

# Church of Christ

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## A WORLD OF CHANGE

In case you haven't noticed, our world has dramatically changed. At one time it would have been unthinkable that millions of unborn children would be murdered in America. There was a time when kids could pray in public schools. Nativity scenes dotted the lawns of county courthouses and municipal parks—without protest. Marriage was strictly a guy-girl arrangement. And you could even pray in Jesus' name at graduation ceremonies.

I'm not interested in being like the grump who said, "In my life I've seen a lot things change and quite frankly I've been against them all!" But if you are talking about changing the face of America to the point where God is out and everything else is in, then I have a problem with that kind of change. My problem is wondering how to handle my heart and attitudes. Wondering how to live and respond in a world where the foundations of righteousness are being eroded on nearly every front.

How do we, as followers of Jesus, process right and wrong in a world that tells us there are no absolutes? How do we proclaim that Jesus alone is what people really need—that He is the "way and the truth" (John 14:6)—when most people no longer believe that there is such a thing as true truth?

You don't have to be an industrial-strength theologian to realize that the current thought patterns of most Americans fly in the face of what we hold to be true. If there are no absolutes, you can forget about the Ten Commandments. If nothing is ever right or wrong, there is no sin and no need for a Savior. It's easy to see that believing in what God tells us about righteousness, truth, and godly liv-

ing leaves us marginalized and outdated. So our hearts cry out with David: "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3).

Let's start with knowing what not to do. Notice that David didn't wring his hands in despair. He didn't "flee like a bird to [the] mountain" (Psalm 11:1). Instead, he decided to take refuge in the Unchanging One. His confidence was bolstered by the fact that God was on His holy throne and that His eyes were well aware of what was going on. Reminded of the ultimate judgment that God would pour out on wickedness, David knew that, in the face of unsettling change, staying on course with God is indeed the best and safest alternative. Looking at all the change from God's point of view, he realized that though the change seemed overwhelming, God is still very much in charge and ultimately victorious.

Why would any of us want to go soft on God and His truth in order to feel more "with it," when we know that the "with it" party train is headed for a disastrous train wreck? So, let's quit all the hand wringing and feeling sorry for ourselves. Let's cheer up, knowing that the things that can't change—such as God's righteous eternal reign—are still in place!

You can go with the change if you choose. I'm going with my changeless God!

Joe Stowell  
getmorestrength.org

## PRAY FOR...

Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health  
Bennett, Jim: health  
Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement  
Burra, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer  
Cech, Matthew and Terry: health  
Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggles  
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery  
Elders: Alfred and Doug  
Garrow, Donald: health  
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer  
Hemingway, David: struggles  
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, Croatia, 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  
Sinclair, Sharon: treatments for cancer  
Stapleton, Katelyn: struggles and new job  
Teachers and students: start of school  
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  
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 ...

“Before the snow flies!” We don’t like the phrase, but it’s September in the North Country. This means we have a lot to do at the church before ... well, you know. Amid retreats, rallies, sings, Oasis, and raking, we have some outside projects to complete. Are you able to help?



## We’ve Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:  
Adults: John’s class--Gospel of John (not him!)  
Youth classes as well ... and don’t forget to meet at Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Munchie Moments

**Fellowship Meal:** our next meal will be 10/28 after morning service.  
**Men’s Prayer Breakfast:** our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 10/7 at 8 a.m.

## Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Great report last week from the Chambers on their Malawi trip
- Please pray for Mary’s readers in Varadzin, Croatia to have open hearts.

## Doug’s Devotional

*“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly”*  
1 Timothy 4:7.

How spiritually in shape are you? If we are honest, it’s probably about as physically in shape we are. Most of us tend toward being lazy. We have more leisure time in our society than ever in history, and with it we have more struggles with obesity, depression, and materialism than any other culture in history—all the while denying that these are problems. Our freedom in Christ is not for indulging in sin but rather for serving one another in love. We still are to adhere to “truths of the faith” and “good teaching.” This means that we are free to take steps that keep us on the narrow path. Just as with our leisure time we could choose to walk a mile or binge Netflix with an open bag of chips, so spiritually we can choose a training program that will build us for edification, evangelism, and benevolence. The pioneers who farmed and pulled stumps all day studied God’s Word by lamplight, raised a barn for their neighbors on Saturday, and attended church—sometimes all day—with their families on Sunday. They didn’t have more time but made better choices. Are you in training?

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## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
9/30, 5th Sunday  
10/7, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast  
10/14, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting;  
3 p.m. Spring Sing in VT  
10/21, Ladies’ Day



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 267-Haggai 1-2; Zech. 1-2  
Day 268-Zechariah 3-6  
Day 269-Zechariah 7-10  
Day 270-Zechariah 11-14  
Day 271-Malachi 1-4

*Any minor tidbits do you learn  
from these prophets?*



## Mark Your Calendar

9/19, Garth and Lilly’s birthdays  
9/20-22, Camp Hunt Men’s Retreat  
9/21-10/17, Mary Cl’s LST trip to Croatia  
9/25, Oasis begins each Tues. & Thurs.  
9/28-30, Albany Youth Rally  
10/14, 3 p.m. Fall Sing in Burlington; 5 p.m. meal  
10/16, Diane & Tara’s birthdays  
10/17, Aowen’s birthday  
10/20, Mariah’s birthday;  
Albany Pre-Teen Youth Rally  
11/2, Utica Youth Rally (Mercy Me concert)  
11/11, Raking Day (after service);  
Josh Monette’s birthday

## Today: 9/23

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Tyler  
Song Leader: Steven  
#626, “Christ For theWorld We Sing”  
#538, “My Hope Is Bulton Nothing Less”,  
#454, “Rock of Ages”  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Chris  
Passer: Justin D  
#145, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  
Scripture Reading: John - 1 Timothy 4:6-8  
Lesson: Doug “Train Yourself to be Godly”  
#916, “What a Day That Will Be”  
Closing Song: Jim L  
#745 “Humble Yourself”  
Closing Prayer: Garth  
Subs: JB, DK, EB

## Next Sunday 9/30

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Carl  
Song Leader: Garth  
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L  
Passer: Michael  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 1:1-4  
Lesson: Doug “Carefully Investigated Everything”  
Closing Song: Steven  
Closing Prayer: Tyler

## Wash & Wear

- the cleaning 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 September 16

Bible Class	28
Morning Worship	35
Wed. Bible Class	12
Contribution	\$927.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00