

# Church of Christ

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## HOME IMPROVEMENT

Recently as Alice and I were traveling, we saw this bumper sticker on the back of a vehicle: 'Home Improvement Begins With the King James Bible.' We speak of home improvement in different ways. Perhaps we are painting or remodeling our home or maybe even building a new one. There are certainly many ways in which we can change our home to make it look and perform better for us. But let's change gears and think about the improvement that needs to go on inside the people who live in that home. I don't agree totally with the bumper sticker because it said the improvement begins with the KJV. It really doesn't matter which version one uses unless the truth is misconstrued.

But back to the "home improvement." The greatest home improvement that can occur within a household is to mold character, thinking and action of the members of that home to comply with what the Bible teaches. The first duty of spiritual home improvement is to "love the Lord God with all your heart, soul and might" (Deut. 6:5). Loving Him means obeying Him.

Peter said that we must "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). That can only be accomplished by studying, learning, and obeying. Parents must teach and guide their off-spring in the Lord's way. The Wise Man said "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). The "way he should go" is the Lord's way. We read in Deut. 8:5-6, "As a man chastens his son, so the Lord, your God, chastens you. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments

of the Lord, your God, to walk in His ways and to fear him."

There is no other way that can fulfill the promise of eternal life and peace. Parents must love and serve the Lord and teach their off-spring to do likewise. When that is done, true home improvement is accomplished. First Timothy 5:4 says, "If any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety at home and to reward their parents for that is good and acceptable to God." Although this is speaking of a widow's offspring, all children should be taught to honor God and others, beginning at home.

In teaching the duty of children, Paul taught "Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1ff).

True home improvement occurs when the hearts, minds and personalities of all those in the home honor God as the great Creator that He is. That home improvement comes about only by studying to know God's will, doing what He says and teaching it to all those in the home. We read a most touching story when Paul, in speaking to Timothy, spoke of "the unfeigned faith that is in you which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice, and I am persuaded that in you also" (2 Tim. 1:5). Paul was confident that young Timothy had received the home improvement that he needed from his faithful mother and grandmother. If we want our offspring to know, love and serve God, we must set the example. God bless your home improvement!

Royce Pendergrass ( adapted)  
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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  
**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  
**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

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

*"He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27-28.*

If a person interviewed and won a job but then didn't show up most of the time and didn't work hard when he was there, he wouldn't have the job for long. Answering the eternal question of who we believe Jesus to be and obeying the gospel is just the beginning. We must know how to live our new lives as Christians in the time that God has given us. Since the man was an expert in the law, Jesus asked him what was written in the law as it pertained to what he must do to inherit eternal life. That idea rankles many today who believe that faith alone saves us, but James reminds us that faith without action is dead faith indeed. No, we can't earn our way into heaven, but a theme throughout Scripture is that obedience accompanying our faith is essential to maintaining our salvation. That obedience is not a checklist devoid of connection but springs from our relationship with Christ. We are to love God with all of heart, soul, strength, and mind. If we do so, we will obey from faith. How do you love God?



## Sundae Toppings



**Today:** 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  
5/6, 8 a.m. Mothers' Day Breakfast

## 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 106-2 Chronicles 9-13  
Day 107-2 Chronicles 14-18  
Day 108-2 Chronicles 19-23  
Day 109-2 Chronicles 24-28  
Day 110-2 Chronicles 29-33

*Don't quit. Recommit!*



## Mark Your Calendar

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:4/15

Announcements: Jim B  
Opening Prayer: Garth  
Song Leader: Chris  
#PP "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"  
#76, "How Great Thou Art"  
#580, "Living By Faith"  
Talk/bread prayer: John  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
#595, "I Come To the Garden Alone"  
Scripture Reading: Howard - Luke 10:25-28  
Lesson: Doug "Do This and You Will Live"  
#924, "Just As I Am"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
#915 "Trust and Obey"  
Closing Prayer: Steven  
Subs: AV, TM, DK

## Next Sunday: 4/22

Announcements: Carl  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Chris  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John  
Pass/collection prayer: Steven  
Scripture Reading: Garth - 1 Timothy 2:8-10  
Lesson: Alfred "Rise Up, O Men of God"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Howard

## 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 8

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$563.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>