

# Church of Christ

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## GENERATIONAL IMPACT

I have always been fascinated by stories about the people God has chosen to use in significant ways. Two of my heroes are Charles and John Wesley. Charles penned hundreds of hymns, many of which are still sung by Christians all over the world. After observing the coronation of the King of England and hearing the masses lining the streets and singing the praises of the King, Charles penned the words, “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise.” His brother John committed his life to taking the gospel to England and through frontier America on horseback. You and I are in debt to John Wesley today for his passion for the gospel.

But I’m even more impressed when I consider the heroic faith of their mother, Susanna. The mother of 19 children, she understood the importance of raising a godly generation, in spite of a profligate husband who was almost never home. With all of her hardships, she would have had every excuse to complain and wallow in self-pity and bitterness, but instead she faithfully prayed for her children and instilled in them a desire to serve the Lord. Every day she gathered her children around her and read them the Bible and taught them His ways. Her life exemplifies the words of Samuel: “As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right” (1 Samuel 12:23).

One of God’s plans for our homes is to provide an environment for grooming the next generation

for godly impact, and you can count on it that Satan is not happy about that plan. Throughout history, we can see his efforts to dead-end the generational impact of God’s people. Beginning with Adam and Eve, children have been at risk. The murder of Abel at the hands of his very own brother is proof that Satan will do anything to extinguish the impact of godly offspring. And he hasn’t stopped.

The high cost of living has made two-career families common place today even among followers of Christ. Many families need two careers just to survive. As a result, quality time with our kids can suffer. Leaving our children to entertain themselves at the computer, which is a lot less painful than playing Chutes and Ladders with them on the floor, puts their hearts at jeopardy to the junk that the Internet offers. Our kids are in danger of suffering long term damage because of what they click on to. Not to mention what we permit them to see on TV, listen to on their iPods, or who we let them run with.

Parenting is big-time business and among life’s toughest assignments. Whenever things got really tough in our household, my wife Martie and I used to look at each other and say, “This too shall pass!” And that’s just the point, it passes really fast. You have the next generation in your grasp for just a fleeting season. Make the most of it. As they say, carpe diem—seize the day!

Is there another Susanna Wesley in the house? It’s your turn! Who knows what great things God has in store for your kids or the young people under your influence.

### PRAY FOR...

**Alley, Donna & family:** struggles  
**Ballard, Nikki:** struggles  
**Bennett, Jim:** rehab from hospital stay  
**Bickford, Eddie:** recovery from surgery  
**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:** strength during chemo 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 Adam Gregware  
**Miller, Jody:** struggles  
**Missions:** Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia  
**Page, Gary:** Garth’s friend, sick  
**Richarson, Elizabeth:**Eddie’s sister, health  
**Rice, John:** Jim’s neighbor, cancer  
**Riggs, Don Alan:** our intern, struggles  
**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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available: Fri 9-3 or by appt.

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday**  
**Bible Class** 10 A.M.  
**Morning Worship** 11 A.M.

**Wednesday**  
**Bible Classes** 6:30 P.M.

**Joe Stowell**  
getmorestrength.org

## 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 ...

At the end of the month, we will have a busy week as our intern will be here on fellowship meal Sunday to help with the "Armor of God" mini-VBS on Monday-Wednesday, 5/28-30, and the registration for the Camp Hunt summer session is due. Next week's family meeting is very important to plan details. 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.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 6/3. Hope all men are able to attend and enjoy.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"*

Proverbs 22:6.

We blame this evil world we live in. We blame teachers and coaches. We even blame the kids. But, rarely do we place the blame with parents. It may be too politically incorrect to accuse parents of being anything but perfect. It is so much easier to demonize educators and pump more tax dollars into "failing schools." However, when God instituted marriage between a man and a woman, He said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother ...." I can imagine Adam and Eve scratching their heads at these strange concepts, but 'parents' and therefore 'parenting' are from God. The job of training a child in the way he should go is not the primary job of churches or schools but parents. Later, to the people God took for Himself, He, after the Shema declaration that He was one and that they should love Him with all of their heart, soul, and strength, gave the instructions to teach their children about Him. That's a parent's #1 job. Secondly, parents and every godly and stable adult in a child's life must teach them how to be proficient for life. How are you training the kids in your life?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** Mother's Day  
5/20, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting and Ladies' Day following  
5/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



## 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 134-Job 40-42; Psalms 1-2  
Day 135-Psalms 3-7  
Day 136-Psalms 8-12  
Day 137-Psalms 13-17  
Day 138-Psalms 18-22

*Any qualms about Psalms?*



## Mark Your Calendar

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)

## Today:5/13

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Tyler  
Song Leader: Steven  
#895, "I'll Live in Glory"  
#753, "Farther Along"  
#867, "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"  
Talk/bread prayer: Garth  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
# 622, "Ring Out the Message"  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Lesson: Doug "In the Way He Should Go"  
#490, "It Is Well with My Soul"  
Closing Song: Chris  
#679, "Living for Jesus"  
Closing Prayer: Jim B  
Subs: JBW, DK, AV

## Next Sunday: 5/20

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Garth  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: John  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 2 Peter 1:19-21  
Lesson: Doug "But Men Spoke from God"  
Closing Song: Steven  
Closing Prayer: Tyler

## Wash & Wear

- the cleaning and mowing sign-up for this season is on the fridge a turn is appreciated & needed. Instructions on the use of the riding mower is available.
- the church's blue polo shirts in a variety of sizes are \$15 each (to cover cost only).

## Week of May 6

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Wed. Bible Class</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$598.00</b>
<b>Weekly Ave. Needed</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>