

# Church of Christ

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## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF JESUS?

When Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say I am?”—He wasn’t having an identity crisis nor was He feeling insecure about His reputation. He passed out the quiz to see whether or not the disciples had come to grips with who He really was, or, if they too, like the rest of the crowds, had misperceived His true identity.

It’s a good quiz to take, because if you and I don’t perceive Jesus as He really is, we just may get our Christianity twisted and headed in the wrong direction. So ask yourself, “Who do I think Jesus is?”

There are lots of ways to look at the question: theologically, historically, culturally, redemptively, spiritually, or experientially. But for starters, let’s ask in terms of how you perceive Him as a person when He comes to mind. This is not a throwaway issue! How you envision Him has a lot to do with whether or not you’ll want to follow Him. And following Him is at the very heart of a fulfilling relationship with Him.

If you grew up in Sunday school world, you saw a lot of Sunday school papers with pictures of Jesus in a neatly pressed white robe, nice sandals, and a well-trimmed beard. It was easy to draw the conclusion that Jesus is a kind, softhearted, merciful, and deferring kind of guy. And, thankfully, He is all those things. But if that’s all He is to you, He won’t seem very compelling. You might think, “Nice guy, but I’m not sure I’d want to go on a fishing trip with Him!”

Yet a brief look at who found Him to be compelling will correct our often distorted view of Jesus. Rough fishermen like James, John, Peter, and Andrew dropped their nets to follow Him. These were guys who would have had fading tattoos on their bulging biceps, and rugged, sea-worn faces. Simon the Zealot, a member of the underground resistance force, was committed to give his life if necessary to overthrow the oppressive regime of Rome. He traded in his Uzis and fatigues to join the Jesus revolution. And Matthew, the ruthless tax collector, found Jesus a far more compelling option for life than continuing to get rich at other peoples’ expense. Women felt safe with Him and adoringly followed and supported Him.

So, take it from those who knew Him best. They gave up everything and followed Him to a whole new way of life. A life where the power of love is courageous enough to forgive; where the joy of generosity trumps the withering grip of greed; where others’ needs and interests capture the attention of our hearts; where cross-bearing is an honor; where the poor, marginalized, and oppressed find refuge and significance.

So, what do you think of Jesus?

Seeing Him as He really is will make you ready to drop “whatever” in order to follow Him. And, come to think of it, I’d love to go fishing with Him! I might just end up being quite different in a lot of good ways if I spent more time with Him!

Joe Stowell  
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## PRAY FOR...

**Alley, Donna & family:** struggles

**Ballard, Nikki:** struggles

**Ballard, Sophie:** Nikki’s niece, struggles

**Bennett, Jim:** health

**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

**Darling, Wendy:** Carl & Cindy’s sister, broken ankle

**Deaton, 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:** new 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

**Loss:** Florida School victims and their family and friends

and friends and family of Kathy Davis

**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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**available: Fri 9-3 or by appt.**

### 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 ...

It's carpet cleaning week! With no Oasis due to the school vacation, we'll need help after service today (instead of a family meeting) to move everything out of the classrooms and foyer to clean those carpets tomorrow. Then, on Wednesday night, we'll put it all back and stack the chairs in the foyer to do the auditorium on Thursday. Any help would be appreciated!



## 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.

## Magi Box Time

If you are interested in making a Magi Box this year, please see Mary today, if possible, with the number you are planning to fill. The boxes need to be ordered before the end of February. The dates for the boxes will be March 4 - April 15.

## Doug's Devotional

"... Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men'" Luke 5:10.

Simon was a simple man and Capernaum was a small town. This amazing man who taught the most incredible things and did the most incredible miracles was sitting in Simon's boat to address the people along the shore. Simon was tired, having fished all night without catching anything, and while he tended his empty nets, he had a front row seat to hear this Jesus who had just healed his mother-in-law's fever. When the teacher was done, Simon must have been surprised out of his sleepiness to have Jesus tell him to let down his nets for a catch. He had enough trust in this man, though, to do it because He said so, and the resulting catch forced Simon to make Jesus' teaching personal. Now, Jesus could have used this as an opportunity to show His greatness and gotten Simon to follow Him because of it. But, as always, even as He does still with us, Jesus puts Simon into the spotlight with a promise of a great ministry if he would follow Him. Jesus is great. His sacrifice alone saves us from sin, but He uses our obedience as the start of our personal ministry. What will you do in Him?

“My Son Jesus

Died For You,

What Will You

Do For Him?”

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 2/18, 12:30 p.m. NO Family Meeting; carpet cleaning week!  
2/25, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
3/4, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3/11, 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:  
"True Success"

Key to the Kingdom:  
"Be a Blessing to Others"



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 50-Deuteronomy 23-27  
Day 51-Deuteronomy 28-32  
Day 52- Dt. 33-34; Joshua 1-3  
Day 53- Joshua 4-8  
Day 54- Joshua 9-13

*How are you doing at keeping up?*



## Mark Your Calendar

2/18, Chris' birthday  
2/20, Jody's birthday in Christ ('09)  
2/22, 2-4 p.m. Oasis Training at DSS  
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)  
3/14-19, Mary Cl. is traveling  
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. Thank you.

## Today:2/18

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Carl  
Song Leader: Doug  
#671 "Purer in Heart, O God"  
#790 "Lord, Take Control"  
#319 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"  
Talk/bread prayer: Chris  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth  
Pass/collection prayer: John  
#766 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 5:8-11  
Lesson: Doug "You Will Catch Men"  
Red #297 "I Want to Be a Worker"  
Closing Song: Steven  
#916 "What a Day That Will Be"  
Closing Prayer: Tyler  
Subs: HG, JL, AV

## Next Sunday: 2/25

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Chris  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Scripture Reading: Carl - Luke 6:1-5  
Lesson: Doug "Lord of the Sabbath"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Jim B

## 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 11

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$619.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>