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WHAT HAS HE DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

My friend Frank Tanana, who pitched the Detroit Tigers into the American League Championship Series, has an interesting take on baseball fans. He pitched a stellar game against the Toronto Blue Jays to win the final game in the division playoff. His picture was front page and he was, hands down, the town hero in Detroit. But when his turn in the rotation put him on the mound in the ALCS, his performance was not so stellar, and the Tigers lost their chance to go to the World Series. I asked Frank how he handled being town hero one day and “tarred and feathered” a few days later. I’ll never forget his quick reply. He said, “I learned a long time ago that with baseball fans it’s ‘what have you done for me lately’ that counts!”

I’ve often thought about Frank’s answer when it comes to how we feel about God. Going to a small group meeting where everyone else is telling about how God has supplied for their needs and miraculously answered prayer can make a lot of us pretty grumpy about God because it seems like He doesn’t do much for us. We still have long-awaited, unanswered prayers on our lists and unfulfilled expectations that seemingly have gone unnoticed while He has been busy blessing others. But be careful. This kind of spiritual grumpiness will make you ungrateful, unworshipful, and ready for a major fall into the spiritual dumpster.

So, for all of us who tend to be out on God for His seeming lack of living up to our expectations, let me help you out of your grumpiness with a list of how wonderfully good He is to you every day.

If He never does anything else but save your soul from hell and guarantee you an eternal home

with Him in heaven, He has already done far more than you or I deserve and enough to keep us grateful to Him for the rest of our lives.

But thankfully there’s more . . .

If it is true that He never leaves you nor forsakes you, then you have a lot to be thankful for (Hebrews 13:5).

If you can be sure that His mercies are new to you every morning, then you can make it through the day as weak and frail as you are (Lamentations 3:22-24).

If He guards our lives so that nothing comes in that is not ultimately for His glory and our good, then we are among the truly blessed ones (Romans 8:28).

If, when you put your head on your pillow at the end of the day, you think He didn’t show up for you, think about all the things you don’t know that He kept from you which may have “done you in” had He permitted them (1 Corinthians 10:13).

If He gave you His Word to guide, comfort, inspire, convict and assure you of His unfailing love and mercy, then you have enough to cancel your grumpiness and make you grateful (Psalm 119:97-103).

And, since He is far more than we ever bargained for or deserved, we have the high privilege of demonstrating to our world that our God is worthy to be trusted, worshiped, adored and praised—regardless (Job 13:15)!

So the next time you start wondering what He has done for you lately, check the list. There’s a lot to be thankful for! Which leaves only one more question: Is He wondering what you have done for Him lately?

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PRAY FOR...

Bai, Sue: Katelyn’s mom—cancer

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

Barcomb, Andrew: Diane’s grandson, health concerns

Bennett, Jim: health

Bickford, Eddie: good decisions

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, William & Michael: Alfred’s family, health struggles

Collins, Mary: Patty’s friend, struggles

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

Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggles

Dashnaw, Trisha and Justin: struggles

Davis, Bonnie: infusion

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

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

Miller, Jody: struggles

Missions: Brazil, Croatia, Malawi

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

Noble, Arty: Sammy’s father, cancer

Stone, Steven: struggles

VanNortwick, Don: Patty’s friend, cancer

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 ...

We hope you came dressed to work today! After morning service, we’ll all pitch in to ready our yard and flower beds for a warmer season. This will make us look good for our Spring Sing on 4/28 as well. Mary CI’s planning to take four teens to the Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally 4/26-28.



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

Mothers’ Day Breakfast: Our next 1st Sunday breakfast is for everyone on 5/5 at 8 a.m.

Fellowship Meal: Our 4th Sunday meal will be after the Spring Sing on 4/28 at 5 p.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 Gideon said to him, ‘Please, Lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? ...’” Judges 6:13.

IF ... the Lord is with us ... there is a God ... He cares at all. How often I’ve heard Gideon’s question posed to me over my years of ministry. The problem is that the beginning premise is flawed. Many assume that we all are basically good people, who haven’t done any really bad sins like rape or murder—so we are unnecessarily or unjustly facing terrible circumstances in our lives from an uncaring, uninvolved, or non-existent God. Scriptures reveal just the opposite story, though: that we have all sinned and deserve death! When we can grasp this truth, then we begin to see just how the evil in the world is always caused by sinful men, a fallen world, or (gasp) our own bad choices! In fact, when compared to what could be happening to us, we can see God’s grace in shielding us from what could have been. The financial guru, Dave Ramsey, often answers when asked how he’s doing with “better than my sins deserve.” This keeps a good perspective. It’s better to ask, “If the Lord were NOT with us, what could be happening to us?” Do you recognize His grace?

God's love and grace are stronger than any sorrow

His grace for you is stronger than all your sins.

His love is stronger than all your sorrow.

His salvation is greater than all evil in the universe.



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Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Spring Clean-up
4/21, Easter; Family Meeting (info)
4/28, 3 pm Spring Sing, 5 pm meal
5/5, 8 a.m. Mothers’ Day Breakfast



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Exodus
4/14: Genesis 48-50
4/15: Exodus 1-4
4/16: Exodus 5-8
4/17: Exodus 9-12
4/18: Exodus 13-16
4/19: Exodus 17-20
4/20: Exodus 21-24
SUPP: The Story of Moses; The Sabbath;
Ten Commandments
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

4/19, Eddie & Amber’s birthdays
4/26-28, Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally
5/9, Kole’s birthday
5/14-30, Doug’s Support Trip
5/18, Spiritual Growth Workshop in VT;
Madison’s Wedding in AR
6/24-29, Playground construction
8/11-14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS

Today: 4/14

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Chris
#76, “How Great Thou Art”
#595, “I Come to the Garden Alone”
#1033, “Can He Still Feel the Nails?”
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Passer: Justin
902, “Nothing But the Blood”
Scripture Reading: Howard - Judges 6:12-14
Lesson: Doug “If the Lord is With Us”
#346, “He Lives”
Closing Song: Jim L
#PP, “Be Strong and Courageous”
Closing Prayer: Ed
Sub: TM, DK, SH

Next Sunday 4/21

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Ed
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Passer: Sammy
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 2 Corinthians 5:16-19
Lesson: Doug “He is a New Creation”
Closing Song: Chris
Closing Prayer: Howard

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).

April 7

Bible Class	15
Morning Worship	26
Wed. Bible Class	14
Contribution	\$634.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00