

Church of Christ

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THOUGHTS NOT TO ENTERTAIN

If Paul had thought like some today, he would have written to the Ephesians like this:

“Paul the apostle to the saints at Ephesus. Brethren, I rejoiced when I went into the theater in your city to behold the shows. The play of Aristophanes was a magnificent story of a man who overcame poverty and poor health as a child to become a famous warrior in Greece. Such zeal! Such courage! I commend this show to the church for your edification, for Christians can learn much from it. Yes, a pagan influence prevailed during the performance. The crowd praised Zeus and blasphemed God. The actors took God’s name in vain and poured out filthy words. The women on stage displayed their nakedness with immodest apparel. But be of good cheer, brethren! Evil associations will not corrupt good morals if you look for the good and ignore the bad.”

Who can imagine Paul writing such words? Plays and concerts were common forms of entertainment in the ancient world of the New Testament. People then had no televisions, giant screens, or sound systems, but they enjoyed drama and music. Perhaps not all of these shows were bad, but many were. In the second century Tertullian said Greek drama was filled with scenes of lust and perversion. He scolded “the father who carefully protects and guards his virgin daughter’s ears from every polluting word” and yet “takes her to the theatre himself, exposing her to all its vile words and attitudes.” Shows then were no different from movies today.

The Bible teaches that what you put into your mind affects you. The cares, riches, and pleasures of this life choke the Word in our hearts (Luke 8: 14). Evil comes “from within, out of the heart of men” (Mark 7:21). Truly as a man “thinks in his heart, so is he” (Prov. 23:7). A Christian who denies this is arguing in vain. We can no more put rotten food into our stomachs without feeling the effects than we can put ungodliness into our souls without weakening our faith.

The old warning “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Exod. 23:2) often goes unheeded by God’s people. People put pressure on us to go along with this world. Ancient Greeks would ask each other, “Have you seen this show? You’ve got to see it!” Today we hear the same question. “Have you watched this movie? You’ll love it!” Everybody seems to be excited about it, including some members of the church. Few are concerned about the sex scenes and God’s name being taken in vain.

Many religious people get their spirituality from movies and song lyrics. They get excited when they talk about a film of victory that brought them to tears. Never mind the nudity and profanity. The movie made them feel spiritual. “But I don’t pay any attention to the bad parts. I look for the redeeming qualities.” That is like rummaging through a garbage bin to find a penny.

Nothing the world offers should thrill our hearts and lift up our souls like the stories of the Bible. May we read it with joy and have a discerning eye toward the pleasures of this world.

Kerry Duke
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Livingston, TN
Bulletin Digest

PRAY FOR...

Alley, Donna & family: struggles
Ballard, Nikki: struggles
Bennett, Jim: rehab from hospital stay
Bickford, Eddie: recovery from surgery
Brownwood, Donna: Melinda’s relative, health
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
Lermineau, Sean: Carl’s relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L’s parents, health
Loss: Family and friends of Bonnie Burma
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia
Page, Gary: Garth’s friend, sick
Richardson, Elizabeth: Eddie’s sister, health
Rice, John: Jim’s neighbor, cancer
Spencer Carrie: Alfred’s niece, health
Stapleton, Katelyn: apartment search
Stowe, Kayonna: Nikki’s niece’s friend, cancer
Stoffregen, 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 ...

What a busy but great weekend as we had our youth rally and Spring Sing. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways! Next, we turn to our intern, mini-VBS, and Camp Hunt summer session. 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 10 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 right after morning service on 5/27. Our intern will be here.
Mothers’ Day Breakfast: was this morning! Hope all were able to attend and enjoy.

Magi Box

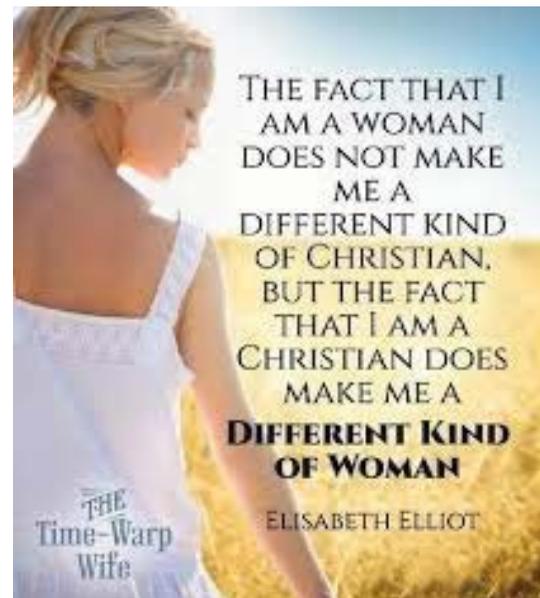
Thanks to all who filled or donated money toward the shipping of the M.A.G.I. boxes. They will be shipped out in the coming weeks.

Doug’s Devotional

“When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Dear woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home”

John 19:26-27.

Mom. Even the coarsest and roughest among us will defend her, protect her, provide for her, love her, and never hear a word against her. School kids know the easiest way to bully a kid is to speak about her mother. Mothers hold a special place in our hearts. They are our anchors. They are what home means to all of us. No one on this earth, outside of God, loves us more—with a love that is fierce and unconditional. Perhaps that’s why God gave us mothers—so we could understand His love for us. After all, if “hell has no fury like a woman scorned,” how much more so if one gets between a mother bear and her cubs! With the full love of God that Jesus had while fully man, He, dying on the cross for His mother and all of us, provided for His mother in the best way that He could—by making her the mother over and into the care of the “disciple whom he loved.” How does a mother’s love help us understand Gods?



Sundae Toppings



Today: Today: 5/6, 8 a.m. Mothers’ Day Breakfast
5/13, Mother’s Day
5/20, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
5/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

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.

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 127-Job 15-19
Day 128-Job 20-24
Day 129-Job 25-29
Day 130-Job 30-34
Day 131-Job 35-39

Don’t quit. Recommit!



Mark Your Calendar

5/9, Kole’s birthday
5/26, Howard’s birthday in Christ (‘85)
5/28, Taylor & Tyler’s birthdays
5/28-30, Armor of God mini-VBS
5/29, Jim L’s birthday
6/3, Katelyn’s birthday
6/6, Chambers’ anniversary (‘75)
6/13, Glenda & Steven’s birthdays; Amber’s birthday in Christ (‘89)

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:5/6

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Chris
#1012, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”
#903, “There is Power in the Blood”
#313, “The Old Rugged Cross”
Talk/bread prayer: Steven
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim B
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler
#129, “Amazing Grace”
Scripture Reading: Garth - 1 Peter 3:1-6
Lesson: Alfred “Great Worth in God’s Sight”
#560, “Living By Faith”
Closing Song: John
#749, “The Battle Belongs to the Lord”
Closing Prayer: Howard
Subs: AV, DK

Next Sunday: 5/13

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Tyler
Song Leader: Steven
Talk/bread prayer: Garth
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Lesson: Doug “In the Way He Should Go”
Closing Song: Chris
Closing Prayer: Jim B

Week of April 29

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	31
Wed. Bible Class	13
Contribution	\$920.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00

March→April Averages; 1 Year Ago
Sun. Bible Class Ave. 25→ 24; 20
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 37→ 31; 32
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 14→ 12; 10
Weekly Contribution Ave.\$647.79→ \$671.05;\$610.66
Yearly Contribution Ave. (35 weeks) \$667.49