

Church of Christ

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AGENTS OF GOD'S GLORY

A friend of mine is an agent for professional athletes. His whole career is based on representing his clients to teams in hopes of securing them the best possible salary and contract package. For each of his clients, he has a portfolio that highlights their statistics—height, weight, career highlights, awards, you name it. At a moment's notice, he can give you a clear picture of the athlete's accomplishments and abilities.

Every once in a while, my agent friend and I will talk about some of the athletes he represents. He has a couple of big names on his list, and I've found myself thinking, "Wow, you're an agent for him? No way! That would be amazing." But when I think about it, you and I have a far greater privilege and calling. We are agents of God—hired by the price He paid on the cross—to spread the "stats" of His glory everywhere we go.

Of course we know that God is totally self-sufficient and that His worth isn't based on what other people think. But this fallen world needs to be reminded of how incredible and vast our God is. The psalmist points out that the heavens declare His glory. Creation speaks loud and clear about His creative power and divine nature. His Word paints a magnificent picture of His glory, recording the drama and wonder of God's interaction with His people. And we have, on a daily basis, the responsibility of reflecting and

representing God's glory in this world.

His "portfolio" of glory staggers the imagination. It encompasses His personal, unconditional love. It draws in His broad and limitless mercy—mercy that patiently holds back His hand of judgment. His credentials include perfect wisdom, undiminished holiness, unflinching faithfulness, perfect justice, and the realities that He is all-powerful and all-knowing. Simply put, His glory is all that He is in His all-surpassing, praiseworthy, stunning perfection.

So how do we reflect His glory? On this side of heaven, as fallen sinful creatures, we do it imperfectly. However, as we begin to grasp how immense and incredible God's glory is, it starts to show up in our lives. As we demonstrate mercy and forgiveness to a friend that has wounded us, we are agents of God's mercy. When we remain faithful to our relationships, loving others through thick and thin, we are reflecting the glory of God's unconditional love. When our hearts of compassion move us to act on behalf of the poor, the needy, and the marginalized, we are representing our God's heart of justice and compassion. As our lives begin to line up with the principles of God's Word, we highlight the glory of God's perfect wisdom. His "portfolio" is on display for a needy and watching world.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the purpose of our redemption—God buying us back—was that we might glorify God. You are His agent to-

Joe Stowell

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PRAY FOR...

Ballard, Nikki: health
Bennett, Jim: health
Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement
Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer
Cech, Mathew and Terry: health
Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles
Eagle, Joanne: Marlaina's mother-heart blockage
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer
Hagen, Cindy: new walk with Christ
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
Lebean, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggles
Lermineau, Sean: Carl and Cindy's relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Ghana, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia
Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer
Page, Gary: Garth's friend, sick
Recovery: Eddie Bickford & Jean Buskey
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, Katelyn: 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

“Continue to help us keep this list updated and to pray for

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Schedule of Services
Sunday
Bible Class 10 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.

Wednesday

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 ...

Summer’s underway! Thank you, ladies, for last Sunday’s Fathers’ Day cookout. After General A and B Weeks (dates below!), we’ll enjoy a day at Point Au Roche with some VT churches on 7/21, and then on 8/11, we’ll have a teachers’ workshop (for all who work with youth) before our 8/28-30 B2BS and fall classes. Back-2-Bible School meeting right after service this morning.



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: our next 4th Sunday meal is 7/22 after morning service.
Men’s Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 8/5 at 8 a.m.

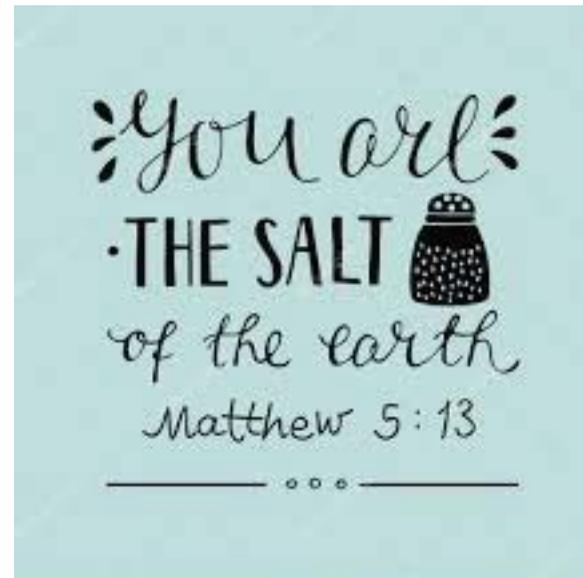
Camp Hunt Corner

One will attend General A Week, 6/30-7/7, and nine will attend General B Week, 7/7-14. Transportation has been finalized.

Doug’s Devotional

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out ...”
Luke 14:34-35.

The cost of being a disciple is high. It is not for those who are just playing with the idea of being a Christian. With God, it is all-in or nothing. If you are lukewarm, He will spit you out of His mouth. Jesus used strong words to describe how hot our commitment to following Him needs to be: in comparison we are to hate the members of our family that He of course insists we provide for and love. Then He gives two illustrations: one of man counting the cost of building a tower and making sure that he is able to complete it first and the other of a king going to war being certain of defeating his enemy before the battle commences. In such a way, we need to be sure of, prepare for, and stick to the commitment we make to be his disciple. In doing so, we hold onto our saltiness that stands out as it flavors and preserves the world. To shrink back from our commitment to Christ is to lose our saltiness—our uniqueness and purpose in the world. Fit for nothing else, we are thrown out. Have you counted the cost? How’s your saltiness?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 7/1, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
7/8, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time
7/15, Family Meeting
7/22, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
7/29, 5th Sunday



The Oasis Project

... is done for the summer! If you’d like to volunteer for next fall, let Doug or Mary CI 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 183-Proverbs 23-27
Day 184-Proverbs 28-31; Ecc. 1
Day 185-Ecclesiastes 2-6
Day 186-Ecclesiastes 7-11
Day 187-Ecc. 12; Song of Songs 1-4

What in life has meaning?



Mark Your Calendar

7/2, John’s birthday
7/7, Doug’s birthday
7/7-7/14, Camp Hunt General B Week
7/9, Alex’s birthday
7/10, Cindy’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
7/30, Hogan anniversary (*16)
7/31, Marlaina’s birthday
8/11, Teaching Workshop
8/26-29, Back-2-Bible School

Today: 7/1

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Carl
Song Leader: Garth
#412, “Jesus, Hold My Hand”
#616 “The Way of the Cross”
#387 “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L
#417, “Where He Leads I’ll Follow”
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 14:34-35
Lesson: Doug “But If It Loses its Saltiness”
#778, “Be with Me, Lord”
Closing Song: Steven
#852, “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
Closing Prayer: Tyler
Subs: JBW, CC, AV

Next Sunday: 7/8

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Alfred
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Scripture Reading: Chris - Philippians 2:3-5
Lesson: Doug “But Also to the Interests of Others”
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Jim B

Week of June 24

Bible Class	24
Morning Worship	43
Wed. Bible Class	18
Contribution	\$733.70
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00

May/June Averages; 1 Year Ago
Sun. Bible Class Ave. 27→23; 26
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 34→37; 35
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 16→14; 16
Weekly Contribution Ave. \$612.04→\$673.47; \$514.76
Yearly Contribution Ave. (43 weeks) \$662.89