

# Church of Christ

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## OUR DISTINCT ADVANTAGE

Have you ever felt that if God were to show up today as often as He did in the lives of the people in Bible times, you too could be a spiritual hero? It's easy to think that people like Abraham, Moses, Paul, and others had a distinct edge because God showed up in spectacular ways to talk with and tell them exactly what to do. We think that if Jesus would just appear and give us the lowdown on life face-to-face, we could all be the smashing success for Him that we always wanted to be.

But it's not just the people of the Bible who leave us thinking that we must be second-rate Christians. All you have to do is go to a prayer meeting where someone gives a glowing report on the way in which God dramatically answered their prayer, while your prayer list remains full of unanswered prayers. Let's face it. It's easy to grow discouraged and sometimes even disillusioned with our less-than-spectacular Christianity. And when that happens, our walk with Christ becomes ritualistic and unenthusiastic.

But before you get depressed, it's possible that your expectations and perspectives are out of whack. When we think that all Bible people had it good, we should note that God "showed up" in Abraham's life only about once every 15 years! Abraham had no Bible, no small-group fellowship, and no exhilarating worship experiences, yet his steadfast faith is celebrated in Hebrews 11:8-19. And even though Joseph was unrelentingly faithful to God against great odds, for many years God didn't "show up" to rescue him from his plight. Yet

he hung in there because he knew that "the Lord was with him" (Genesis 39:21). Paul had only two direct encounters with Jesus. You can count on it, the rest of their lives were pretty ordinary, a lot like yours and mine.

It's easy to think that Joshua and God's people in the Old Testament were unusually blessed because God promised to be with them (Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Joshua 1:9). But we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the same promise is given to us in the New Testament (Hebrews 13:5). Jesus Himself promised that He would not leave us as "orphans" but would send the Holy Spirit to be in us and with us (John 14:16-18). In fact, if anybody has an edge, we do! God dwells within us in the person of the Holy Spirit to convict, comfort, guide, and encourage. His 24/7 presence is waiting to be tapped and used no matter where we are or what we are facing. We have the full revelation of Scripture that the Holy Spirit uses to teach and direct our lives. No Bible hero had the privilege of having a Book that could be carried, read, memorized, and used in transforming ways to tell them everything they needed to know about God and themselves—but you and I do!

You may still be saying, "Yeah, but God hasn't done anything for me lately!" If so, remember that if He does nothing more than save us from sin, cancel hell, and guarantee heaven, He has already done far more than we deserve and enough to keep us happily praising Him for the rest of our lives!

Now's a good time to start rejoicing. You've been blessed with all you need for growth and glory! Tap the resource.

**Joe Stowell**  
getmorestrength.org

## PRAY FOR...

**Alley, Donna & family:** struggles  
**Ballard, Nikki:** struggles  
**Ballard, Sophie:** Nikki's niece, struggles  
**Bennett, Jim:** health  
**Bickford, Eddie:** surgery reschedules to 3/8  
**Blier, Christina:** health and struggles  
**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:** health  
**Collins, Mary:** Patty's friend, struggles  
**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, Jessal:** 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  
**Miller, Jody:** struggles  
**Missions:** Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia  
**Phillips, Florence:** in nursing home  
**Richarson, Elizabeth:** Eddie's sister, healths  
**Spencer Carrie:** Alfred's niece, health  
**Stapleton, Katelyn:** struggles  
**Stowe, Kayonna:** Nikki's niece's friend, cancer  
**Stroffegen, 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 ...

- thank you to everyone who helped with Carpet Cleaning Week!

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- we may have an intern for a week sometime before Camp Hunt starts, who will be a counselor there.

- pray for Patrick, a native preacher in Malawi, who is enduring tough growing conditions and a theft.

- please let Chris know if you're wanting to go to CT



## 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 8

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 them, 'The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath'" Luke 6:5.*

Do we exist to obey laws or do laws exist to benefit us? One of the Ten Commandments for the Israelites was to keep the Sabbath. Nibbling on a few heads of grain to satisfy hunger was allowed by the Law, but the Pharisees saw that being done on the seventh day, in a very technical sense, as doing work and called Jesus out on it. Jesus used the feeding of David's men with the consecrated bread when they were fleeing Saul as an example from the past and then an illustration in the present to get to the very heart of the issue: "which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" God didn't create laws, then, just for something for us to obey; they are to help us as individuals or as a collective to draw closer to Him. As a society, we create laws that we deem are necessary to benefit society. A police officer could ticket a man for driving the speed limit if the conditions are icy and he is a danger to others or himself. It is only in grasping this concept that we can draw deeper into our relationship with the Lord of the Sabbath when we are under grace and truth. Do you?

## Champy's Waterpark!

On this coming Saturday, 3/3, about 17 from our new and growing youth group will enjoy the activities at the Comfort Inn followed by lunch and a devotional at the building. See John for details.

*The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.*

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 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  
3/18, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



## Key Word Search

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

In Search of the Lord's Ways:  
"Will God Hear?"

Key to the Kingdom:

"1 Samuel: Good Leadership"



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 57-Joshua 14-18

Day 58-Joshua 19-23

Day 59-Jos. 24; Judges 1-4

Day 60- Judges 5-9

Day 61- Judges 10-14

*How are you doing at keeping up?*



## Mark Your Calendar

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  
3/24, Mary Ch's birthday  
4/29, 3-6 p.m. Spring Sing (here)  
5/5, Men's Day: Open Bible Study in VT

## 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:2/25

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Chris  
#129 "Amazing Grace"  
#560 "Living By Faith"  
#1031 "You Are Holy"  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
#645 "Onward Christian Soldier"  
Scripture Reading: Carl - Luke 6:1-5  
Lesson: Doug "Lord of the Sabbath"  
#878 "Sweet By and By"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
#613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"  
Closing Prayer: Jim B  
Subs: GH, SS, AV

## Next Sunday: 3/4

Announcements: John  
Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Steven  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Matthew 21:23-27  
Lesson: Doug "By What Authority"  
Closing Song: Chris  
Closing Prayer: Anthony

## 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 18

<b>Bible Class</b>	22
<b>Morning Worship</b>	37
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	-
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$687.94</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>