

Church of Christ

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THE KING LIVES!

In the summer of 2006, the Prime Minister of Japan visited the US for high-level meetings with our President. Or at least that's what I thought. Sure, he was here to visit the President, but much to everyone's surprise, Japan's most influential man was an Elvis fan and he wanted to go to Graceland to visit the home of his hero. So off he and George Bush went on Air Force One to give the Prime Minister a tour of the Elvis mansion. In fact, the white-tie dinner reserved for dignitaries that is usually held at the White House was held in the Memphis mansion. In the midst of this pop-culture pilgrimage, Prime Minister Koizumi even broke into an impromptu Elvis tune! It seems that Elvis obsessions extend well beyond the borders of the US!

In the years since Elvis passed away, the rumor mills have occasionally reported "Elvis-sightings" from diehard fans who refused to believe that "the King" is dead. People all over the world bore witness to the fact that they had seen Elvis in all kinds of places: grocery store parking lots, fast food joints, hotel swimming pools—and even cruising along in traffic (driving various shades of Cadillac)! Web sites and fan clubs are consumed by this sincere, yet ultimately trivial pursuit.

Which reminds me that our King—the ultimate and real King, Jesus—is not dead. And while Elvis fans are pursuing a glimpse of the "King," think of how wonderful it would be if someone in your world were to see a "God sighting" by watch-

ing your life. Think of it: Each day we have a chance to give someone a God sighting as the attitudes and character of Jesus are seen through us. And, in fact, providing God sightings is God's intended purpose for our lives, so that all can finally believe that Jesus really lives.

Let me explain. In our text, 1 Corinthians 6:20, we are told that Jesus paid a great price so that we might live to glorify Him. God's glory is the manifest expression of all that He is in His all-surpassing, praiseworthy, stunning perfection! And glorifying Him is quite simply showing off the reality of His glorious character in all of our actions, encounters, and attitudes. It's making the invisible God visible. And He has chosen to make His love, mercy, grace, justice, righteousness, holiness, and every other aspect of His stunning character visible through you and me! God's glory is His "wow factor," because when it is experienced and visibly seen, it's an awesome reality!

So when was the last time you stunned your world by loving someone who is unlovable? By forgiving a deep offense? By choosing integrity over compromise? By serving others instead of serving yourself? By reaching out to the poor and oppressed? By extending grace to an undeserving soul?

What a privilege—we have been saved to provide a few "God sightings" in our world. Thank God, our King lives!

Joe Stowell
getmorestrength.org

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, health issues
Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggles
Dashnaw, Justin: rehab following surgery
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Gonyea, Louis: Patty's brother, surgery in VT
Hagen, Robert: Carl & Cindy's brother, cancer
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: struggles
Martin, Tina: Chris' cousin, back surgery
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Croatia, Malawi, Zambia
Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer
Stone, Melinda: new challenges in CA
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.

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 the new year approaches, what will you commit to to strengthen your relationship with God? Now's the time to think about it. Greater time in prayer? Service? How about to knowing God through knowing His Word? A new interactive Bible reading plan from WVBS is coming soon!



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.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: NO meal after morning service on December's 4th Sunday. But, the 5th Sunday, 12/30, bring a snack for a game/movie night!
Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 1/6 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

"The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'"

Luke 23:36-37.

A person claims to be Napoleon and is dismissed as crazy. He offers no proof, but as long as he's not a danger to himself or others, people leave him alone. The proofs that Jesus was God in the flesh and 'King of the Jews' as the written notice on the cross stated filled the gospel accounts in great variety and were certainly not done secretly. Everyone knew, and yet the ways and words of this uneducated carpenter from Galilee cast such light into the darkness that the darkness rose up against him all the while demanding that Jesus prove He was who He said He was by saving himself. What a worldly show of strength—that a person could only show true power by coming down from a cross and saving one person! Nevermind that Jesus had predicted time and time again that after he was put to death by wicked men that He would rise on the third day. Nevermind that passage after passage in the Old Testament pointed to His death on a cross to not save just one person but everyone who would believe that He is King of the Jews. Do you?



No Wednesday Winter

In the most weather and schedule adverse time of year, we are canceling Wednesday night Bible Classes through the Winter Quater to resume in the spring. So, until next March, spend a little extra time midweek in prayer or the Word..or perhaps serving someone in need.

Sundae Toppings

Today: 12/16, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
12/23, 12:30 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal
12/30, 5 p.m. 5th Sunday snack and game/movie night
1/6, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
1/13, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time



Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Pray for Roger's back from Malawi. Lots to share.
- Read Eddison's latest report from Brazil.

2018 Weekly Bible Reading Plan



Day 351-James 4-5, 1 Peter 1-2
Day 352-1 Peter 3-5, 2 Peter 1
Day 353-2 Peter 2-3, 1 John 1-2
Day 354-1 John 3-5, 2 John
Day 355-3 John, Jude, Revelation 1-2

After reading Acts, just let-ter rip!



Mark Your Calendar

12/21, Jackie's birthday
12/25, Christmas
12/29, Jim B's birthday
12/31, Cech anniversary ('90)
1/4, Brownwood anniversary ('16)
1/10, Carl's birthday
1/11, Silvia's birthday
1/12, Patty's birthday

Musical Mash-Up

12/18 -10 am: Christopher, Holiday Show, Peru HS Auditorium
12/18 -6 pm: Tyler, HS chorus/band, NAC HS auditorium
12/20 -12:30 pm: Elijah, K Holiday Show, Peru IM Stage

Today: 12/16

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Alfred
#Red 194,"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
#Red 319, "I'm Going That Way"
#Red 573, "Shall I Crucify My Savior?"
Talk/bread prayer: Chris
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Steven
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Justin
#Red 583, "Sing to Me of Heaven"
Scripture Reading: Carl - Luke 23:35-39
Lesson: Doug "If You Are ..."
#Red 575, "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"
Closing Song: John
#Red 268, "I Gave My Life forr Thee"
Closing Prayer: Jim B
Subs: GH, TM

Next Sunday 12/23

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
Scripture Reading: John - Luke 24:30-35
Lesson: Doug "It is True! The Lord has Risen"
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).

December 9

Bible Class	18
Morning Worship	28
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$567.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00