

Church of Christ

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TRANSFORMING THE TASK LIST

What got you out of bed this morning (besides the lure of a hot cup of coffee)? If you're like me, you finally pulled yourself out of bed because you've got stuff to do. In fact, your obligations for the day will probably end up being itemized on a list.

My to-do list is unapologetically low-tech. Just a small pad of lined paper with the date on the top and a handwritten itemization of things I need to get done before I hit the sack at the end of the day. I know that a smartphone, a tablet, or even my trusted laptop could make my list look much trendier, but in the end a list is a list—a long series of items that keep my feet to the fire.

What's troubling is that as I get to the bottom of one page of tasks, there's often a note that says, "See next page." And the scariest page is the one from yesterday that reminds me that I didn't get it all done after all. It's easy to begin to feel that life is only about "living for the list"! But if all of life is just about the stuff to do, it becomes little more than an accumulation of random, disconnected events in life. You climb in bed at the end of each day exhausted, thinking to yourself: There really has to be more to life than this.

The good news is that God has an overriding purpose for your life that encompasses everything on your list. When we put that purpose at the top of our priorities, even a day with an incomplete task list can be a smashingly significant, successful day. Are you ready to find out what it is?

God's purpose for you is that you live to glorify Him. Not that you stop doing the list thing, but that everything on your list can be done to His glory. It's just that simple. Glorifying God in all we do takes us beyond the routine of "just getting things done." It fills the stuff on the list with a new sense of significance and in the end leaves us feeling that even the smallest task is significant. Getting the right degree, finding the right job, making lots of money, or landing a meaningful relationship is no longer the end game. Thankfully so, those kinds of pursuits left to themselves soon run out of gas. But getting a degree (or doing any of those things) so that you can use the degree to glorify God instead of yourself fills your life with a new and lasting sense of significance.

This is exactly what Paul had in mind when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:31: "Whether you eat or drink, do it all for the glory of God." There is nothing in your life that can't be done to glorify God. Living to bring glory to Him is the all-consuming, driving, defining purpose that God has intended for our lives. Glorifying God simply means to do all we do in a way that communicates the attitudes and actions of God. It is filling life with His presence. When others see His mercy, justice, grace, love, tolerance, generosity, and humility in everything we do, they are seeing the glory of God through our lives. And tactfully giving Him the credit for all our accomplishments focuses the spotlight and applause on the right person.

Let's face it—our lists are here to stay! Let's make something of them. Do it all to show your world what God is like!

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PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles
Ballard, Nikki: struggles with moving
Ballard, Sophie: Nikki's niece, struggles
Bennett, Jim: health
Bickford, Eddie: surgery reschedules to 3/29
Bier, Christina: health and struggles
Brownwood, Donna: Melinda's relative, health
Burna, Bonnie and: Carl's aunt, cancer
Buskey, Tonyea: Jackie's sister, heart surgery
Carter, Kelly: Melinda's co-worker, cancer
Cech, Matthew and 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, 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
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
Richardson, Elizabeth: Eddie's sister, healths
Spencer Carrie: Alfred's niece, health
Stapleton, Katelyn: struggles
Stowe, Kayonna: Nikki's niece's friend, cancer
Stroffregen, Orton: Katelyn's friend's baby, health
Taylor, Robert Jr.: Nikki's dad's preacher friend, dying.
The Oasis Project
Traveling: Mary Clackler
Whiffield, 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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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 ...

Busy time ahead as we prepare for a youth rally, spring sing, intern, mini-VBS, and Camp Hunt summer session. Thanks to all who helped start the planning at our family meeting and are continuing discussions. How can you get involved?



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 today. Please stay and join in the fellowship and good food.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: the next 1st (okay, 2nd) Sunday breakfast is on 4/8 at 8 a.m.

Magi Box Time

See Mary for the list of items to gather for the M.A.G.I. boxes. The boxes should be available by March 18.

