

Church of Christ

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WAKE HIM UP!

Elouise worked the cash register in the food court at Chicago's Moody Bible Institute. She was, by far and away, one of my favorite people. I liked a lot of things about Elouise: her happy smile, helpful spirit, and love for everyone. But what I liked best was her down-home, streetwise wisdom that came out in some of the most memorable quips. I could give you a bunch of them, but here's one that just might be a good word for you.

One morning, as I reached into my pocket to pull out the cash for my breakfast, I asked Elouise how she was doing, to which she replied, "Not all that great."

"Really?" I asked, "What's wrong?"

"Well," she quipped, "I had to wake Him up this morning!"

I wasn't quite getting where she was going with that, so I asked, "What do you mean? Wake who up?"

"Don't you know your Bible?" she teasingly said with an obvious sense of joy at stumping the Moody president. To save me any further embarrassment, she went on to say, "When the disciples thought they were going to die in the storm at sea, they had to wake up Jesus so He would help them. I had to wake Him up this morning," she said, "'cause I needed His help!"

See why she's one of my favorite people?

What she didn't say, though, was that it seems like Jesus was the last resort for those panicked disciples. Luke tells us that it wasn't until the boat was nearly swamped, and it was clear that they were in great danger, that someone had the brilliant idea to wake up Jesus.

If we're honest with ourselves, we are usually pretty slow as well to wake Him up. Well, actually, we don't need to wake Him up since the God who watches over us neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:3)! In reality, we're the ones who need to wake up. We need to wake up to the truth that we are not as capable as we think we are to deal with life's challenges; that our wisdom and instincts are flawed; that trying to manage life by the seat of our pants usually gets us into a heap of trouble.

So, thankfully, the writer to the Hebrews assures us that we can come to Jesus with what the text literally says is "unstaggering confidence"—confidence that He understands our plight and is ready to help us in our time of need. And, in case you're wondering how He will help you in your time of need, think about His grace that will help you endure, His mercy, His power to overcome, His wisdom to show you the way. And don't forget His calming presence and His peace that passes understanding in the midst of life's storms. They are all available for the asking!

So, next time you are overwhelmed with life and don't know what to do, take a little advice from my friend Elouise: wake Him up! And don't wait until He is your last resort. You'll get exhausted and disheartened if you try to bail out your boat all by yourself!

Which reminds me of a wonderful old song that we used to sing in church when I was a boy. It goes, "I need thee, Oh, I need thee! Every hour I need thee! Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to thee." You'll need Him sometime—probably today—so make that the theme song of your life.

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PRAY FOR...

Ballard, Nikki: health
Bennett, Jim: health
Bickford, Eddie: health struggles
Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement
Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer
Cech, Matthew and Terry: health
Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles
Duprey, Karina: Earl's niece, cancer
Eagle, Joanne: Marlaina's mother-heart blockage
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
Jackson, Jessal: 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
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 B's neighbor, cancer
Snelson, Kelby: Nikki's niece, hip replacement
Spencer Carrie: Alfred's niece, health
Stapleton, Katlyn: health
Stowe, Kayonna: Nikki's niece's friend, cancer
Taylor, Robert Jr.: Nikki's dad's preacher friend, dying
The Oasis Project
Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health

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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 ...

With our youth all registered for Camp Hunt, our focus turns to summer that will kick-off with a Fathers' Day cookout (by our ladies on 6/24!) and General A and B Weeks (dates below!). On 7/21, we'll enjoy a day at Point Au Roche with some VT churches, and then on 8/11, we'll have a teachers' workshop (for all who work with youth) before our 8/28-30 VBS and fall classes.



We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:
Adults: John's class--Search For Truth, lesson 11
Youth classes as well ... and don't forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: today is our 4th Sunday meal. Please stay and help us honor our fathers.
Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 7/1 at 8 a.m.

Camp Hunt Corner

One will attend General A Week, 6/30-7/7, and nine will attend General B Week, 7/7-14. We'll work out transportation next.

Doug's Devotional

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Lood, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'" Luke 13:34-35.

What is so remarkable about this utterance of Jesus is that we glimpse the mind of the eternal God. Made like his brothers in every way, the Word made flesh often speaks as temporary man, as one of us living out this human existence. Though both fully human and fully God, He who emptied Himself speaks here from that divine eternalness and gives us God's commentary on the history of His chosen people who have not been acting as His "treasured possession" should. They are those who kill the prophets and stone those sent to them. Jesus also illustrates this in the Parable of the Tenants in Matthew 21. Yet, despite their behavior and unwillingness, God has great love and pity for them. Knowing His great sacrifice ahead, He has still longed to gather them and not see them desolate. Do you know God's love?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Fathers' Day Meal (by our ladies!)  our
7/1, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
7/8, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
7/15, Family Meeting

The Oasis Project

... is done for the summer! If you'd like to volunteer for next fall, let Doug or Mary Cl know.

Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Roger & Mitzi leave for Malawi at the end of

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 176-Psalms 128-150; Pr. 1-2
Day 177-Proverbs 3-7
Day 178-Proverbs 8-12
Day 179-Proverbs 13-17
Day 180-Proverbs 18-22

What wise sayings find a basis in Proverbs?



Mark Your Calendar

6/28, Christian's birthday
6/29, Melinda's birthday
6/30-7/7, Camp Hunt General A Week
7/2, John's birthday
7/7, Doug's birthday
7/7-7/14, Camp Hunt General B Week
7/9, Alex's birthday
7/14, Sophie's birthday
7/19, Lori's birthday
7/20, Rose's birthday
7/21, Point Au Roche picnic with VT churches
8/11, Teaching Workshop
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Today:6/24

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Tyler
Song Leader: Steven
#957, "This World Is Not My Home"
#864, "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never"
#113, "His Grace Reaches Me"
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl
Pass/collection prayer: Chris
#948, "I Am Resolved"
Scripture Reading: John - Luke 13:34-35
Lesson: Doug "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem"
#947, "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling"
Closing Song: Jim L
#501, "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet"
Closing Prayer: Garth
Subs: JB, DK, AV

Next Sunday: 7/1

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Carl
Song Leader: Garth
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 14:34-35
Lesson: Doug "But If It Loses its Saltiness"
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 June 17

Bible Class	20
Morning Worship	31
Wed. Bible Class	15
Contribution	\$596.02
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00