

Church of Christ

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MAKE UP YOUR MIND

When I was young, my mother tried to prepare me for life by urging me to make up two things: my bed and my mind. When I got up each day she would remind me, “Joe, make up your bed.” And when I couldn’t decide what I wanted to do, she would prod me, “Joe, make up your mind.”

By far, making up our minds is the more important of the two skills. The real issue is not whether we can make up our mind; it’s whether we can make up our minds correctly. Correct thinking leads to correct decisions—the kind of decisions that guarantee productive and satisfying outcomes. But in our culture correct thinking is a challenge. Every day we are bombarded with secular input that is not only incorrect from God’s point of view, but also counterproductive in our relationships, aspirations, and spiritual growth.

This tug of war in our minds is really about values. Our values define us. They are the guiding principles that form our thoughts, our conclusions, and ultimately our behavior. They are instilled in us by our families, teachers, experiences, entertainment choices, our heroes, our community, and sometimes even by our fallen instincts. When we listen to all the voices around us and ignore the input of God’s Word, making up our mind always get us into trouble.

But when we accept the truth of God’s Word as the guiding principle for decision-making, we will be equipped with the discernment to make up our minds in good ways. And, there is no shortage of good advice in Scripture! God has given us the correct information on how to handle money, relationships, children, spouses, offenses, employers, employees, and politicians. You name it—God has the correct information to guide your mind to correct conclusions.

But beware—good discernment can be easily derailed by rationalization. It’s easy to make mental excuses that neutralize our ability to make good choices. We’ve all heard the excuses—and sometimes from our own lips: “I know it’s wrong, but . . .” or “If it weren’t for the way he treats me” or “I know a lot of people who do worse things.”

In Philippians 1:9-11, Paul encourages us to make excellent decisions that are the by-product of an uncompromised, excuse-free commitment to unselfish acts of love grounded in a discerning application of the knowledge of God’s Word. The result? A life that basks in the pleasures of purity, the fruit of the Spirit, and the fulfillment of our redemptive purpose to live to the praise and glory of God (Philippians 1:10-11).

So take my mother’s advice: Every day, make up your bed and make up your mind. Just be careful how you make up your mind!

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
Gruetzmacher, De'ann: Donna's daughter, struggles
Howard, Sammy: Carl & Cindy's brother, cancer
Howard, Sam: 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

“And the Lord was with Judah, and he took possession of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain because they had chariots of iron” Judges 1:19.

Joshua had led the Israelites into Canaan, and after several conquests together, in which it is was clear that God was very much with them, Joshua divided the Promised Land, assuring them that God would always be with them and give them success—if only they would trust and obey Him! So, why does the book of Judges open up with failure after failure of God’s people to take that which was their inheritance? They didn’t trust or obey Him. They were very adept at making excuses to ease their sense of responsibility—because they had chariots of iron. Oh, how much this sounds like God’s people who have been led into the Promised land today by Jesus’ victory of the gospel, who have been reassured that He will always be with us, but who make many excuses not to grasp our inheritance—if only we would trust and obey Him. We have inhabitants of the plain to drive out; God who is with us has equipped us to do it! Will you trust and obey?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
1/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
2/3, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
1/13, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: none
1/20: Luke 3-4
1/21: Luke 5-6
1/22: Luke 7-8
1/23: Luke 9-10
1/24: Luke 11-12
1/25: Luke 13-14
1/26: Luke 15-16
SUPP: Pilate Inscription; The Truth About Hell
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

1/20, Brant anniversary (*89)
2/10, Howard’s birthday
2/14, Valentine’s Day; Kashoreks’ birthdays in Christ (*93)
2/18, Chris’ birthday
2/20, Jody’s birthday in Christ

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: 1/20

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
#71, “As the Deer”
#719, “Love One Another”
#528, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
Talk/bread prayer: Alfred
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Passer: Justin
#490, “It Is Well With My Soul”
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Judges 1:19-21
Lesson: Doug “Could Not”
#924, “Just As I Am”
Closing Song: Chris
#915, “Trust and Obey”
Closing Prayer: Howard
Subs: CH

Next Sunday 1/27

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: John
Talk/bread prayer: Jim B
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris
Pass/collection prayer: Alfred
Passer: Justin
Scripture Reading: Carl - Judges 2:10-15
Lesson: Doug “Who Did Not Know the Lord”
Closing Song: Tyler
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).

January 13

Bible Class	15
Morning Worship	28
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$683.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00