

Church of Christ

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CONNECTEDLY CHALLENGED

I'll never forget the time I bought a new stereo system. I brought the boxes home and carefully unwrapped each piece of equipment. I spread everything out on the floor. There it was—wires and all. But halfway into the assembling project I realized I needed some serious help. Believe me, I am a technological idiot; when it comes to connecting in digital world, I'm in serious trouble!

Most of us are a lot like that spiritually. We have all the equipment we need to connect to an intimate and fulfilling relationship with the only One who is tailor-made to make great music out of our lives. But most of us never quite seem to get it figured out. So here are some pointers.

The intimacy with God we were built to enjoy begins by realizing that our relationship with Jesus is the key to getting connected. As He said in John 14:6, "No one comes to the Father except through me." And then in John 15:1-27 he paints a profound picture of what that looks like (I find pictures are really helpful in set-up manuals), by telling us that we are like branches and that He is the vine. All the resources we need to prosper and bear fruit come from entwining our entire being—mind, will, intellect, emotions, and attitudes—into Jesus. And then He concludes the connection instructions by telling us that the key to letting the music flow is our unflinching obedience to Him in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus says, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love" (John 15:10). The payoff of finally getting connected is that we will experience the deep-down joy that only He can give as a reward for obediently staying wired to Him. He assures us, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

Perhaps you can imagine the joy I felt when a friend came over to get me out of my digital mess. And the music was spectacular!

When you think of your spiritual journey, I wonder if you feel frustrated and wound up in wires that go nowhere, leaving you disappointed and doubting if your Christianity will ever work? Check in with the "intimacy expert." Jesus welcomes you to listen to His advice for your life and then to hook up by obeying all of His directives. Directives about how to deal with your enemies, your family, your finances, your weird boss, and anything or anybody else that crosses your path. As it is with digital equipment, there are no alternatives. If the wires aren't plugged into the right place, it just won't work.

And, one other thought: When I can't get something to work I always know that it's not the manufacturer's fault. They knew just how to make the equipment. So if God seems far away and there is little or no music in your heart, it's not God's fault

Joe Stowell
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PRAY FOR...

Bailey, Susan & Emily: Jim B's friend-struggles
Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health
Bennett, Jim: health
Bickford, Eddie: recovery from surgery
Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement
Brownwood, John: struggles
Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer
Cech, Matthew: 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: struggles
Davis, Austin: Mariah's brother, health
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Gonyea, Louis: Patty's brother, rehab after surgery
Gruezmacher, De'ann: Donna's daughter, struggles
Hagen, Robert: Carl & Cindy's brother, cancer
Howard, Sammy: health struggles
Kashorek, Lori: healing~non-chemo cancer treatment
Lapier, Lisa: Patty's neighbor, lung cancer
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggles
Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relative, struggles
LePage, Jim Sr. and Gail: Jim L's parents, health
McCutchan, Glenda: health & recovery
Mariah: struggles
Martin, Tina: Chris' cousin, upcoming back surgery
Miller, Jody: struggles
Missions: Brazil, Croatia, Malawi
Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer
Stone, Steven: struggles
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: Our 4th Sunday meal will be after service on 1/27. Bring a dish and invite a friend.
Men's Prayer Breakfast: Our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 2/3 at 8 a.m.

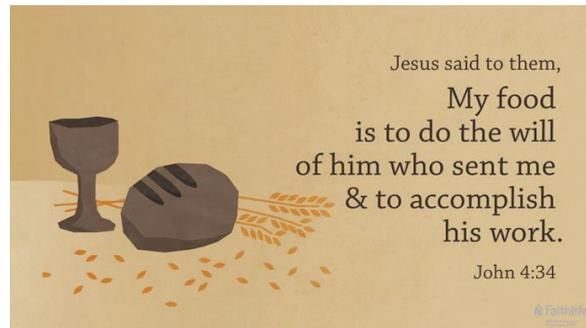
Let's Do Why We Gathered

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

"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work'"
John 4:34.

Food. Everyone loves to eat. For most of us, it is what drives us. We rarely miss an opportunity to eat, and we seek that which not only nourishes us physically but also pleases our palates! After Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, His disciples ate but found that Jesus wasn't hungry. Wondering if He had been given food, Jesus declares that His food was to do God's will and work. We all have experienced this phenomenon. Engrossed in something we're passionate about, time goes by and physical hunger is forgotten while we gorge on other food. His Father's will and work were Jesus' mission. His interaction with the woman to make her realize her sin and who He was satisfied His true hunger. How about ours? As His followers, we too should be about our Father's will and work. His mission is ours. From the living and active pages of Scripture we see that we should be all about glorifying God, strengthening the saved, and leading the lost to the Savior. The craving for this true food should consume us. What are you doing to satisfy your hunger?



"My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."
~Abraham Lincoln

Sundae Toppings

Today: 2:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
1/20, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
1/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
2/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: Luke
1/13: Mark 4-5
1/14: Mark 6-7
1/15: Mark 8-10
1/16: Mark 11-12
1/17: Mark 13-14
1/18: Mark 15-16
1/19: Mark 1-3
SUPP: Miracles
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

1/20, Brant anniversary ('89)
2/10, Howard's birthday
2/14, Valentine's Day; Kashorek's birthday in Christ ('93)

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: 1/13

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Chris
#745, "Humble Yourself"
#290, "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
#349, "Ten Thousand Angels"
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Passer: Tyler
417, "Where He Leads I'll Follow"
Scripture Reading: Carl - John 4:31-34
Lesson: Doug "My Food is ..."
#852, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
Closing Song: Jim L
#853, "When We All Get to Heaven"
Closing Prayer: Steven
Subs: JD, DK

Next Sunday 1/20

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Steven
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Passer: Jim L
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Judges 1:19-21
Lesson: Doug "Could Not"
Closing Song: Chris
Closing Prayer: Howard

"The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed."
~Patrick Henry

January 6

Bible Class	18
Morning Worship	24
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$582.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00