

Church of Christ

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NEVER SURRENDER!

The setting was England's House of Commons in early June of 1940. Another World War had broken out and the prospects for Britain were uncertain at best. In the face of these bleak circumstances, Winston Churchill rose to address his people.

"We are told that . . . Hitler has a plan for invading the British Isles. . . . We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

I love the picture of a leader who is willing—in the midst of severe adversity—to stand up in front of his people and bolster their courage, giving them strength to fight another day. I think that gives us a good backdrop to consider Paul's words to a young church in Ephesians 6:1-24.

Paul spends the first half of the book of Ephesians proclaiming and explaining glorious doctrinal truths to this young church. His writing enriches our knowledge about the blessings we have in Christ, the character and work of Jesus, and our new identity and responsibilities as His followers. His explanation of the gospel is part of our bedrock understanding of all that transpired when Jesus died for us on the cross.

In the latter half of the book, Paul, like any good preacher, outlines some very practical application steps in light of this glorious gospel. The work of Jesus should transform our ability to draw together in unity with those who proclaim His name. It will transform our speech and the use

of our spiritual gifts. It will move us to relationships that demonstrate unconditional love through voluntary submission and self-sacrifice.

But Paul closes the book with a sobering warning. The Ephesians—and those of us who are following Jesus today—are in a battle. It's not a flesh and blood, tanks and bullets kind of battle, but rather it's a struggle "against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). There is a determined, deadly warfare being waged in the spiritual realm, and we are right in the middle of it.

The spiritual battle is often very visible to those serving in countries where people are oppressed and severely influenced by demonic powers. The battle there is obvious and intense.

But it is just as real and dangerous for those of us in less openly hostile environments. The enemy's attack may involve the subtle seductions of greed, self-centeredness, sensuality, or the hollow pursuit of pride and pleasure. But whether frontal or subtle, it is a battle just the same and we still need the rally cry "be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power" and "take your stand against the devil's schemes" (Ephesians 6:10-11).

So through prayer we will fight his attacks on our marriages. We will fight his attacks on our children. We will fight his attacks on the church. We will fight his attacks on ethics and integrity. Because the good news is that Jesus Christ has already won on our behalf. We shall never surrender!

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PRAY FOR...

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

Oster, Mariah: struggles

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 ...

Next Sunday, come dressed to work! 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. Usually we have Ladies Time on our second Sunday, but we’ll plan to have it after our worship this morning instead.



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.

Need:

Three or four egg cartons for a Wednesday night project. We will need them by Sunday 4/21.

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

“He asked for water and she gave him milk ...”
Judges 5:24.

I’ve gotten about ten of these robocalls in the past week. You know the drill ... it’s the “warranty department” that has supposedly sent me a final notice about my car’s warranty that’s about to expire. The recording can’t answer who they’ve called, name the year, make, or model of my car, nor what company they’re a warranty department for. Things aren’t always what they seem in this world. Deception is everywhere. People and groups often have hidden agendas. Perhaps this was the last thing that went through Sisera’s head—no, that was a tent peg! But look how he was lured to his death: the Kenites were friends to him. He had likely sought their help before. Jael had likely refreshed him before when he visited her husband. So, with just an offer of milk, curds, and rest, she was able to kill him. Why milk? It was a luxury that said she would care for him. Same with the noble’s bowl. He believed he was an important guest to be comforted instead of killed—and these things from the hand of a woman, a mother figure. Satan deceives us while masquerading as an angel of light. Are you on guard against His schemes?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast; 12:30 Ladies’ Time
4/14, 12:30 p.m. Spring Clean-up
4/21, Easter; Family Meeting (info)
4/28, 3 pm Spring Sing, 5 pm meal



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none
4/7: Genesis 21-24
4/8: Genesis 25-28
4/9: Genesis 29-32
4/10: Genesis 33-36
4/11: Genesis 37-40
4/12: Genesis 41-44
4/13: Genesis 45-47
SUPP: none
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

4/19, Eddie & Amber’s birthdays
4/26-28, Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally
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

M.A.G.I. Box Time

The 2018 M.A.G.I. report states that we were a part of the distribution of over 25,000 boxes across the globe. There may be a few changes to this year’s collection for the boxes. More information will be given once the plans are finalized.

Today: 4/7

Announcements: John
Opening Prayer: Alfred
Song Leader: Doug
#887 “In the Morning of Joy”
#791 “On Bended Knee”
#501 “Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet”
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Sammy
#276 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”
Scripture Reading: Chris - Judges 5:24-27
Lesson: Doug “She Gave Him Milk”
#544 “Without Him”
Closing Song: Garth
#643, “Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom”
Closing Prayer: Jim B
Sub: JL, EH, JD

Next Sunday 4/14

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Garth
Song Leader: Chris
Talk/bread prayer: John
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: Carl
Passer: Justin
Scripture Reading: Howard - Judges 6:12-14
Lesson: Doug “If the Lord is With Us”
Closing Song: Jim L
Closing Prayer: Ed

March 31

Bible Class	20
Morning Worship	33
Wed. Bible Class	12
Contribution	\$810.30
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00

February→March Averages; 1 Year Ago
Sun. Bible Class Ave. 15→18; 25
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 27→27; 37
Wed. Bible Class Ave. -→12; 14
Weekly Contribution Ave. \$715.94→\$769.96; \$647.79
Yearly Contribution Ave. (30 weeks) \$715.27
This Month’s Playground: \$183.40
Total for Playground: \$2,289.65