

Church of Christ

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AFTER THANKSGIVING SALE

Many phrases inspire quick responsive behavior on the part of others. “Fire! Run! Help! Dinner! Free Television! Incoming! Snake!” Right alongside these declarations “ After Thanksgiving Sale ” must reside. Each year, prior to Thanksgiving the advertisements come pouring out. Shopping men and women dutifully take note, writing down all the particulars or saving the printed ads. Many literally write down a schedule of where they need to be minute by minute and what they specifically need to obtain in each location of every store. They know the prices, shapes, sizes, and colors of their objectives. Their priorities are established. It is not unusual to see long lines of people waiting early in the morning hours before stores open whether it is cold, dark, or rainy. Not only do these folks come early, they stay late! Busy throughout the day, they are driven like no other time in their life.

Let us consider another moment – Sunday morning. Sunday morning is a time when the Church gathers as was the example in the early Church (Acts 20:7). At that time, they sang hymns to God (Ephesians 5:19) and partook of communion as Jesus had commanded them to remember Him (I Corinthians 11:23-26). The Christians encouraged one another by gathering at these assemblies (Hebrews 10-25) as they also gave cheerfully a collection to further the Word of God and aid needy saints (I Corinthians 16:2). In the midst of this gathering, Christians also received the Word of God which was able to save their souls (James 1:21). Sunday morning truly offers great treasure! Praising God, glorifying God in

obedience, remembering the savior of mankind, aiding others and enjoying their fellowship, and partaking of spiritual nourishment to make one complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17). My daughter used to wake up as a little girl and declare “It’s day!” She woke prepared to get going with the day. How energized do you feel when you hear the phrase “It’s Sunday!”?

“It’s Sunday!” or “ After Thanksgiving Sale! ” which of these phrases brings more organization, excitement, and involvement to the Christian? Do they plan ahead their interaction on Sunday? Do they have their Bibles, notepads, and pens prepared? Are their lessons done ahead of time? Is their frame of mind prepared to glorify God or be a spectator? Do they engage in the singing with voices bright and reverence and cheer on their faces? When the congregation is viewed, does it appear everyone is at nap time, a funeral, bored out of their mind, disinterested? Does the Christian come early to be with his spiritual brothers and sisters? Does he stay late or find opportunity throughout the day to engage in the work of God rain or shine?

Dear friends where is your heart? Are you excited day by day as the coming of Jesus grows nearer (I Peter 1:13)? Is this what drives your behavior above all other aspects of your life? There are many phrases which may ignite your behavior such as “ After Thanksgiving Sale, Free Summer Sausage, and 75% off “, but may “it’s Sunday, let us pray, and study with me” be among the phrases that ignite your heart, soul, strength, and mind above all things.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (Psalm 122:1).

Travis Main
Ripley, TN

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
Conley, Annie May, Mary's sister in TX
Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggles
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Families and churches in California impacted by fires
Gundrum, Eloise: one year-old, cancer
Hemingway, 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
Moving: Melinda to CA to take care of family
Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer
Sinclair, Sharon: treatments for cancer
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 ...

Great job on Raking Day last Sunday! Thank you to all who pitched in. The items we're collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets are due today, and we'll work during the family meeting to put them together. We've got a box for redeemable bottles to help raise money for a playground next spring. Total so far: \$1189.20. On 11/30 at 7 p.m. we'd like to gather as many to go to the SUNY men's hockey match against Buffalo. Can you go?



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: NO meal after morning service on November's 4th Sunday.
Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 12/2 at 8 a.m.

Let's Do Why We Gathered

To help eliminate distractions during worship, the side door will be locked at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. We would ask that you're in the building by that time ready to worship and that bathroom breaks during service be kept to a minimum. Help be a good example for those around you by restricting the use of electronic devices to Bible apps.

Doug's Devotional

"In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you' Luke 22:20. Some have claimed that Jesus meant to establish His kingdom, but wicked men somehow thwarted the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God's plans by putting Him to death on the cross ... so He had to establish the church instead. First, how could sinful creation with all of his limitations outwit the Creator? That just couldn't be done. Second, Jesus walked into His death with eyes wide open as is evidenced by all the times He talked about it. Third, His death was a fulfillment of many Scriptures, including Jeremiah 34 that spoke about a new covenant that would be established. As the resurrected Jesus said to the disciples on the road, "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Last, Christ's shedding of blood for the new covenant "rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" Colossians 1:13. The kingdom of God is here; it is the church of Christ. Has the new covenant in His blood been poured out for you?"



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
-Thanksgiving Baskets due
11/25, 12:30 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal
12/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast;
12/9, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time



Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Roger plans to go to Malawi in December
- Read Eddison's latest report from Brazil.

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 323-1 Corinthians 8-11
Day 324-1 Corinthians 12-15
Day 325-1 Corinthians 16; 2 Co. 1-3
Day 326-2 Corinthians 4-7
Day 327-2 Corinthians 8-11

After reading Acts, just let-ter rip!



Mark Your Calendar

11/19, Alfred & Maddie's birthdays
11/22, Thanksgiving
11/23, Elijah's birthday
11/30, Mary Cl's birthday
SUNY Hockey game
12/25, Christmas
12/29, Jim B's birthday

Thanksgiving Baskets



This week's item: anything you'd like. Forgot to bring in items? We'll accept cash as a donation for the perishables!

Today: 11/18

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Garth
#458, "Redeemed"
#711, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
#616, "The Way of the Cross"
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris
Pass/collection prayer: John
Passer: Justin
#731, "Take Time to Be Holy"
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Luke 22:19-21
Lesson: Doug "New Covenant in My Blood"
544, "Without Him"
Closing Song: Steven
#470, "Victory in Jesus"
Closing Prayer: Tyler
Subs: HG, JL

Next Sunday 11/25

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: John
Song Leader: Alfred
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Justin
Scripture Reading: Jim B - 1 Timothy 4:11-14
Lesson: Doug "Who Correctly Handles the Word of Truth"
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Jim L

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).

November 11

Bible Class	18
Morning Worship	35
Wed. Bible Class	8
Contribution	\$504.70
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00