

# Church of Christ

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## CAN'T WAIT

Hey, for you guys out there who have forgotten, it's Valentine's [Week]! Hopefully you still have time to pick up something special for the love of your life. (And you don't even have to tell her that I reminded you!)

The love of my life, of course, is my wife, Martie. I remember so clearly the summer before our senior year of college when I finally summoned up the nerve to ask her to marry me. We had been dating for a couple of years and ended up working in different states over the summer. I spent the summer working at home in New Jersey, and she was up in the Adirondack Mountains serving at a Christian conference center. That struck a little panic in my soul. She would not only be away from me, but she would be surrounded by tanned lifeguards and well-abbed water-ski instructors! I knew in order to seal the deal I would need to take some action.

I pulled together the cash to buy her an engagement ring and climbed into my little Volkswagen to trek up to the conference grounds. The whole way there I was a mixture of nerves and excitement, anticipating the moment that I would pop the question! When I arrived at the conference, however, I discovered that our college president was there as the featured speaker. And, in an act of goodwill, he decided to take all of us students out for pie and ice cream after the evening session. Normally, I would have been delighted to be out for dessert with our college president. But that evening all I could think of was, "I can't wait to get her out of here!" I had bigger plans and a better agenda for the evening. I wasn't interested in snacks—I wanted to get Martie

out of there so I could propose and spend the rest of my life with her!

Recently, as I was reading John 14:3, it struck me—Jesus can't wait to get us out of here so He can spend eternity with us. In fact, one of the key metaphors used to describe His relationship with the church is the picture of a groom waiting for his bride. With that in mind, you can almost feel the sense of urgency and anticipation in His voice when He assures us: "I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

The timing of Christ's return, while unknown to us, is perfectly on schedule with God's sovereign plan. Why would God wait if He really wants to be with us? He waits to allow additional people to hear the life-transforming message of forgiveness and new life in Jesus (2 Peter 3:9). And yet I can't help but think that Jesus, longing to be reunited with you, says to Himself, "I can't wait to get them out of there!" His agenda is far greater, far more thrilling, and infinitely better than whatever we have planned on this earth.

If Martie had known what was coming that evening, it would have made her just as anxious and excited as I was to get out of there. It would have affected her whole perspective. And here's the amazing thing: When it comes to Christ's return for us, we're in on the secret! We don't know the time, but we know the promise—He's coming back, and He can't wait! The thrill of the prospect of it all should transform the way we live each day. There should be a sense of holy discontent and a constant longing for what we have ahead of us.

I can hardly wait. How about you?

Joe Stowell  
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## PRAY FOR...

Bailey, Susan & Emily: Jim B's relative, struggles

Baker, Helen: Melinda's mother, health

Bennett, Jim: health

Bickford, Eddie: recovery from surgery

Bier, Paul: Jim B's friend, health

Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement

Brownwood, John: struggles

Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer

Cech, Matthew: health

Chambers, Michael: Alfred's nephew, health struggles

Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles

Conley, Annie May, Mary's sister in TX, health issues

Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggles

Dashaw, 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, Dejean: Donna's daughter, struggles

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

Morrison family: Mary's neighbor's family, health struggles

Nelson, Barb: Alex & Nick's grandmother, cancer

Noble, Arty: Sammy's father, health struggles

Stone, Steven: struggles

West, Larry: Melinda's friend in CA, health

Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers' mother, health

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Bible Class	10 A.M.
Morning Worship	11 A.M.

*"Continue to help us keep this list updated and to pray for those mentioned in previous bulletins."*

## 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 ...

Next week, please help to move the chairs out of the auditorium with our newly-built chair carts and then plan to stay for our Family Meeting, where we'll talk about cleaning the carpets and begin to discuss our VBS scheduled for early August.



## 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 2/24. Bring a dish and invite a friend.  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Our next 1st Sunday MPB is on 3/3 at 8 a.m.

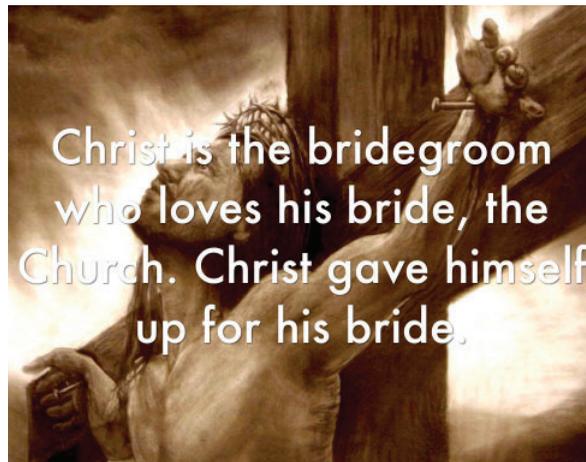
## Let's Do Why We Gathered

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

*"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood"* Acts 20:28.

When I was growing up, my dad was in the Navy Reserves, and so for two weeks each year, he would go on active duty. Because I was the oldest, he would tell me that while he was gone, I had to be the man of the house and take care of my mother. Looking back, it was probably his way of getting me to be good and perhaps be more of a help to mom at home. He wasn't looking for me to fix the washing machine when it broke or go grocery shopping, but I still had fantasies of wrestling an intruder to the ground if he should happen to break in. This verse is a charge to overseers, yes, but there's a view into how Jesus feels about His bride that He has left behind for a little while. He obtained her with His own blood. He died for her. Isn't that the ultimate test of love that everyone always uses? "I would die for her!" But then He turns her over to those entrusted to be shepherds and tells them they must be the men of the house while He's gone. How can you help us take care of His church?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
2/17, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
2/24, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
3/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



## Mission Moment

- local: twin sheets & towels needed for those affected by Dannemora fire
- local: trial size toiletries, etc. needed for PCS Wellness Project
- Please pray for all our mission works.

**2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan**

SOTW: none  
2/10: Acts 3-4  
2/11: Acts 5-7  
2/12: Acts 8-9  
2/13: Acts 10-11  
2/14: Acts 12-13  
2/15: Acts 14-16  
2/16: Acts 17-19  
SUPP: What Must I Do To Be Saved?;  
The Truth About Repentance;  
8 FAQs About Baptism  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)

## Mark Your Calendar

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  
2/17-23, clean carpets!  
3/8-9, Inspire NE @ Manchester, CT  
3/9, Wetzel Rd. Preteen Youth Rally  
3/13, Donna's birthday in Christ ('11)

## 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: 2/10

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Chris  
#23, "Our God, He Is Alive"  
#290, "Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
#1031, "You Are Holy"  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim L  
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler  
Passer: Justin  
#490, "It is Well with My Soul"  
Scripture Reading: Garth - Acts 20:28-30  
Lesson: Doug "Obtained with His Own Blood"  
#417, "Where He Leads I'll Follow"  
Closing Song: John  
#909, "There's a Fountain Free"  
Closing Prayer: Howard  
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## Next Sunday 2/17

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Ed  
Song Leader: Garth  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: John  
Passer: Sammy  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 1 John 4:7-12  
Lesson: Doug "In This is Love"  
Closing Song: Chris  
Closing Prayer: Tyler

## 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).

February 3	
Bible Class	13
Morning Worship	26
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$905.75
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00