28
Wed. Bible Class	13
Contribution	\$587.35
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00