

# Church of Christ

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## LIFE IN THE WAITING ROOM

We've all heard the prayer: "Lord, make me more patient—and do it now!" Of all the spiritual virtues, patience is one that tends to be troublingly elusive. Let's face it; if patience is a virtue, most of us are not very virtuous. It's flat out hard to wait.

Think of how you feel when you're late for a critical engagement and caught in a traffic jam. I find it tough when I'm in a hurry and rush to the "10 items or less" line at the grocery store, and then have to wait while the guy in front of me pulls 16 items out of the basket and casually chats with the clerk. How did I know it was 16 items? I counted them, piece by piece!

When life or people don't measure up to our expectations, being patient can be quite a challenge. But it's clear that God wants us to develop this character trait. After all, patience is more than a virtue—it's a fruit of the Spirit. It reflects His very presence in our lives, for He is a patient God. If He weren't, we all would have been annihilated long ago.

So what's our problem?

There's a good probability that our struggle with patience has been unsuccessful because we've been trying to focus on our own agendas and timelines and not trusting that, for reasons best known to Him, God may have

a whole different schedule for us. Our propensity to live with a short fuse is all about forgetting that God puts us in His waiting room on purpose, because He is often doing something behind the scenes while we wait.

It might be as simple as teaching us to be more concerned with the struggles and feelings of others rather than being totally taken with our own interest and plans. There is plenty of evidence as well that God interrupts the normal flow of our lives to open unusual opportunities to be used of Him in unexpected ways. Or, it just may be that God wants to give us the opportunity to show what His patience is like by demonstrating it to others.

One thing we can be sure of—God's time is always the right time. His management of our situations—whether in traffic or in the "ten items or less" line—is always the best management. Patience is not learning to wait for others; it's learning to wait on God and to cooperate with His work in our lives. Next time impatience begins to stress you out, stop and ask God what He is saying to you; ask Him to show you why your expectations and schedule have been hijacked. Then take a deep breath and trust. Trust that He is at work in you and in the situation.

So, the next time you have to wait, "wait for the Lord"!

Joe Stowell  
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## PRAY FOR...

Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health  
Ballard, Nicki, moved  
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  
Darline, Wendy: health struggles  
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery  
Elders, Alfred and Doug  
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer  
Kashorek, Lori: strength during chemo for cancer  
Lapier, Lisa: Patty's neighbor, lung cancer  
Laramy, Paul: Steven's brother, motorcycle accident  
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggles  
Lernineau, Sean: Carl and Cindy's relative, struggles  
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health  
Miller, Jody: struggles  
Missions: Brazil, Malawi, 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 B's neighbor, cancer  
Sinclair, Sharon: treatments for cancer  
Stapleton, Katelyn: job search and struggles  
Warrick, Oaklyn: 1 year-old, heart surgeries  
West, Larry: Melenda's friend in CA, health...  
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 ...

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's Family Meeting. Starting this afternoon, we'll have our Back-2-Bible School (B2BS) with fall classes to follow with the start of the new school year.



## We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for: Adults: John's class--study of the Gospel of John 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 will be today during BTBS about 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 9/2 at 8 a.m.

## Back-2-Bible School

Sunday, 8/26: 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
Monday, 8/27: 6-8 p.m.  
Tuesday, 8/28: 6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, 8/29: 6-8 p.m.

## Doug's Devotional

"... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling ... as you hold out the word of life ...."  
Philippians 2:12-16.

With the 1455 a.d. invention of Gutenberg's printing press, suddenly there were a lot of unemployed monks who no longer needed to painstakingly copy every jot and tittle of Scripture. But, with the mass production of God's Word came a fight for control over an individual's soul. As long as copies of the Bible were rare and meant for the eyes of the clergy, sometimes even chained up inside cathedrals, then the people were at the mercy of the learned who could read, could read ancient languages, and were qualified to interpret Scriptures to them. Even many centuries later, the attitude exists in "Christianity" that only certain ones can properly understand the Bible. With copies becoming common and in the common language of the people, it did not take long for those with voracious appetites for truth to begin reading God's Word and recognize how it differed to what the Church had become. Protests and calls for reform came from every corner. With the Bible so available today, are you as hungry to work out your salvation with fear and trembling?

## Ladies' Day Reminder

I want to remind the ladies about writing a short introduction of yourself for the ladies in the Butere, Kenya congregation. See Mary if you want some guidance in what to write. We need them by September 9 so they can be mailed that week.



## Sundae Toppings

Today: 4:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
9/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9/9, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
9/16, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



## The Oasis Project

If you'd like to volunteer for this fall, let Doug or Mary Cl know. Oasis begins again on 9/25.

## Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Please pray for Mary's readers to have open hearts in Varadzin, Croatia

## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 239-Ezekiel 28-31  
Day 240-Ezekiel 32-35  
Day 241-Ezekiel 36-39  
Day 242-Ezekiel 40-43  
Day 243-Ezekiel 44-47

*What major things do you learn from these prophets?*



## Mark Your Calendar

8/26-29, Back-2-Bible School  
9/1, Fall Quarter: new budget/NYS officers  
9/3, Labor Day Carpet Cleaning!  
9/13-15, Camp Hunt Ladies' Retreat  
9/16, Roger Chambers reports on Malawi  
9/19, Garth and Lilly's birthdays  
9/20-22, Camp Hunt Men's Retreat  
9/25, Oasis begins each Tues. & Thurs.  
9/28-30, Albany Youth Rally

## Today:8/26

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Alfred  
#753, "Farther Along"  
#985, "When Morning Comes"  
#745, "Humble Yourself"  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
#959, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Philippians 2:12-16  
Lesson: Doug "With Fear and Trembling"  
#552, "Have Thine Own Way"  
Closing Song: Garth  
#535, "The Glory-Land Way"  
Closing Prayer: Jim L  
Subs: CH, CC, EB

## Today9/2

Announcements: John  
Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Steven  
Scripture Reading: Chris - Luke 17:1-5  
Lesson: Doug "Increase Our Faith!"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Jim B

## 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 August 19

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	31
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$591.65
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$575.00