

Church of Christ

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IF YOU WANT TO DISCOURAGE YOUR PREACHER

Discouragement is one of the devil's greatest tool. He enjoys discouraging every good work, but he especially enjoys hindering the preaching of God's word. In that the devil stays very busy, he often needs assistance from others. If you'd like to join him by discouraging your preacher, here are some tried-and-true suggestions. [I hope you don't need this satire alert.]

1. Routinely overbook your Saturdays so you can't stay awake for Sunday's sermon. Maximize the discouragement by telling your preacher that you do this on purpose.
2. Never bring your Bible to worship. If you fail at that, never turn to the text that the preacher is reading. The sound of turning pages is music to a preacher's ears. Silence tells him that you're disengaged.
3. Never follow the example of the Bereans (Acts 17:11). Maximize the discouragement by telling your preacher, "I trust you for all my Bible knowledge. I'd never check behind you." The pressure of those statements would discourage any healthy Christian.
4. Never bring visitors to worship. New faces always add energy and encouragement.
5. Never compliment a lesson. If you fail at this offer only generic and insincere praise. Plastic praise is almost as effective as overt criticism.
6. Never make a positive suggestion. Don't offer ideas for improvement. Never suggest a sermon topic or title. If he thinks you're trying to help him, he'll love you and work harder than ever.
7. Criticize his family to others. Chances are he'd be okay if you bring your concerns directly to him. Carp on his family behind his back, and he's sure to feel belittled and unloved.
8. Make roaring public fun of any error he commits. Be attentive—but only for negatives. Notice errors of fact and of omission. If you can't find enough errors, invent some.
9. Let others gossip to you about your preacher. Never defend him. Don't put his actions in context. If you want to maximize the discouragement, add to their gossip.
10. Judge your preacher by a higher standard than you'd ever apply to yourself (Matthew 7:1-5). Demand perfection. Treat every imperfection as a deep-seated character flaw or an obvious lack of effort.
11. Withhold important information. Never call to tell him of someone who needs a prayer or a visit. Then, fuss at him for not making the calls and visits he didn't know to make.
12. Regularly compare him to some legendary preacher; you get extra points if that preacher is deceased. Be sure the comparisons are always unfair and unfavorable.

~Bill Bagents

PRAY FOR...

Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health
Bennett, Jim: health
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
Eagle, Joanne: Marlana'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
Lapier, Lisa: Patty's neighbor, lung cancer
Laramy, Paul : Steven's brother, motorcycle accident
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggles
Lemineau, Sean: Carl and Cindy's relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health
LePage, Justin: struggles and decisions
Miller, Lody: 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 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
Traveler: Malinda Stone
Warrick, Oakland: 1 year-old, heart surgeries
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

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 ...

Family Meeting today! This Saturday, 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 8/26-29 B2BS 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: our next 4th Sunday meal is Saturday, 7/21, at the picnic at Point Au Roche with the VT brethren.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 8/5 at 8 a.m.

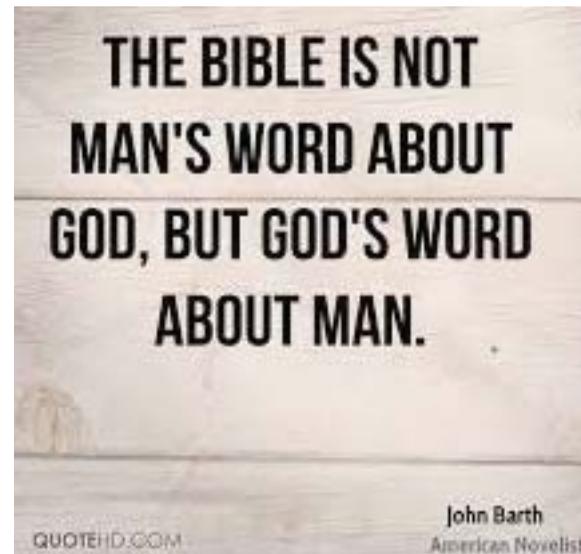
Camp Hunt Corner

Eleven of the 12 are back home from Camp Hunt. Taylor is visiting with a friend's family and will be back next week.

Doug's Devotional

"... just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction" 2 Peter 3:16.

This passage is great because Peter is confirming that Paul's writings came from God and that they are 'Scriptures' on par with any other inspired books. To not obey Paul's writings or to distort them by not correctly handling the word of truth that he wrote is to bring about our destruction. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples with the authority that He gained by His death and resurrection, and for many decades afterwards they proclaimed His Word orally at first that slowly gave way to writing it down. So, how was it decided that the 27 books that we have now are the only ones that were inspired and made the canon? The answer is that the rise of heretics and false writings challenged the early church to decide, which they did independently of each other—long before a council ever confirmed the list. The Scriptures gave us the church, not church the Scriptures. Do you trust God to preserve His Word to us?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
7/22, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
7/29, 5th Sunday
8/5, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
8/12, No Ladies' Time this month



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 are in Malawi now for a couple of weeks.

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 197-Isaiah 22-26
Day 198-Isaiah 27-31
Day 199-Isaiah 32-36
Day 200-Isaiah 37-41
Day 201-Isaiah 42-46

What major things do you learn from these prophets?



Mark Your Calendar

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/?, Alfred's birthday in Christ ('69)
8/8, Gracelyn's birthday
8/11, Teaching Workshop
8/18, Jody's birthday
8/26-29, Back-2-Bible School

Today: 7/15

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Chris
#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"
#851 "I'll Fly Away"
#76 "How Great Thou Art"
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
#PP "Kum Ba Yah"
Scripture Reading: Howard - 2 Peter 3:14-16
Lesson: Doug "As They Do the Other Scriptures"
#480 "Blessed Assurance"
Closing Song: Jim L
#857 "Heaven's Really Gonna Shine"
Closing Prayer: Steven
Subs: DK, TM

Next Sunday: 7/22

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Steven
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Psalm 119:1-6
Lesson: Doug "By Living According to Your Word"
Closing Song: Chris
Closing Prayer: Howard

Wash & Wear

- the cleaning and mowing 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).

Week of July 8

Bible Class	12
Morning Worship	30
Wed. Bible Class	11
Contribution	\$632.50
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00