

Church of Christ

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I AM GOD'S PROJECT

There are benefits to an extended, do-it-yourself project, like painting a house, building a model or even assembling a 1,000 piece puzzle. For one thing, it teaches patience. Large projects are usually not done in a day. They have to be repeatedly left and come back to. Keeping on without quitting can be tough.

Also, I have found that with large projects, when facing a problem, stopping for a while, maybe a day or two will allow me time to work out solutions in my head. When I go back to the task, I am able to solve the problem and go on. I have often learned that walking away for a while is the best way to solve a problem.

Here is a fact that many Christians do not think about: Each one of us is God's project. If you are a Christian, the Bible says that He "is at work in you." Through the word of God (see John 17:17, Ephesians 5:26), providential intervention (see Romans 8:28) and even angelic involvement (see Hebrews 1:14), you are God's enterprise. He is working on you to undo all the bad habits that Satan has taught you and to bring you to His own nature.

"I am God's project" is a profound concept. He does not undertake work on me because He needs to learn patience or problem solving. He does not do it because He would otherwise be bored and have nothing else to do (see Revelation 4:11). What He does for me He does because of never-diminishing love.

While God working in me ultimately depends upon my doing His will and supplying the knowledge of His word, a consciousness of the process, I find, benefits me as the work is being done. What I mean is that when I am agitated or depressed by life I try to promote the thought, "What is it that God is working in me?"

The more clearly I can develop this sense of being a co-worker and willing partner in my own development, I do not sense then that anything is ever for nothing. Any emotion I suffer, any battle scar I bear or doubt I entertain is for a reason. Every day I live and all the "highs and lows" found therein, I try to look upon as God's work in progress, in me.

"Thank you God for doing your work in me!"

Floyd Kaiser
Southwest church of Christ
Ada, OK
Bulletin Digest

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
Brownwood, Donna: Melinda's relative, health
Burna, Bonnie and: Carl's aunt, cancer
Carter, Kelly: Melinda's co-worker, cancer
Cech, Matthew and Terry: health
Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles
Deeton, 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
Hagen, Cindy: new walk with Christ
Hathaway, David: health
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, health
Spencer Carrie: Alfred's niece, health
Stapleton, Katelyn: apartment search
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 ...

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.
- Malawi: pray for Patrick's wife, pneumonia

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

If you have not picked up your boxes, please do so 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, that's just 2 weeks away.

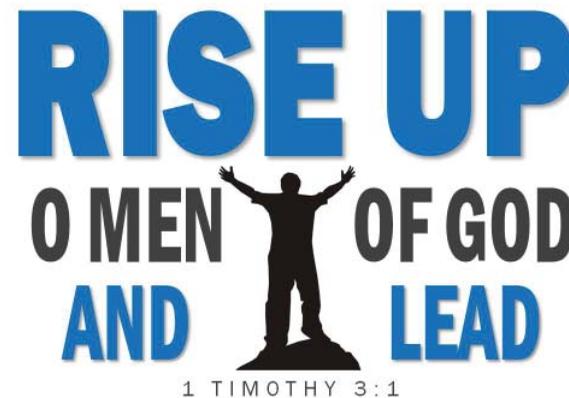
Doug's Devotional

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool!" Isaiah 1:18.

That God would want to reason with us? The Creator and Sustainer of the Universe would lower Himself to even acknowledge such worms as we are? But, then, try to reason with us? I've heard it said, "Never reason with a drunk person," and that's what we are—drunk on our own lusts and sin! God would be justified in saying, "You've made your bed. Now lie in it!" But, it is a testimony to His great love that He tries to reason with us, like a parent does with a child, "Admit your sin and find forgiveness. Obey and it will go better for you." This was in the Old Testament, and of course His people would not listen but went off into punishment. In the New Testament, He has sent His Son with the same message for His people today. But will we listen? Will we heed the opportunity to reason with our Creator and, believing Him, be willing and obedient to give up our sin by the blood of God in the flesh and live for Him instead? God is trying to reason with a drunk person. Will you listen and submit?

New Sister

This past Wednesday, 4/18, Cindy Hagen put on her Savior in baptism. Please pray for and encourage her in her new walk.



Sundae Toppings



Today: 11:230 p.m. Family Meeting
4/29, 3 p.m. Spring Sing; 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5/6, 8 a.m. Mothers' Day Breakfast
5/13, Mother's Day

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 113-2 Chronicles 34-36; Ezra 1-2
Day 114-Ezra 3-7
Day 115-Ezra 8-10; Nehemiah 1-2
Day 116-Nehemiah 3-7
Day 117-Nehemiah 8-12

Don't quit. Recommit!



Mark Your Calendar

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:4/22

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
#704, "Bind Us Together"
#294, "You're the One"
#364, "Come, Share the Lord"
Talk/bread prayer: Steven
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
#647, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"
Scripture Reading: Jim L - 1 Timothy 2:8-10
Lesson: Alfred "Rise Up, O Men of God"
#674, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Closing Song: Chris
#903, "There's Power in the Blood"
Closing Prayer: Howard
Subs: AV, DK

Next Sunday: 4/29

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Steven
Song Leader: John
Talk/bread prayer: Jim L
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Colossians 4:2-6
Lesson: Doug "Seasoned with Salt"
Closing Song: Tyler
Closing Prayer: Carl

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 15

Bible Class	20
Morning Worship	27
Wed. Bible Class	22
Contribution	\$513.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00