

Church of Christ

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THE BEST STORY EVER TOLD

It's not uncommon for hit movies today to be followed by a sequel and even a "three-quel." The film industry has discovered that we like to revisit certain stories. We want to know more about the characters and want to see what happens next.

George Lucas, years after completing his original Star Wars trilogy, took it one step further by producing several "prequels" to look at how the characters and story lines developed. And fans around the world have and continue to be thrilled to learn more.

As followers of Jesus, however, we have the ultimate story—a real story—provided to us through the truth of Scripture and focused around the person of Jesus. And when our hearts have been awakened to the reality of His grace, we begin to explore Scripture looking for glimpses of who He is and what He has done. We track through the Gospels, amazed and thrilled at His insight and His character. Our hearts are pierced by His words as they cut directly to the core of who we are. We follow Him to the end of each gospel and weep as He is beaten and crucified, realizing the immense cost of our sin and shame. And then our spirits soar with the news that He is risen and has returned to heaven, where He prepares a place for us as His followers and promises to come back for us. But the story doesn't end there.

We dive into the pages of Acts, exploring the action-packed sequel as we see the Holy Spirit equipping and energizing Christ's followers to turn the world upside down through the message of the gospel. The pages resonate with the drama of char-

acters who struggle, face incredible trials, and persevere because of their devotion to their compelling Savior. We trace their stories through the epistles, which clarify and explain the nature of this new entity, the church. But even that is not the whole story.

We could go back to the ultimate "prequel"—the Old Testament, where we see the vivid roots of our sin problem in Adam and Eve and yet, even in the midst of that sin, the seeds of grace sown by our God. The seeds of grace grow and flourish through God's promises to men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David. The drama heightens through the personification of God's love relationship with His people Israel, who continually turn away from the only One who loves them completely. Through each page, we see the promise of Jesus as the hope of God's people—prophesied and longed for, and pictured through the sacrifices prescribed in God's law. But still, there's more to the story.

In Colossians 2:2-5, Paul's prayer for God's people is that all of his efforts on behalf of the Colossian church would be focused toward one goal: helping them to know Jesus better. He reminds them—and us—that in Jesus are hidden "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." In other words, the more we know Him, the more we will yearn to know even more. There will always be more to the story, and we will never tire of the characters.

Yet the ultimate story is in the unfolding drama of a Savior who is so deep and wonderful that you never tire of getting to know Him.

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PRAY FOR...

Bai, Sue: Katelyn's mom-cancer
Bailey, Susan & Emily: Jim B's relative, struggles s
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
Cech, Terry: health concerns
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
Dashaw, Trisha and Justin: struggles
Davis, Bonnie: infusion
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Elders, Alfred and Doug
Gonyea, Louis: Party'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

"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 ...

Thank you to everyone who helped last Sunday make our yard look good for our Spring Sing on 4/28, which is next week! Mary Cl is planning to take teens to the Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally 4/26-28 this week. As many have family obligations, today's Family Meeting will be by info only.



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

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" 2 Corinthians 5:17.

The Christian life has often been compared to a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. Having wings, butterflies are not concerned with caterpillar things. So are Christians. Although we are on this earth and our bodies are made of the same sub-stance as the lost around us who are still about earthly things, we are a new creation in Christ. A transformation happened in Jesus when he emerged from the tomb. Not only did He overcome sin and the grave, He had a body that was changed. It was eternal. So, it only follows that the members of His body, the church, will be "like him because we shall see him as he is" 1 John 3:2. In fact, those baptized into His death have this promise: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" Romans 6:5. Thus, we fix our eyes on the eternal and our hearts and minds on things above. The church, then, is not made up of caterpillars. Rather, it's a gathering of the saved who are being sanctified in the chrysalis of this present life and are looking forward in hope to emerging as a new creation. Are you?



Sundae Toppings

Today: Easter; Family Meeting (info)
4/28, 3 pm Spring Sing, 5 pm meal
5/5, 8 a.m. Mothers' Day Breakfast
5/12, 12:30 p.m. actual Mother's Day



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Leviticus & Numbers
4/21: Exodus 25-28
4/22: Exodus 29-32
4/23: Exodus 33-36
4/24: Exodus 37-40
4/25: Leviticus 1-3
4/26: Leviticus 4-6
4/27: Leviticus 7-9
SUPP: none

website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

4/26-28, Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally
4/29, 6:30, pm, Fellowship with Kaitlyn and Nikki
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
7/27--8/3, Camp Hunt Intermediate Week
8/11-14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS: H&V-Daniel

Riddles

Q: Name a bow that can't be tied.
A: A rainbow
Q: What's Irish and comes out in Spring?
A: Paddy O'Furniture
Q: Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team?
A: She always ran away from the ball.

Today: 4/21

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: Jim B
Song Leader: Tyler
#77 "Glorify Thy Name"
#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
#344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"
Talk/bread prayer: Ed
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Passer: Sammy
#528 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 2 Corinthians 5:16-19
Lesson: Doug "He is a New Creation"
#909 "There's a Fountain Free"
Closing Song: Chris
#852 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
Closing Prayer: Howard
Sub: JL, DK, JD

Next Sunday 4/28

Announcements: Doug
Opening Prayer: Ed
Song Leader: John
Talk/bread prayer: Jim L
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris
Pass/collection prayer: Alfred
Passer: Justin
Scripture Reading: Carl - Acts 10:36-40
Lesson: Doug "He Went About Doing Good"
Closing Song: Tyler
Closing Prayer: Garth

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 14

Bible Class	23
Morning Worship	36
Wed. Bible Class	15
Contribution	\$1,102.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00