

# Church of Christ

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## OUR RALLY CRY

Whether or not you're a history buff, you probably remember learning about the historic revolutions that launched significant changes in both the economic and intellectual landscape of the Western world. Take our own revolution, for instance, when in the mid-1700s the world heard the rally cry, "Give me liberty or give me death!" and a new era of democracy was born. And not long afterward an equally influential cry rang out from the French Revolution, "Liberty, equality, brotherhood, or death!"—a cry that launched the era of the Enlightenment.

While we are thinking of revolutions, my guess is that if I were to ask you who you thought were the most influential revolutionaries of history, Jesus would not have made your list. But that is exactly what He was—a revolutionary who tops all the rest.

I'm not sure why we always think of Jesus in terms of His soft side—the meek and mild, gentle, peaceful Jesus. While I'm thankful for that side of Him, I can't help but notice that there's more to Him than that. He came to earth to effect radical change. To be sure, there was a clash of civilizations when He brought the values and culture of heaven into enemy territory that was under the management and direction of Beelzebub himself. Jesus did not come to coexist with hell on earth, nor did He come to negotiate a compromise. Rather, He came to conquer hell on earth, to overthrow the regime and set the captives free! He died a revolutionary's death and rose as a victorious revolutionary who had once and for all de-fanged the enemy of our souls and set us free. And once

freed, we are recruited to join the revolution, to get involved in the goal of setting other captives free, and to follow our leader Jesus and take up the rally cry of His revolution: "People matter most!"

"People matter most" is the point Jesus was trying to get across when He told the now-familiar story of the Good Samaritan. Let's face it: Joining the heavenly revolution is a challenge. We live in a world where personal happiness is more important than the welfare of others; in a world where pleasure trumps people; in a world where corporate value and stock prices eclipse the importance of the value of people, their pension plans, and personal welfare. It's why the crime of genocide still exists; why the problem of abortion continues to thrive; why the question of euthanasia still haunts us. It's why dads leave their families for the fling of what initially seems like a more-fulfilling relationship. It's why the affluent can be blind to the needs of the poor and the oppressed.

We're living in enemy territory where people are often pawns and chips on the game table of someone else's happiness and gain. Jesus came to change all of that: to teach us that people matter most, that eternal destinies are worth sacrificing for, that others count, and that love trumps self-centeredness! The familiar story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that even religious people can miss the point of the importance of "loving our neighbor." But Jesus is still looking for good Samaritans who will join the revolution and live to prove—as Jesus died to prove—that above everything else, people matter most.

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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  
Dashnaw, 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

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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 ...

Mary CI has taken some of our teens to the Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally and plans to be back before the Spring Sing at 3 p.m. today. If you don't remember what you signed up to bring for the meal afterwards, see the sheet up front today. Also, with the Mothers' Day Breakfast (for everyone!) next Sunday at 8 a.m., be sure you're signed up for a head count for our cooks!



## 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.

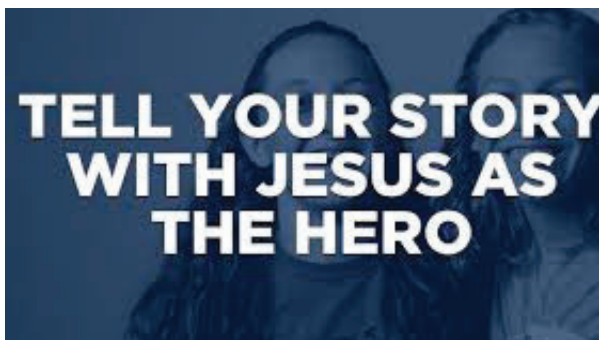
## Let's Do Why We Gathered

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

*"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him"* Acts 10:38.

Cornelius was not that different from those in the world today who are basically good people but are outside a relationship with Jesus. Though a gentile centurion, he's described as "a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God." Peter did not find this "good enough," though, and first held up Jesus as the perfect man before proclaiming the gospel. Jesus spent His three-year ministry looking for opportunities to do good in a selfless and benevolent life. We have four gospel accounts that give us many examples of how we as His followers can live our lives as He did while He walked this earth in the flesh, made like His brothers in every way. However, more than just Jesus' commitment to the value of benevolence that we should imitate, this account shows how Jesus' example can be and should be held up to those who are basically good people so that they might obey the gospel like Cornelius did. Do you tell who Jesus is?



## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 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  
5/19, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



## 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](http://video.wvbs.org)



## Mark Your Calendar

5/9, Kole's birthday  
5/14-30, Doug's Support Trip  
5/18, Spiritual Growth Workshop in VT; Madison's Wedding in AR  
5/26, Howard's birthday in Christ ('85)  
5/28, Taylor & Tyler's birthdays  
5/29, Jim L's birthday  
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: Does February like March?  
A: No, but April May  
Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?  
A: During APE-ril showers  
Q: What season is it best to go on a trampoline?  
A: Spring time

## Today: 4/28

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Ed  
Song Leader: John  
#517 "Heaven Came Down"  
#351 "He Bore It All"  
#650 "Send the Light"  
Talk/bread prayer: Jim L  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: Alfred  
Passer: Justin  
#Red Book 297 "I Want to Be a Worker"  
Scripture Reading: Carl - Acts 10:36-40  
Lesson: Doug "He Went About Doing Good"  
#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
Closing Song: Garth  
#794 "Unto Thee, O Lord"  
Closing Prayer: Jim B  
Sub: TM, HG, SH

## Next Sunday 5/5

Announcements: Carl  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Chris  
Talk/bread prayer: Ed  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim L  
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler  
Passer: Sammy  
Scripture Reading: Garth - Judges 7:2-4  
Lesson: Doug "With You are Too Many"  
Closing Song: John  
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 21

Bible Class	21
Morning Worship	42
Wed. Bible Class	12
Contribution	\$886.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00