

# 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?

**Joe Stowell**  
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## PRAY FOR...

**Alley, Donna & family:** struggles  
**Ballard, Nikki:** struggles with movings  
**Ballard, Sophie:** Nikki’s niece, struggles  
**Bennett, Jim:** rehab from hospital stay  
**Bickford, Eddie:** recovery from surgery  
**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  
**Deaton, Mike:** Katelyn’s friend, heart  
**Duprey, Karina:** Earl’s niece, cancer  
**Elders:** Alfred and Doug  
**Forette, Kevin:** John’s friend, cancer  
**Gemma:** Don’s sister, pancreatic cancer  
**Gundrum, Eloise:** one year-old, cancer  
**Jackson, Jessah:** Amber’s friend’s daughter, leukemia  
**Kashorek, Lori:** new treatment options for lung cancer  
**Laduke, Lilly:** Jack Taylor’s relative, kidney infection  
**Lapier, Lisa:** Patty’s neighbor, 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  
**Page, Gary:** Garth’s friend, sick  
**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**  
**Whiffeld, 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 9 Youth classes as well ... and don't forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

## Munchie Moments

**Fellowship Meal:** our next 4th Sunday meal is our Spring Sing on 4/29. See sign-up!

**Mothers' Day Breakfast:** sign-up for a breakfast to honor mothers on 5/6 at 8 a.m. It's open to all.

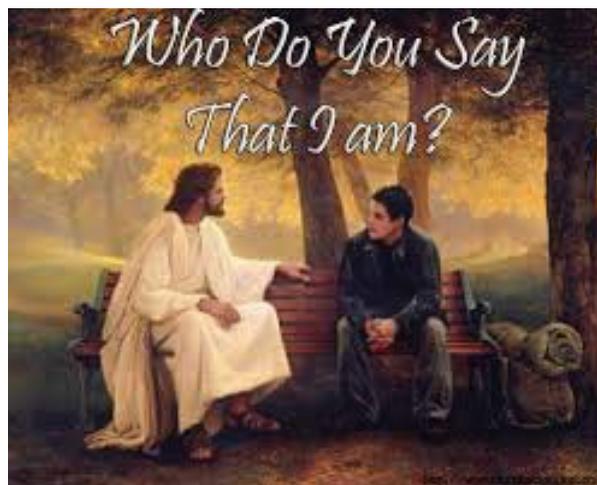
## Magi Box Filling Time

The boxes have arrived. Pick up your boxes today. If you need help with items for your box, see Mary. Because of the delay in their arrival, the deadline is now April 29, Spring Sing Sunday.

## Doug's Devotional

"'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'" Luke 9:20.

This is the most important question that every person must—and will—answer for himself. Even a refusal to answer it is indeed an answer. Recently, the well-known atheist, Stephen Hawking, died, sadly leaving the world with no doubt as to his answer, but so many others put aside the question or smother it in worldly pursuits or sin, hoping never to confront it. In Matthew's account of this exchange, Jesus says that upon this confession of Him as Christ—Messiah—Savior—God Himself that He would build His church. Indeed, what Peter declared to Jesus alone here and was warned against telling anyone yet as it was not yet time for the gospel to be enacted, Peter did declare to the crowds gathered for Pentecost after Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Three thousand responded to the very first gospel sermon that day, and Jesus indeed began to build His church upon that rock. Our job is to confront everyone around us with that question, giving them convincing proofs for who Jesus is, so that they do not answer it negatively by ignorance or refusal. So ... who do you say that He is?



## Sundae Toppings



**Today:** 4/8, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4/15, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
4/22, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
4/29, 3 p.m. Spring Sing; 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

## Spring Sing

... is upon us (and hopefully spring along with it)! Our brothers and sisters from Massena and Burlington plan on joining us on 4/29 to sing praises from 3-5 p.m. Then we're providing a meal to share with them. Sign-up today!

## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 99-1 Chronicles 13-17  
Day 100-1 Chronicles 18-22  
Day 101-1 Chronicles 23-27  
Day 102-1 Chronicles 28-29; 2 Ch. 1-3  
Day 103-2 Chronicles 4-8

*Don't quit. Recommit!*



## Mark Your Calendar

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  
5/9, Kole's birthday  
5/28-30, Armor of God mini-VBS

## 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).

## Today:4/8

Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Doug  
#568 "Jesus, Rose of Sharon"  
#552 "Have Thine Own Way"  
#332 "Lead Me to Calvary"  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
#221/222 "Jesus ... About That Name"  
Scripture Reading: Chris - Luke 9:18-22  
Lesson: Doug "Who Do You Say I Am"  
#662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"  
Closing Song: Steven  
#647 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"  
Closing Prayer: Jim B  
Subs: AV, JL

## Next Sunday: 4/15

Announcements: Jim B  
Opening Prayer: Garth  
Song Leader: Chris  
Talk/bread prayer: John  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
Scripture Reading: Howard - Luke 10:25-28  
Lesson: Doug "Do This and You Will Live"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Steven

## 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.

## Week of April 1

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$601.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>