

# Church of Christ

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## HE IS OUR ONLY HOPE

When I was about 8 years old, I was asked by a neighborhood friend to attend an afternoon of swimming. I could not swim but I thought, “Just getting to tag along would be fun.” Within a few minutes of arriving at our destination, I was easily talked into getting in the water while holding on to the side of the pool. A few more minutes passed and I slipped into the water, gasping, fighting vigorously to return to my safe state. No matter how hard I tried, I could not regain any type of traction or get my head above water. My peers were busy playing and did not notice my plight. I did not have any hope of getting out of my situation. Thank goodness I grabbed a limb of another child, he realized I was in trouble, and he helped to get me back to the side of the pool. I, again, had hope. I went from being hopeless to having hope.

Regardless of the situation, challenges, or the news we receive, Christians have hope! Hebrews 6:19 says, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.” We clearly understand the imagery of an anchor. As Christians, we have a life of hope which is unshakeable in the face of obstacles in our path. When the waters crash into the ship, it will absorb the pressure and not drift. As the stormy waters of life push us in all directions, we too, will not drift so long as we are anchored in Christ...this is our hope.

As Christians, what is our hope? Our obedience allows us to have eternal hope. Titus 1:2 says, “...in hope of eternal life which God who cannot lie, promised before time began...” Colossians 1:5 paints a richer picture of what it means to have hope, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel...”

Do you, by your obedience and commitment to your Christian walk, have the hope of Heaven? If we are in Christ, we have hope of a future life with Him when He returns (Colossians 1:27). We can go from being hopeless to being full of hope because of God’s promises (Hebrews 10:23). God is faithful, are we? He is our only hope!

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## PRAY FOR...

Bailey, Susan: Jim B's friend-struggles  
Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health  
Bennett, Jim: health  
Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement  
Brownwood, John: struggles  
Burna, 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  
Hemingsway, David: struggles  
Kashorek, Lori: healing~non-chemo cancer treatment  
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  
Sinclair, Sharon: treatments for cancer  
Traveling: Millers-WV, 10/20-24  
Warrick, Oaklyn: 1 year-old, heart surgeries  
West, Larry: Melinda'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 ...

As we look ahead into mid-fall, we have several outside projects that should be done before Raking Day on 11/11. Ask how you might help! We also have a youth hike (10/7), fall sing (10/14), pre-teen youth rally (10/20), and youth rally (11/2-4) before then. Exciting things! We're also collecting items for Thanksgiving Baskets and money to build a playground next spring. Thank you for your 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 11/4 at 8 a.m.

## Mission Moment

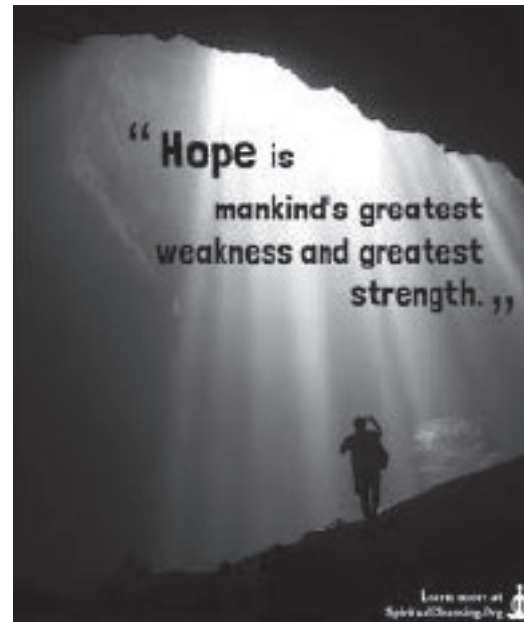
- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Please pray for Mary back from Croatia with lots to report!!

## Doug's Devotional

*"... for this we labor and strive ... we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe"*

1 Timothy 4:9-10.

Hope. Along with faith and love, it is one of the Big Three, one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit that are left us. It is an anchor for the soul. It is the reason to fix our eyes on Jesus as we walk this life as He did. It is fully trusting that God is faithful to the promises that He made to His repentant and obedient followers. The world uses it interchangeably with 'wish' as if heaven may or may not happen, but Christians know that it is a rock-solid word. It is our motivation to live out our three core values of benevolence, edification, and evangelism. It is for this that we labor and strive and so pass on the good news to others through benevolence and edification. Hope propels us to serve and build others up. Where these values are scarce in a Christian, so is hope. Because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard to those who will believe and have that same hope that we know. How does your hope cause you to labor and strive?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
10/28, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
11/4, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast;  
12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
11/11, Raking Day  
11/18, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting-Thanksgiving Baskets due



## 2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 295-Luke 17-20  
Day 296-Luke 21-24  
Day 297-John 1-4  
Day 298-Luke 5-8  
Day 299-Luke 9-12

*This week's reading is the gospel truth!*



## Mark Your Calendar

10/26, Taylor's birthday in Christ (\*14)  
11/2-4, Utica Youth Rally (Mercy Me concert)  
11/4, Time changes (fall back) 1 hour  
11/11, Raking Day (after service)  
11/19, Alfred & Maddie's birthdays  
11/23, Elijah's birthday

## Thanksgiving Baskets

This week's item: **stuffing and gravy**  
Next week's item: **cranberry sauce and/or canned fruit**



## Today: 10/21

Announcements: Car  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: John  
#3, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"  
#749, "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"  
#2 "We Praise Thee O God"  
Talk/bread prayer: Steven  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Garth  
Passer: Justin  
#538, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - 1 Timothy 4:9-10  
Lesson: Doug "Put Our Hope in the Living God"  
#662, "All to Jesus I Surrender"  
Closing Song: Chris  
#23, "Our God, He Is Alive"  
Closing Prayer: Howard  
Subs: DK, MS, EB

## Next Sunday 10/28

Announcements: Jim B  
Opening Prayer: Steven  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Jim L  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Michael  
Scripture Reading: Carl - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14  
Lesson: Alfred "Fear Not!"  
Closing Song: John  
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).

## October 14

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	32
Wed. Bible Class	12
Contribution	\$587.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00