The Oasis Project

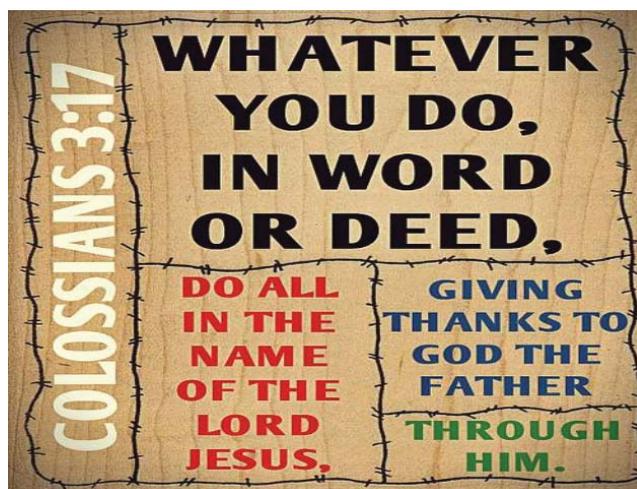
The Oasis Project will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. For confidentiality reasons, if you are not vetted, please stay away from the church building during those hours. Thank you.

Doug's Devotional

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"

Colossians 3:17.

Teaching for 25 years, preaching for 20, and shepherding for 2, I naturally see the world in terms of "teachable moments" or edification. As Jesus did in His earthly ministry, so does God want us, who wear Christ's name, to do with everyone that we interact with. We must view every interaction as a way to build someone up from the beginning of our time with them until its ending. The internet and social media has exponentially increased our spheres from just the few dozen gathered on Sunday mornings. The Colossians 3 model tells us that first we must clothe ourselves with Christ to be Christ to others. As He did, we must endure the onslaught from those we want to edify. Love is the key here as it binds all the virtues together and is our motivation as it was Christ's on the cross. To edify, we must first be edified as we let Christ's peace rule in our hearts and His Word dwell in us richly. Only then can we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Do you edify others by 'whatever you do'—doing it all in the name of the Lord Jesus?



Sundae Toppings



Today: 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
4/1, reverse 5th Sunday (April Fools!); Easter
4/8, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
4/15, 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:
"The Battle for Your Soul"

Key to the Kingdom
"1 & 2 Chronicles: Does God Have a Plan for Me?"

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 85-1 Kings 10-14
Day 86-1 Kings 15-19
Day 87-1 Kings 20-22; 2 Ki. 1-2
Day 88-2 Kings 3-7
Day 89-2 Kings 8-12

Don't quit. Recommit!



Mark Your Calendar

3/26, Donna's birthday
3/27, Shirley's birthday
3/29, Miller anniversary ('08)
3/30, Nick's birthday; Eddie's birthday in Christ ('08)
3/31, Crump anniversary ('17)
4/7, John's birthday in Christ ('13)
4/9, Chris' birthday in Christ ('17)
4/19, Eddie's and Amber's birthdays
4/24, Tyler's birthday in Christ ('16)
4/27-29, Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally
4/29, 3-6 p.m. Spring Sing (here)
5/5, Men's Day: Open Bible study in VT
5/28-30, Armor of God mini-VBS

Today:3/25

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Tyler
Song Leader: Steven
#870, "Beyond This Land of Parting"
#450, "Give Me the Bible"
#539, "Higher Ground"
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl
Pass/collection prayer: Chris
#548, "The Lily of the Valley"
Scripture Reading: Anthony - Colossians 3:12-17
Lesson: Doug "Whatever You Do"
#909, "There's a Fountain Free"
Closing Song: Garth
#291, "The Great Physician"
Closing Prayer: Jim L
Subs: JB, DK, JBW

Next Sunday: 4/1

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Anthony
Song Leader: Garth
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L
Scripture Reading: Tyler - Psalm 14:1-3
Lesson: Alfred "April Fools! He is Risen!"
Closing Song: Steven
Closing Prayer: Chris

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 March 18

Bible Class	22
Morning Worship	38
Wed. Bible Class	15
Contribution	\$619.10
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00