

Church of Christ

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USING YOUR TALENTS AND GIFTS...

My wife, “the crafty card maker”, shared this wonderful saying with me which she had recently found. I was so impressed that I thought I would share with you. It went like this: “When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’, (Erma Bombeck).

Isn’t that a wonderful saying, yes, challenging, but still inspiring! I don’t know about you, but as I age I tend to slow down just a little (in some things). Often I prefer to do what is comfortable for me and I understand a little more clearly the idea of retirement, (that some folks are looking for). Continuing to use our talents is the problem isn’t it? Yet, I keep discovering new challenges, perhaps new gifts or talents to be developed. For me, my body may be slowing down a little, but my mind, my drive is probably higher than it’s ever been. The truth is, everywhere I look I see more opportunities than I see obstacles.

I have to admit that I have some physical limitations now, so I’m searching out things that I can do, talents that I can develop and ways to use the gifts which God has given me.

In Matthew 25 Jesus tells a wonderful story about three men who are given jobs of caring

for their master’s property. They are each given a sum of money to care for while the master is away. The money is called “a talent,” which translated well into the idea I am trying to present here.

As you know each of us is given something to care for by our Master, our God. It can be called a gift, a talent or ability.

And the truth is; that God expects us to use them to his benefit. I have no idea what your talent, your gift; your ability might be any more than you do of me. But the point I’m trying to make is that we each need to be working towards developing and using whatever talents we might have to the benefit of God.

You see I want to be the person in the quote that said, ” at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’.”

If we go back to Jesus’ story in Matthew 25 we see that two of the men were successful in not only using their talents, but in developing more talents also. I want to be like them! I want the response that the master gave them in Matthew 25:21 where we read: “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’”

What do you think, are you using your talents?

Russ Lawson

<http://myunexpectedadventure.com>

PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles
Ballard, Nikki: struggles with moving
Ballard, Sophie: Nikki’s niece, struggles
Bennett, Jim: health
Bickford, Eddie: surgery rescheduled to 3/8
Blier, 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
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
Richardson, Elizabeth: Eddie’s sister, health
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
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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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 ...

This seems to be a busy spring as we have several events on the horizon that involve our youth or the church as a whole and serving projects such as inside and outside work and Magi Boxes. We're hosting our Spring Sing on 4/29. So, grab your calendar and plan to attend next week's Family Meeting right after service until 1 p.m. Your input is valuable. Church Growth Conference on 3/9-10. we may have an intern for a week sometime



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 3/25 after morning service. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to pass.

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

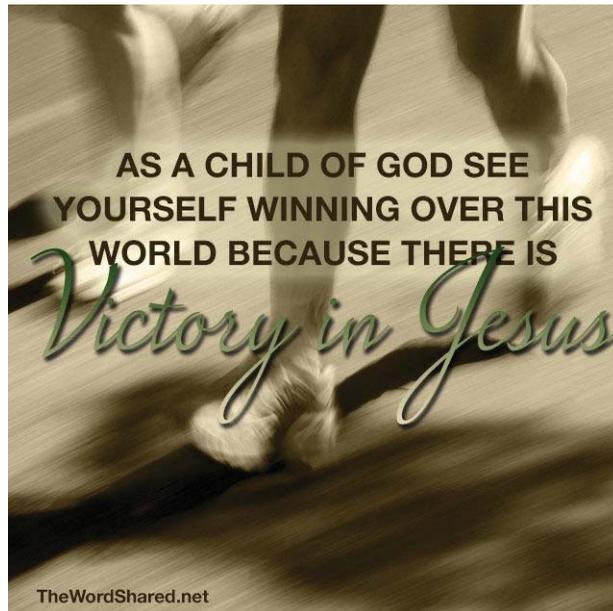
The Oasis Project

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

So he replied to the messengers, 'Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard ...' "
Luke 7:22.

John the Baptizer had been very confident about who Jesus was. When Jesus first came to him to be baptized in the Jordan, John declared that he was the one who needed to be baptized by He who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Later, John testified that he had seen the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus and that Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and the Bridegroom. But, perhaps languishing in Herod's prison was starting to get to John as he sent two to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus pointed to the many and varied miracles that He was doing and that were prophesied for the Messiah to do as proof that He was the One. Then Jesus widened John's struggle to ours. "Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." We all go through struggles and times in our lives that make us question the solid faith we once had. But, with all that Jesus is still doing in the world around us, we should not fall away on account of Him. What have you seen and heard?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
3/18, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
3/25, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
4/1, reverse 5th Sunday (April Fools!); Easter



Key Word Search

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11a.m. 7 p.m.
In Search of the Lord's Ways:
"Why Do We Suffer?"
Key to the Kingdom:
"1 Kings: Doing What is Right"



2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 71-1 Samuel 15-19
Day 72-1 Samuel 20-24
Day 73-1 Samuel 25-29
Day 74-1 Samuel 30-31; 2 Sa. 1-3
Day 75-2 Samuel 4-8

Don't quit. Recommit!

Mark Your Calendar



3/13, Donna's birthday in Christ ('11)
3/14-20, Mary Cl. is traveling
3/24, Mary Ch's birthday
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)
4/29, 3-6 p.m. Spring Sing (here)
5/5, Men's Day: Open Bible study in VT

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.

Today:3/11

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Chris
Song Leader: John
#745, "Humble Yourself"
#517 "Heaven Came Down"
#1033, "Can He Still Feel the Nails?"
Talk/bread prayer: Garth
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
528, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Scripture Reading: Steven - Luke 7:20-23
Lesson: Doug "What You Have Seen and Heard"
#652, "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
Closing Song: Tyler
#452, "Standing on the Promises"
Closing Prayer: Howard
Subs: JL, AC, AV

Next Sunday: 3/18

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Alfred
Talk/bread prayer: Chris
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Anthony
Pass/collection prayer: Jim B
Scripture Reading: Carl - Luke 8:19-21
Lesson: Doug "Put It into Practice"
Closing Song: John
Closing Prayer: Steven

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 4

Bible Class	27
Morning Worship	40
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$709.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00