

Church of Christ

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PLANTING A FOREST

He's known as the "Forest Man of India."

Over the last 70 years, the Brahmaputra River has eroded over half of the world's largest river island of Majuli in Assam, India. The mighty river has also claimed over 35 villages.

Nearly 40 years ago, Jadav Payeng, then 16, in an effort to counter the powerful erosive effects of the river and save what was left of the island, began daily planting saplings in the barren soil of the place he calls home. Day after day, month after month, and year after year, Jadav planted one tree at a time.

Now, almost four decades later, a thick forest larger than New York's Central Park has taken over the once stark terrain.

What does it take to grow a forest? Desire, motivation, commitment, action, persistence, time, patience, nurture, and vision.

What does it take to grow the Lord's church?

- A desire to save what is left of humanity
- Motivation to plant the seed of truth
- Commitment

- Action
- Persistence in going out into the world to plant
- Time



- Patience while waiting for the seed to take root and grow
- Nurturing of the "saplings" as they strive to survive in a hostile environment
- Vision of what God has in mind for the church

The apostle Paul was a planter, Apollos was a nurturer (1 Corinthians 3:6), and both exhibited a shared desire to save what was left

of humanity. Both were motivated to grow the Lord's body. Both were intensely committed to acting on that desire to plant the seed of the word of God (Luke 8:11).

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:19 that he had become a servant to all in order to win more of them. Later in the chapter, he states that he became all things to people in order that he might save some (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The seed of God's word can save the world. God's people need to be willing to plant day after day, month after month, and year after year.

Troy Albers
Graeber Road church of Christ

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: rehab and health struggles
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer
Hemingway, David: struggles
Kashorek, Lori: strength during chemo for cancer
Lapier, Lisa: Patty's neighbor, lung cancer
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
Mariah's family: struggles
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Croatia, Malawi, Zambia
Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer
Recovery: Eddie Bickford & Jean Buskey
Rice, John: Jim's neighbor, cancer
Sinclair, Sharon: treatments for cancer
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

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.

Mission Moment

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

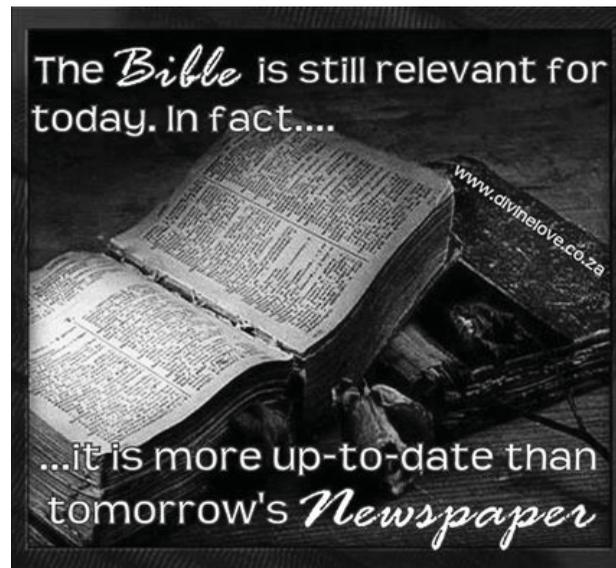
Report From Croatia

This past week finds me arriving on Sunday evening and starting with readers on Monday at 8 a.m. I have some readers who have gone all the way through Luke and Acts workbooks and others who are just in the middle of Luke. Most of the women are middle age or older who want to speak English with their children or grandchildren who are learning English in school. We have had lots to talk about. I also have a 12 yr old boy who reads better than I do, but needs God in his life. Please continue to pray for them and for me! Miss you all.

Doug's Devotional

"Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you ... so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught" Luke 1:3-4.

Just a few years ago, we marked the 400th birthday of the King James Version (KJV) with many articles in various publications that spoke about that translation's impact on Christianity. For over 300 years, the KJV did reign supreme. Indeed, it was in the hands of those fleeing to the new world by ship to find religious freedom and of those crossing that continent by prairie schooner. An update happening in 1769 to modernize the English, the KJV came from Erasmus' textus receptus, a Greek translation that came from Jerome's Latin Vulgate of the 300s. Just over a hundred years ago, a movement to return the thousands of ancient manuscripts, many close to the time of the originals, began to discover what God originally meant. That, the revival of study of ancient cultures and languages, and the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls have brought about a host of translations. Like Luke's research, do these help you find certainty in God's Word?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 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, 12:20 p.m. Ladies' Day
10/28, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 274-Matthew 1-4
Day 275-Matthew 5-8
Day 276-Matthew 9-12
Day 277-Matthew 13-16
Day 278-Matthew 17-20

This week's reading is the gospel truth!



Mark Your Calendar

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
10/26, Taylor's birthday in Christ ('14)
11/2, Utica Youth Rally (Mercy Me concert)
11/11, Raking Day (after service)

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.

Today: 9/30

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Carl
Song Leader: Garth
#605 "I Will Serve You"
#860 "There Is a Habitation"
#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L
Passer: Michael
#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Luke 1:1-4
Lesson: Doug "Carefully Investigated Everything"
#837 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Closing Song: Steven [Do you have his song?]
#611, "Heavenly Sunlight"
Closing Prayer: Tyler
Subs: JBW, CC, JD, EB

Next Sunday 10/7

Announcements: John
Opening Prayer: Alfred
Song Leader: Jim L
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Justin D
Scripture Reading: Chris - Luke 19:26-27
Lesson: Doug "More Will Be Given"
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Jim B

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 23

Bible Class	24
Morning Worship	31
Wed. Bible Class	10
Contribution	\$631.35
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00