

Church of Christ

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GRAFFITI ON THE FACE OF JESUS

The graffiti mafia struck again. I read about it in the morning paper after Chicago gangs had defaced a variety of historic landmarks the night before. If you are a city dweller, you've seen it on a regular basis—beautiful buildings that grace the landscape and stand as monuments to the glory of their architects become spray-painted targets for dissonant images and messages.

As I read the article, I was taken by the thought, I wonder if my life is like graffiti on the face of Jesus? We are reminded in Scripture that we are “God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (Ephesians 2:10), and that we are to imitate Him (Ephesians 5:1). It is clear that our purpose in life is to give the people we encounter an opportunity to see what the real Jesus is like.

If you are like me, most of the people in your family, at work, or in your neighborhood know that you are a follower of Jesus. Once our connection to Jesus is known, people pay close attention to how we live. They have this strange expectation that we should be different—like Jesus! I wonder if the people-watchers are disappointed?

When we get real with ourselves, we have to admit that too often they see anything but Jesus in the way we live. Using others for our own advantage, being quick to judge and to speak poorly of others, and refusing to forgive

make us just like the next guy. When others notice our “all about us” attitudes, any thought that we bear a resemblance to the real Jesus who came not to be served but to serve is “graffitied” by our obsession with ourselves. Why is it that we are prone to manifest as much greed, anger, aggressiveness, and sensuality as the average pagan? Our record on issues that relate to racial prejudice and cross-cultural sensitivity is particularly not like Jesus. While we appropriately lift a prophetic voice against moral ills such as abortion and homosexual behavior, we are strangely silent on issues that touched the heart of Christ: poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Apart from our activities on Sunday and our conformity to external codes of do’s and don’ts, the world doesn’t notice much difference. All they are left to see in Christianity is the loss of a day of leisure on the weekend and the denial of common pleasures. Few people find that kind of Christianity compelling.

To stay in shape, commit yourself to one true reflection of Jesus every day!

Joe Stowell
getmorestrength.org

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: struggles
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Elders, Alfred and Doug
Gonyea, Louis: Patty's brother, rehab after surgery
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
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, cancer
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 fasting 40 days and nights, Jesus countered the devil’s temptation to turn a stone into bread with “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” We are not just physical beings, and although we’ll enjoy the food after service today, it is the fellowship in Christ that spiritually feeds us. Are you well fed in every way?



Thank you ...

to everyone who helped with moving everything out of and into to auditorium or cleaning the carpets this week ... and to all who have been helping to keep up with the constant shoveling, salting, and digging out of the bus!

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: Our 4th Sunday meal is today. Please stay and fellowship with the family.

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

“Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up for them a deliverer ...” Judges 3:15.

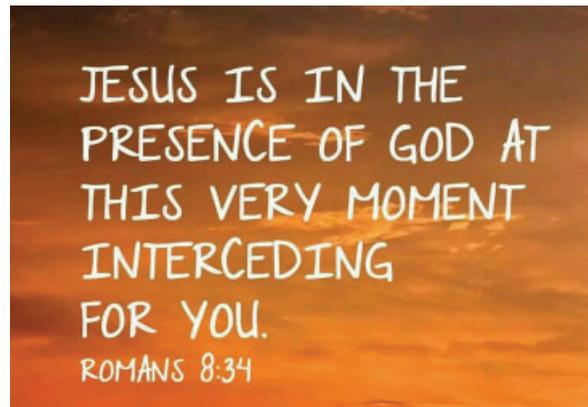
It’s in this part of the cycle of sin and deliverance that God’s people want God’s help out of their terrible situation but are often not good at recognizing that it was their sin that got them there in the first place. Often at this point many blame God for their circumstances—as if God fell asleep or is indifferent to their plight. At the very least, some may doubt His existence. Believing Him a doting grandfatherly figure, they question how a good and loving God could allow death and suffering in the world. In the previous chapter, however, God explains that the people would fall back into sin until the consequences grew too unbearable, and then they’d cry out for a deliverer, which God in His great mercy and love would provide. The people would only obey, though, until the death of the judge, and then the cycle would start all over. Ehud’s story exemplifies the cycle. But so does Jesus’. The difference is that Jesus rose from death and lives to intercede for us. We don’t need to fall back into sin. He and His Spirit are in us, strengthening us for the daily battle. Is the Judge with you?

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.



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
3/3, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
3/10, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time
3/17, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: 1 & 2 Corinthians
2/24: Romans 13-16
2/25: 1 Corinthians 1-4
2/26: 1 Corinthians 5-8
2/27: 1 Corinthians 9-12
2/28: 1 Corinthians 13-16
3/1: 2 Corinthians 1-4
3/2: 2 Corinthians 5-8
SUPP: Why Are There So Many Churches?
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

3/13, Donna’s birthday in Christ (‘11)
3/22-24, Endwell Youth Rally
3/24, Mary Chamber’s birthday
3/27, Shirley’s birthday; fire inspection
3/29, Millers’ anniversary (‘08)
3/30, Nick’s birthday;
Eddie’s birthday in Christ (‘08)
3/31, Crumps’ anniversary (‘17)

No Wednesday Winter

In the most weather and schedule adverse time of year, we are canceling Wednesday night Bible Classes through March to resume in the April. So, until then, spend a little extra time midweek in prayer or the Word..or perhaps serving someone in need.

Today: 2/24

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: John
Song Leader: Alfred
#538, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
#409, “Savior, Lead Me”
#374, “There Is a Fountain”
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Justin
#624, “Seeking te Lost”
Scrip624ture Reading: Jim B - Judges 3:12-15
Lesson: Doug “Raised Up ... a Deliverer”
#915, “Trust and Obey”
Closing Song: Garth
#543, “Wonderful Words of Life”
Closing Prayer: Jim L
Sub: EH, CC, SH

Next Sunday 3/3

Announcements: John
Opening Prayer: Doug
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Ed
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Passer: Sammy
Scripture Reading: Chris - Matthew 11:27-30
Lesson: Alfred “Christians, Look at What You’ve Got!”
Closing Song: Jim L
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).

February 17

Bible Class	18
Morning Worship	29
Wed. Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$668.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00