

# Church of Christ

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## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

I hate being lost. I've always had a good sense of direction and can usually find my way around without much trouble. But on the rare occasions when I lose my way, I hate not knowing where I'm going (and, being male, it's unthinkable to stop and ask for directions!).

It used to be that we could rely on a good map to help us get around, but now with tools like Map-Quest and GPS systems, we have no excuse for being lost. And in some situations we really can't afford to be lost. A bride on her way to the church where her groom is waiting doesn't want to end up on a dead-end street! And the man driving his pregnant wife to the hospital had better know how to get there—and fast! But more importantly, if you are a follower of Jesus you can't afford to be lost!

Following Jesus means that we stay on the road with Him. And, if you ask me what road Jesus travels, I would answer that His road is the "Glory Road." Throughout His entire life and ministry, one dynamic was always in play. He lived to demonstrate the glory of His father. When John summarized the life of Jesus (as though someone had asked him to describe Jesus in 25 words or less), he pointed out that Jesus "made His dwelling among us" and noted that the disciples had "seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Simply put, Jesus came to glorify God by showing us what God was really like. He traveled that glory road all the way to the cross where the love, mercy, grace, justice, and holiness

of God were demonstrated in a dramatic moment of servanthood and sacrifice.

But it wasn't just at the cross. In all of His relationships and encounters, He showed us what God, His Father, was like. The glory of God's compassion touched the blind and they could see. The glory of God's intolerance with religious pride and hypocrisy was clearly seen in Christ's dealing with the Pharisees. God's justice and advocacy for the poor and oppressed became evident when Jesus turned over the tables in the temple and chased out the thieves who were overcharging poor pilgrims who simply came to worship God. God's faithfulness and loyal love was consistently demonstrated in Christ's patient tolerance of the often misguided thoughts and attitudes of His disciples.

So, to be a follower of Jesus means that we must be on the road with Him—the glory road. That's where He travels. And, you'll know you are on the right road when your life looks more and more like Jesus in attitude and action, because He is "the radiance of God's glory" (Hebrews 1:3). You'll know that you're getting up to speed with Him when you see all your relationships and encounters as opportunities to make the qualities and characteristics of our glorious God clearly seen and experienced.

It's easy to get lost. Satan has lots of off-ramps, side roads, and detours. In fact, he loves it when you are lost. But all of his off-ramps eventually lead to living for our own tainted glory and the fallen glory of Satan himself. And believe me, that's never a pretty picture.

Joe Stowell  
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## PRAY FOR...

**Alley, Donna & family:** struggles  
**Baker, Hailey:** Maddie's friend, broken jaw  
**Ballard, Nikki:** struggles  
**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, Lorr:** lung cancer and success of new treatment  
**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  
**Phillips, Florence:** in the hospital  
**Provost, Emilie:** raising Sorcha in the Lord  
**Shelers, Jill:** Marlaina'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**  
**Underwood Residents:** flooded housing  
**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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**shepherds serving under the Good Shepherd:**

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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 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.



## Family Meeting

After this morning’s worship service, we will have our 3rd Sunday Family Meeting that will go til 1:00 p.m. We’d love to have you join us to discuss details for the events and outreach that we plan together. Your input is valuable.

## 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

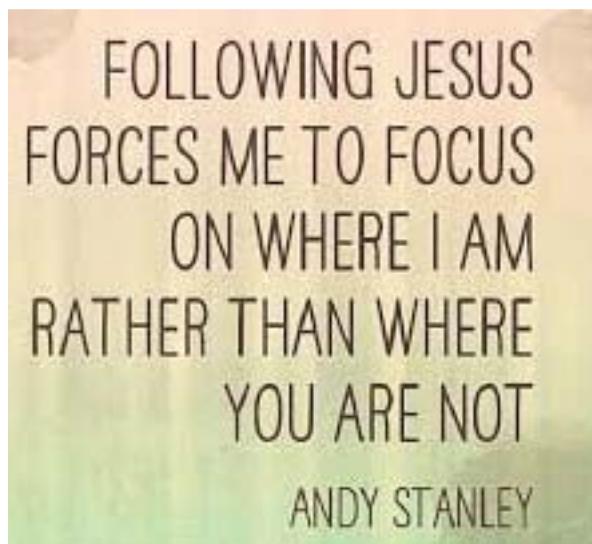
**Fellowship Meal:** our next 4th Sunday meal is 1/28 after morning service. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to pass.

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

## Doug’s Devotional

... And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry ...” Luke 3:22-23.

After many convincing proofs from His birth and childhood about who Jesus was, Luke, writing from his investigations and eyewitness accounts, ties in John’s role as a forerunner to the Messiah’s ministry and then gives the biggest endorsement of all: the Father’s seal of approval. Without that, Jesus would have just appeared as a carpenter from Galilee who, either through deception or lunacy, was going around Judea declaring Himself to be the Christ. But, He, at thirty years of age, was baptized to fulfill all righteousness and publically declare who He was and what He was about. This was not done in secret. The crowds that John was ministering to are well attested to earlier in the chapter. There were many who Luke must have spoken to who were there when Jesus stepped down into the water, who saw heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descend like a dove, and who heard the Father’s voice declare Jesus to be His Son. Perhaps that was why they began to follow Him. Do you follow God’s Son?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
1/28, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
2/4, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast  
2/11, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time



## Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.



In Search of the Lord’s Ways:

“Restoring Christianity”

Key to the Kingdom:

“Numbers: We Get a Second Chance”

## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 22-Exodus 26-30  
Day 23-Exodus 31-35  
Day 24-Exodus 36-40  
Day 25-Leviticus 1-5  
Day 26-Leviticus 6-10

Read a little every day!



## Mark Your Calendar

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

## 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.

## Today:1/21

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Tyler  
#448 “The Greatest Commands”  
#452 “Standing on the Promises”  
#290 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”  
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John  
Pass/collection prayer: Steven  
#555 “Seek Ye First”  
Scripture Reading: Garth - Luke 3:21-23  
Lesson: Doug “You Are My Son”  
#103 “He Has Made me Glad”  
Closing Song: Chris  
#453 “Love Lifted Me”  
Closing Prayer: Howard  
Subs: CH, JL

## Next Sunday: 1/21

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Steven  
Song Leader: John  
Talk/bread prayer: Jim L  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Luke 4:16-21  
Lesson: Doug “Fulfilled in Your Hearing”  
Closing Song: Tyler  
Closing Prayer: Carl

## 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 14

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$587.80</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>