

Church of Christ

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PACKED WITH POWER

My wife, Martie, and I have some items of worth around our house that sit on mantles or behind glass doors. They are things we have collected over the years, things from special places we've been or from special friends we have known. Though these items may have a good deal of worth to us personally, in terms of function they're not worth much. My guess is that you have a few of your own prized dust collectors as well.

I wonder if you, though you might never admit it, feel that way about the Bible—It's an important book with great value but with little usefulness for the realities you face every day. After all, how could an ancient book written by religious zealots even begin to connect with the challenges of your often-too-complex life?

Here's the good news: When it comes to your life, nothing could be more helpful!

The Word of God has tremendous worth and plays an active role in our lives to effect change. Paul explained its power to Timothy when he said that the Bible 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).

I think of my friend who told me of a time when he was away on a business trip. As he returned to his hotel one night and stepped on the elevator, two young, attractive women joined him. As he pressed the button to get off on his floor, they said, “Hey, mister, how about a little fun tonight?”

He told me that Galatians 6:8 immediately came to mind: “The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” He said that verse was like a shade drawn between him and what could have been a persuasive temptation. In that moment, the correcting power of the Word of God kept him safe and on course.

Whether we realize it or not, throughout our lives we have been saturated with false values, and we need to be reprogrammed with truth. God's ways and wisdom are without peer. His Word really is like a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119: 105). We need to know what to do with our time, energy, and money. We need to know what to do with our minds. We need to be taught what to do about friends and how to handle enemies. We need to be taught about family, work, and leisure. God's Word is jam-packed with time-tested principles of success for every situation and issue of life.

More importantly, God's Word teaches us the wonderful truth that He cared enough to die for us when we were lost in our sin. In His Word we learn about His character and how we can cultivate a trusted relationship with Him. We learn things about Him through His Word that we cannot learn anywhere else.

The Bible is “living and active” (Hebrews 4:12) and packed with power. It's not meant to be a collector's item on your shelf. Go ahead—dust it off and discover for yourself how God can use His Word to guide, protect, encourage, and enrich your life!

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PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles
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
Carter, Kelly: Melinda's co-worker, cancer
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
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer
Jackson, Jessah: Amber's friend's daughter, leukemia
Kashorek, Lori: treatment options for lung cancer
Laramy, Paul: Steven's brother, motorcycle accident
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggles
Lermineau, Sean: Carl's relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia
Philips, Cathy: Mary's friend, struggles
Phillips, Florence: in nursing home
Shelters, 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
Stoffregen, Orton: Katelyn's friend's baby,
surgery and healing
Taylor, Robert Jr.: Nikki's dad's preacher friend, dying.
The Oasis Project
Underwood Residents: flooded housing
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health
Willetts 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 ...

For those wondering how to help the victims of the ice jams and flooding at Underwood Estates, gas and gift cards given to DSS or The United Way will get distributed to those in need. Later, when an effort is mobilized, we'll alert those able to volunteer time and labor for the cleanup process.



Mission Moment.

•Please pray for all our mission works.

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.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our next 4th Sunday meal is 2/25 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.

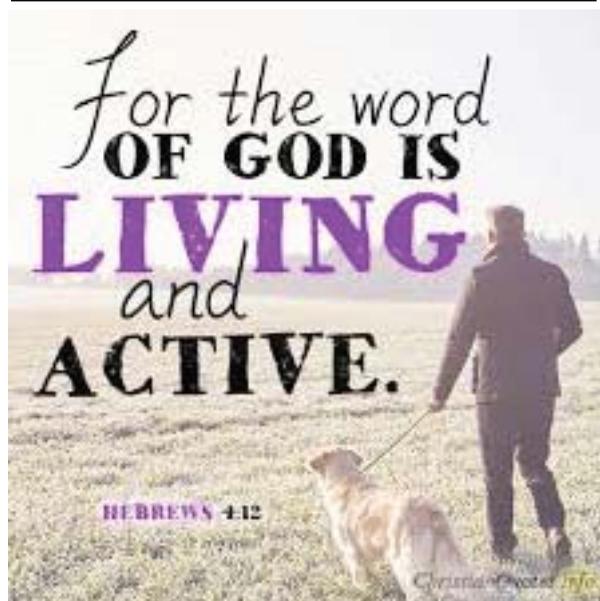
Ladies's Day

For next week's Ladies' Day, we are asking each of the ladies to bring a picture or pictures from your childhood or teenage years. Be prepared to share the picture and tell us something about your growing up years. Let's get to know each other better by laughing and loving together.

Doug's Devotional

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart"
Hebrews 4:12.

In a popular movie, The Monster Book of Monsters would try to take a bite from a person if not strapped shut. This is not what is meant when the Word of God is described as 'living and active,' but rather it's the difference between a doll and a baby. A mother lets a toddler drag the doll by the foot down the stairs, but is adamant that she treat her newborn brother with great care when gently laying him in her arms. So is the Bible unique and amazing, having only the appearance of a book with its cover and dead pages. Its inspiration of God is its breath of life. More than just an instruction manual for the human existence, God's word is something we can treasure, study, and live out in our hearts and minds. As a living seed, once planted there, it grows within us and overflows into the life we live out as Christians. And, not only good for life, it is also accurate about life in every way, and through God's Spirit guides us into all truth as it is itself 'truth.' Do you live out God's Word?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
2/11, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
2/18, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting; carpet cleaning week!
2/25, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal week!



Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways:
"Do Works Matter"
Key to the Kingdom:
"God Wins All Wars"



2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 36-Numbers 9-13
Day 37-Numbers 14-18
Day 38-Numbers 19-23
Day 39-Numbers 24-28
Day 40-Numbers 29-33

How are you doing at keeping up?



Mark Your Calendar

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
4/29, 3-6 p.m. Spring Sing (here)
5/5, Men's Day: Open Bible Study in Burlington

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:2/4

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Alfred
#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"
#976 "I Shall Not Be Moved"
#374 "There Is a Fountain"
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler
#882 "No Tears in Heaven"
Scripture Reading: Garth - Hebrews 4:12-13
Lesson: Doug "Living and Active"
#870 "Beyond This Land Of Parting"
Closing Song: John
#560 "Living By Faith"
Closing Prayer: Howard
Subs: CH, CC, AV

Next Sunday: 2/11

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: John
Song Leader: Steven
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Colossians 2:13-14
Lesson: Doug "Made You Alive with Christ"
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Chris

Week of January 28

Bible Class	29
Morning Worship	37
Wed. Bible Class	15
Contribution	\$636.06
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00

December→January Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave.	23→ 24; 18
Sun. AM Worship Ave.	31→ 32; 32
Wed. Bible Class Ave.	14→ 12; 13
Weekly Contribution Ave.	\$835.82→ \$621.70;\$566.89
Yearly Contribution Ave. (22 weeks)	\$684.04