

# Church of Christ

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## JESUS – OUR CHAMPION!

At some point in life we've all felt the frustration and fear of being up against situations that we can't deal with and, worse yet, there seems to be no one to help. If you were to ask me to tell you about the times I have felt the twinges of hopelessness, my early recollections would be from my first year in high school.

From kindergarten through eighth grade I attended a small Christian school. My dad was a well-known pastor in the area, which meant that I was the big man on campus. Everyone knew who I was, and I had it made—until the day I graduated from that school and enrolled in the nearby public high school. Nobody knew me or my dad at the new school, and nobody cared. So, needless to say, I wasn't a big shot anymore. What's worse, I became the victim of Ronnie, who decided to prove his emerging manhood on me. Whenever I passed him in the hall, he would shove and taunt me. I was traumatized. Every day at school I was filled with anxiety and fear because of Ronnie. I needed somebody to help me. I pleaded with friends who knew Ronnie to ask him to stop, but they never did. I was all alone in my problem, and I needed a champion.

In Jesus' day, the Jewish people were up against the oppressive regime of Rome. Every day they lived with the shame of being a despised minority under the tyrannical thumb of Caesar, who demanded hefty taxes and unflinching allegiance. The once-proud Israel was now a puppet servant state of a brutal and pagan empire. They desperately needed someone to champion their cause. Could it be that

Jesus was the long-awaited deliverer? Hence, this on-the-spot quiz! Peter came up with the right answer when he declared Jesus as "the Christ"—the "Messiah" who would deliver them from the oppression they had endured for so long. Against the backdrop of Caesar-worship and rampant paganism in Caesarea Philippi, the disciples pinned their hopes on Jesus.

What Peter didn't know was that Jesus would be their champion on a far more significant level than a political one: the oppression of Rome. Jesus came to overthrow the source of our problems, not the symptoms. Rome was merely the tool of Satan to defeat God's people and tarnish God's glory. Defeating Rome would have been a great accomplishment, but the enemy of our souls would have found another way to wage war against the people of God. So Jesus went head-to-head against Satan, engaged in battle on an old rugged cross, and after a three-day struggle with death rose victoriously from the grave to assure the final victory over the enemy of our souls.

Jesus is the ultimate champion! And when we cast our lot with Him, He assures us that the victory is already won on our behalf. The next time you find yourself in a full nelson up against the wall of despair, claim Jesus as your champion. As Paul declares, you may be "struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:9). Since He won the battle at Calvary, you are now entitled to share in the spoils of His victory. Thanks to Jesus, the word defeat is not in our vocabulary!

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## PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles  
Ballard, Nikki: struggles  
Ballard, Sophie: Nikki's niece, struggles  
Bennett, Jim: health and travel  
Bickford, Eddie: surgery on 2/22  
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  
Collins, Mary: Patty's friend struggles  
Davis, Kathy: Diane's friend, ICU at CVPH  
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  
Lernineau, Sean: Carl's relative, struggles  
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health  
Miller, Jody: struggles  
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia  
Phillips, Florence: in nursing home  
Richardson, Elizabeth: Eddie's sister, health  
Spencer, Carrie: Alfred's niece, health  
Stapleton, Katelyn: struggles  
Stowe, Kayonna: Nikki's niece's friend, cancer  
Stoffregen, Orton: Katelyn's friend's baby, health  
Taylor, Robert Jr: Nikki's dad's preacher friend, dying.  
The Oasis Project  
Underwood Residents: flooded housing  
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health

*"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're so glad for so many to be stepping up to do so many things. We're just so proud of the loving, family atmosphere that we have that has so much concern for others. We're really showing the love of Christ to so many!



## 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 3/4 at 8 a.m.

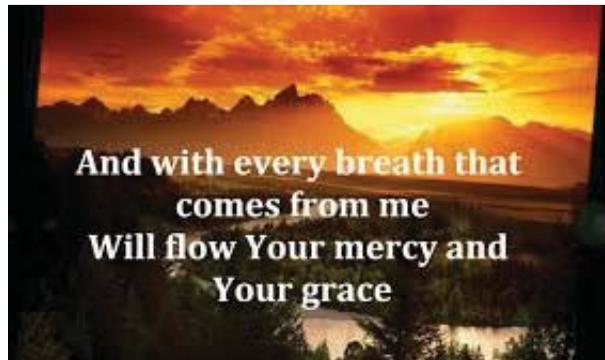
## The Oasis Project

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

*"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross"*  
Colossians 2:13-14.

God is love. And love is why He did what is described above. We were dead in our sins, and God made us alive with Christ. We are spiritual beggars, needing God's benevolence just to survive, but instead of scraps we are seated at the wedding banquet of the Lamb as the bride of Christ! For this to happen, God gave us forgiveness, mercy, and grace. This can be illustrated by the story of a boy who had been told not to hit rocks in the vacant lot next to a mansion. To his horror, the boy watched one sail through a picture window, but rather than run away, he, with head hanging in shame, knocked on the door and confessed to the old man within. The old man forgave him because of his honesty, promised the boy that he himself would pay for the repair (mercy), and then to soothe the boy's tears brought him inside for ice cream (grace). God has paid the cost. Do you have His benevolence?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 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  
3/4, 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:  
"The First Gospel Sermon"  
Key to the Kingdom:  
"Judges: God Never Gives Up"



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 43-Numbers 34-36; Dt. 1-2  
Day 44-Deuteronomy 3-7  
Day 45- Deuteronomy 8-12  
Day 46- Deuteronomy 13-17  
Day 47- Deuteronomy 18-22

*How are you doing at keeping up?*



## Mark Your Calendar

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  
3/3, Youth Activity: Comfort Inn Waterpark  
3/9-10, Church Growth Conference in CT  
3/13, Donna's birthday in Christ ('11)  
4/29, 3-6 p.m. Spring Sing (here)  
5/5, Men's Day: Open Bible Study in Burlington

## Today:2/11

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Steven  
#113 "His Grace Reaches Me"  
#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"  
#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Anthony  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
#480 "Blessed Assurance"  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Colossians 2:13-14  
Lesson: Doug "Made You Alive with Christ"  
#662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"  
Closing Song: Garth  
#666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"  
Closing Prayer: Chris  
Subs: JB, TM, DK

## Next Sunday: 2/18

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Carl  
Song Leader: Jim L  
Talk/bread prayer: Chris  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth  
Pass/collection prayer: John  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 5:8-11  
Lesson: Doug "You Will Catch Men"  
Closing Song: Steven  
Closing Prayer: Tyler

## 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 February 4

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$615.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>