

# Church of Christ

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## THE TIPPING POINT

*Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God.* —Romans 12:1

In his book *The Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell observes that struggling businesses are often turned around by one key decision. Many once-foundering companies are now thriving and successful because of a choice that became the tipping point.

Although targeted to those in business management, the principle also applies to those who are committed to advancing the cause of Christ. Sometimes we find ourselves up against a wall, struggling with a decision or situation that threatens to cripple our capacity for effective service to our King. It's at those critical junctures that we can make a "tipping point" decision to turn things around.

The decision? Surrender your will and heart to God. James 4:7 says, "Submit to God," and Romans 12:1 tells us, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." Be willing to sacrifice your agenda for His greater purposes.

What if Noah had told God, "I don't do boats!" What if Joseph had not forgiven his brothers and failed to protect them from the life-threatening famine? Or what if Jesus had refused to die on the cross?

Surrender is the tipping point. When we make that choice, God can use us to do great things for Him.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;  
I now surrender, Lord—in me abide. —Orr

**Surrender becomes victory when we yield to God.**

## 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  
**Gruetzmacher, Dejean:** Donna's daughter, struggles  
**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  
**Mapes, Carol:** Ellen's mother, cancer  
**Mariah:** struggles  
**Martin, Tina:** Chris' cousin, upcoming 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 ...

We’d love for everyone to be immersed in the Word in 2019! The WVBS Interactive Bible Plan includes Spotlight on the Word (SOTW) and supplemental (SUPP) videos that start out with the life of Christ in the New Testament first. These could really enhance a straight reading of His Word. But, if you take just part of this, modify it, or do an entirely different plan, your walk with Christ will deepen with regular study.



## 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:** Tonight at 5:00 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

*“Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers”*

1 Timothy 4:15-16.

There are two kinds of people who enter a swimming pool: those who dive right in and splash others and those who immerse first toe, then ankle, then leg, then knee .... These are the ones who complain the loudest at each interval and then exclaim that “it’s fine once you’re in!” even though their hair is still dry. If we are to be walking as Jesus did by living out our core values of benevolence, edification, and evangelism, then we are to be diligent about commanding and teaching the precepts of God. We must give ourselves wholly to them—cannonball into the canon of Christian living—so that others will listen and learn from us. They’ll be splashed by our progress and find the motivation to jump in themselves. We must watch our life and doctrine closely. We must persevere in them. The pool—or world—is full of sharks and other untold dangers. But Jesus is the lifeguard and won’t ever let you drown! How do you enter the water?



## Sundae Toppings

Today: 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  
1/20, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
1/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

### 2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: Intro to the N.T.; Matthew  
1/1: Matthew 1-4  
1/2: Matthew 5-7  
1/3: Matthew 8-10  
1/4: Matthew 11-12  
1/5: Matthew 13-15

SUPP: How to Begin Reading the Bible; Biblical Timeline: The Life of Christ; Hypocrite!  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)



## Mark Your Calendar

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  
1/20, Brant anniversary (\*89)

## No Wednesday Winter

In the most weather and schedule adverse time of year, we are canceling Wednesday night Bible Classes through the Winter Quarter 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.

## Today: 12/30

Eye Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Carl  
Song Leader: Tyler  
#979, “I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger”,  
#264, “O Come Let Us Adore Him”  
#705, “A Common Love”  
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Garth  
Passer: Justin  
#77, Glorify Thy Name”  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - 2 Timothy 4:15-16  
Lesson: Doug “Give Yourself Wholly to Them”  
#1009, Battle Hymn of the Republic”  
Closing Song: Steven  
#610, “I Love My Savior, Too”  
Closing Prayer: Jim L  
Subs: JBW, CC

## Next Sunday 1/6

Announcements: John  
Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Doug  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Justin  
Scripture Reading: Chris - Acts 2:36-41  
Lesson: Doug “And There Were Added That Day”  
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).

## December 23

Bible Class	13
Morning Worship	27
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$1,129.20
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00