

# Church of Christ

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## SHE LOVES ME, . . . SHE LOVES ME NOT

Did you ever try to figure out whether or not someone you loved, loved you in return? Who knows when, but a long time ago some romantic had the idea that you could solve the dilemma by pulling petals off of a daisy. Remember how it works? “She loves me, she loves me not . . .” When you got to the last petal, you’d have it figured out. And, the beauty of it was, if you didn’t like the outcome, you could grab another flower and start over!

Sometimes I wonder if that’s how God feels about our love for Him. We know from Scripture that God’s love toward us is faithful, undaunted, and unchanging (Lamentations 3:22-23). But, quite frankly, our love for Him is often fickle and erratic. One day it’s “we love Him,” and a couple of days later it looks like “we love him not.” And while we would never say it that way, sometimes that’s really what it is! One day we resonate with intimacy toward God, and the next, we feel distant and disconnected.

I suspect that part of the problem is our understanding of the word love. We use the same English word to speak about so many things. I could say, “I love the Chicago Cubs; I love deep-dish pizza; I love the family dog; and I love my wife” using the same word for all, but meaning dra-

matically different things. Then we take that same word and say, “I love God.” No wonder the meaning gets lost!

That’s why I’m thankful for the writings of the apostle John. He moves the discussion about our love for God from the realm of our fickle feelings to tangible, practical ways that we can express our love to God regardless of how we feel. John tells us that God feels loved by us when we surrender to Him and obey (1 John 5:3). He also tells us that loving God is expressed to Him by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 4:21). And in today’s verse we see that our love for God is also proven when we choose to love God more than the world! “If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

So, thankfully, our love for God doesn’t need to rise and fall on how we feel on a given day. Loving Him is about our choice to put Him first and care about the things He cares about! And that is something we can do on a regular basis regardless.

If you’ve been caught in a “petal-pulling” love relationship with Jesus, set yourself free by choosing to express your love to Him in concrete ways every day. You’ll be surprised at how quickly the good feelings follow your good choices!

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  
**Boula, Pat:** Chris C’s friend-heart valve replacement  
**Brownwood, John:** struggles  
**Burna, Jennifer:** Carl & Cindy’s cousin, cancer  
**Cain, Kim:** Cindy’s relative, fostering kids  
**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:** flu and 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  
**Howard, Sammy:** health struggles  
**Kashorek, Lorri:** 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  
**Martin, Tina:** Chris’ cousin, recovering pneumonia  
**Miller, Jody:** struggles  
**Missions:** Brazil, Croatia, Malawi  
**Morrison family:** Mary’s neighbor’s family, health struggles  
**Noble, Arty:** Sammy’s father, health struggles  
**Oster, Mariah:** struggles  
**Stone, Steven:** struggles  
**West, Larry:** Melinda’s friend in CA, health  
**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 ...

After service today, 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.

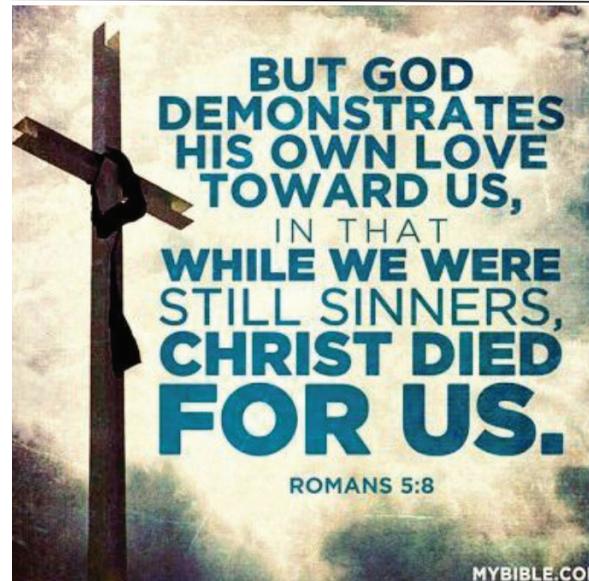
## Let's Do Why We Gathered

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

*"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" 1 John 4:10.*

The world always wants to define things that belong to God and have already been defined in His Word. 'Marriage' and 'baptism' are just two of those. But here, God doesn't even let us define 'love' how we would like to. Listening to songs on the radio, we'd think love is a secondhand emotion based on very superficial things such as a person's looks. In this verse, we see that love does not originate in us as a reaction to being created. We had to be taught by God, and so He shows us what love is by sending His Son as a propitiation for our sins. That's a word seldom seen in a Valentine's Day card, but Campbell in The Christian System explains that it means a satisfying of the law's requirements. Used when speaking of Jesus' sacrifice, propitiation regards God, reconciliation regards sinners, expiation regards sin, and redemption regards the saved. Love, then, is that God sent His Son for the express purpose of satisfying the debt man owed God because of sin. Love is seen in God's justice so that He can extend mercy. Have you let God love you?



## Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
2/24, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
3/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3/10, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time



## 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: Romans  
2/17: Acts 20-22  
2/18: Acts 23-25  
2/19: Acts 26-28  
2/20: Romans 1-3  
2/21: Romans 4-6  
2/22: Romans 7-9  
2/23: Romans 10-12  
SUPP: The Truth About Baptism  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)

## Mark Your Calendar

- 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)
- 3/22-24, Endwell Youth Rally
- 3/24, Mary Chamber's birthday

## 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: 2/17

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Ed  
Song Leader: Garth  
#300, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"  
#221, "Jesus Name Above All Names"  
#287, "There Is a Redeemer"  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: John  
Passer: Sammy  
#324, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 1 John 4:7-12  
Lesson: Doug "In This is Love"  
#789, "Father"  
Closing Song: Chris  
#453 "Love Lifted Me"  
Closing Prayer: Tyler  
Sub: JD, JB, JL

## Next Sunday 2/24

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Alfred  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Justin  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - Judges 3:12-15  
Lesson: Doug "Raised Up ... a Deliverer"  
Closing Song: Garth  
Closing Prayer: Jim L

## 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 10

Bible Class	15
Morning Worship	28
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$732.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00