

# Church of Christ

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## PACKED WITH POWER

My wife, Martie, and I have some items of worth around our house that sit on mantles or behind glass doors. They are things we have collected over the years, things from special places we've been or from special friends we have known. Though these items may have a good deal of worth to us personally, in terms of function they're not worth much. My guess is that you have a few of your own prized dust collectors as well.

I wonder if you, though you might never admit it, feel that way about the Bible—It's an important book with great value but with little usefulness for the realities you face every day. After all, how could an ancient book written by religious zealots even begin to connect with the challenges of your often-too-complex life?

Here's the good news: When it comes to your life, nothing could be more helpful!

The Word of God has tremendous worth and plays an active role in our lives to effect change. Paul explained its power to Timothy when he said that the Bible is "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

I think of my friend who told me of a time when he was away on a business trip. As he returned to his hotel one night and stepped on the elevator, two young, attractive women joined him. As he pressed the button to get off on his floor, they said, "Hey, mister, how about a little fun tonight?"

He told me that Galatians 6:8 immediately came to mind: "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." He said that verse was like a shade drawn between him and what could have been a persuasive temptation. In that moment, the correcting power of the Word of God kept him safe and on course.

Whether we realize it or not, throughout our lives we have been saturated with false values, and we need to be reprogrammed with truth. God's ways and wisdom are without peer. His Word really is like a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119: 105). We need to know what to do with our time, energy, and money. We need to know what to do with our minds. We need to be taught what to do about friends and how to handle enemies. We need to be taught about family, work, and leisure. God's Word is jam-packed with time-tested principles of success for every situation and issue of life.

More importantly, God's Word teaches us the wonderful truth that He cared enough to die for us when we were lost in our sin. In His Word we learn about His character and how we can cultivate a trusted relationship with Him. We learn things about Him through His Word that we cannot learn anywhere else.

The Bible is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12) and packed with power. It's not meant to be a collector's item on your shelf. Go ahead—dust it off and discover for yourself how God can use His Word to guide, protect, encourage, and enrich your life!

## 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  
Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles  
Darling, Wendy: health struggles  
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery  
Elders: Alfred and Doug  
Garrow, Donald: health  
Fontenot, Michelle: Crumps' friend, breast cancer  
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  
Lermineau, 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  
Rice, John: Jim's neighbor, cancer  
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 today with Roger & Mitzi.

**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.
- Roger & Mitzi Chambers will present their Malawi trip today.
- Please pray for Mary's readers in Varadzin, Croatia to have open hearts.

## Congratulations

We contributed \$264 for Healing Hands International Clean Water Project. There will be several families who have safe water because of our congregation. Thank you!

## Doug's Devotional

"... . *However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth*" Luke 18:8.

"The Parable of the Persistent Widow" is one of the few that Jesus tells that does not leave us to wonder why it was recorded. We still must peel the layers back with each reading, but God's purpose for this is so we "should always pray and not give up." If an unjust judge who gives justice just to keep a persistent widow from bothering him, how much more so will a good God give to His people who cry out to Him day and night. God is good—always, and so the problem is not with Him wanting to answer prayer. The biggest struggle we have with prayer is a lack of faith. To pray, we must recognize that we are not control, cannot control God or His answer, and must submit to Him—no matter if His answer is 'yes,' 'no,' 'wait,' or 'something better.' In the parable, it is not the character of God that is in question, but the question of our persistence. That is why Jesus concludes with a reference to His second coming and His doubt if He will find faith on the earth. For our prayer life to increase, our faith must grow, but if our faith grows, what great things God can do through our prayers. How's your faith to pray?

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
9/23, 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



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 260-Jonah 1-4  
Day 261-Micah 1-4  
Day 262-Micah 5-7; Nahum 1  
Day 263-Nah. 2-3; Habakkuk 1-2  
Day 264-Hab. 3; Zephaniah 1-3

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



## Mark Your Calendar

9/16, Roger Chambers reports on Malawi  
9/19, Garth and Lilly's birthdays  
9/20-22, Camp Hunt Men's Retreat  
9/21-10/17, Mary CI'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  
11/11, Raking Day (after service)

## GOD SPEAKS TO THE HEART



**They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"**

*Luke 24:32*

## Today: 9/16

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Jim L  
Song Leader: Alfred  
#882, "No Tears in Heaven"  
#985, "When Morning Comes"  
#915, "Trust and Obey"  
Talk/bread prayer: Chris  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Justin D  
#875, "Home of the Soul"  
Scripture Reading: Carl - 2 Timothy 3:10-17  
Lesson: Roger "The Totality of Scripture"  
#876, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"  
Closing Song: John  
#871, "Beautiful"  
Closing Prayer: Jim B  
Subs: GH, TM, EB

## Next Sunday 9/23

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Tyler  
Song Leader: Steven  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Chris  
Passer: Justin D  
Scripture Reading: John - 1 Timothy 4:6-8  
Lesson: Doug "Train Yourself to be Godly"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Garth

## 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 9

Bible Class	28
Morning Worship	35
Wed. Bible Class	6
Contribution	\$549.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00