

Church of Christ

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THUD!

Interesting, isn't it, how some childhood experiences are permanently seared into our memory banks? One of my unforgettable memories is of watching my boyhood friend Bobby getting hit by a car. After church one Sunday morning, he and I were standing on the front steps talking. Why he decided to bolt into the street between two parked cars I'll never know. But that is exactly what he did. As Bobby ran between the cars, his mother, who could see a car coming, screamed: "Stop! Bobby, Stop!" Whether he didn't hear her or didn't care I'm not sure. He just kept running. What haunts me to this day is the memory of the sound of screeching brakes and the thud of his body against the car's fender. I need to tell you that I am tired of hearing the thud of fellow followers of Jesus getting hit by Satan. Like friends who thought that the most important thing in life was career advancement, only to hear the thud of the long-term damage to their kids and spouses. Or of those who sold out to the allure of an affair—or to the addictive seduction of porn—and are now left with the regrets of the collateral damage of their choices.

It's easy to think you can get ahead by putting other people down or that intimidation and manipulation are handy tools for staying in control. But the thud of ruined relationships and reputations is a big price to pay for doing whatever is necessary to keep yourself on top. Lying to weasel out of a problem erodes the trust factor and compromises

the strength of your character. The list of thud-able choices is long and the consequences are often irreversible.

Granted, we are sometimes blindsided by our ignorance or instinctively wrong about our responses to life. But thankfully, God is never blindsided. And, He's never wrong. From His vantage point He has a clear view of Satan's destructive attempts to thud our lives. So, like Bobby's mom, He warns us with clear and unmistakable shouts from His Word. God's Word is full of warnings about things like greed, selfishness, lying, lust, gossip, hatred, bitterness, envy, argumentative attitudes, stealing, murmuring, oppression, and ignoring the needs of the poor and underprivileged. So, it's not that there is a lack of clarity in His voice. The problem is ours. Too often, like Bobby, we either are not listening, or we just don't care.

The warning shouts of Bobby's mother came from a heart of love and concern for Bobby's welfare and safety. God warns us as well because He loves us deeply and wants to rescue us from the impending disaster of that thud in our own lives. It's easy to think of God's warnings and prohibitions as His attempt to take all the fun out of our lives, but that's so wrong. In fact, nothing would give Satan more joy than getting you to think like that, because the more you think like that, the easier it is for him to "devour" you. And that's a thud that I never want to hear!

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PRAY FOR...

Bai, Sue: Katelyn's mom surgery for cancer

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

Bennett, Jim: success in rehab at Meadowbrook

Boula, Pat: Chris C's friend-heart valve replacement

Brownwood, John: struggles

Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer

Cech, Matthew: health

Cech, Terry: health concerns

Chambers, William & Michael: Alfred's family, health struggles

Collins, Mary: Patty's friend, struggles

Crowningshield, Jim: Chrissy's relative, cancer

Dailley, Wendy: cancer has returned

Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggle

Dashnaw, Trisha and Justin: struggles

Davis, Bonnie: infusion

Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health

Elders, Alfred and Doug

Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer's returned

Gonyea, Louis: Patty's brother, rehab after surgery

Howard, Sammy: health struggles

Hogan, Don: Garth's father, health concerns

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

Loss: Family and friends of Carrie Jean, Alfred's niece

McCutchan, Glenda: health & recovery

Miller, Jody: struggles

Missions: Brazil, Croatia, Malawi

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

Murray, Bob: Ellie's brother, cancer

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 several were able to get to VT yesterday as the Burlington church hosted a Spiritual Growth Workshop from 9:00-3:30. Doug was in Searcy, AR, then performing a wedding for Caleb & Madison Krise and then continuing his support trip to churches in OH, TN, and AL. Alfred and Ed will be preaching the next two Sundays.



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

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on 6/2 at 8 a.m.

Fellowship Meal: Our 4th Sunday meal will be after morning service on 5/26.

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

"In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you'" Luke 22:20.

Some have claimed that Jesus meant to establish His kingdom, but wicked men somehow thwarted the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God's plans by putting Him to death on the cross ... so He had to establish the church instead. First, how could sinful creation with all of his limitations outwit the Creator? That just couldn't be done. Second, Jesus walked into His death with eyes wide open as is evidenced by all the times He talked about it. Third, His death was a fulfillment of many Scriptures, including Jeremiah 34 that spoke about a new covenant that would be established. As the resurrected Jesus said to the disciples on the road, "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Last, Christ's shedding of blood for the new covenant "rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" Colossians 1:13. The kingdom of God is here; it is the church of Christ. Has the new covenant in His blood been poured out for you?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
5/26, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
6/9, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none
5/19: Deuteronomy 7-9
5/20: Deuteronomy 10-12
5/21: Deuteronomy 13-15
5/22: Deuteronomy 16-18
5/23: Deuteronomy 19-21
5/24: Deuteronomy 22-24
5/25: Deuteronomy 25-27
SUPP: none
website: video.wvbs.org



Mark Your Calendar

5/14-30, Doug's Support Trip
5/26, Howard's birthday in Christ ('85)
5/28, Taylor & Tyler's birthdays
5/29, Jim L's birthday
6/6, Chambers' anniversary ('75)
6/10, Healys' anniversary ('67)
6/13, Glenda's birthday
6/19, Kashorek ('93) and Goodman ('04) anniversaries
6/24-29, Playground construction
6/28, Chrissy's birthday
6/29, Melinda's birthday
7/20, Point Au Roche Day???
7/27--8/3, Camp Hunt Intermediate Week
8/11-14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS: H&V-Daniel

Today: 5/19

Announcements: Chris
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Garth
#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"
#71 "As the Deer"
#147 "I Stand Amazed"
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Justin
Passer: Sammy
#31 "Be Still and Know"
Scripture Reading: Howard - 1 Peter 5:8
Lesson: Alfred "Beware"
#940 "Only a Step"
Closing Song: Ed
#738 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
Closing Prayer: Tyler
Sub: JB, DK,

Next Sunday 5/26

Announcements: Carl
Opening Prayer: John
Song Leader: Alfred
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris
Pass/collection prayer: Howard
Passer: Sammy
Scripture Reading: Justin - Ephesians 4:17-24
Lesson: Ed "Put Off to Put On"
Closing Song: Garth
Closing Prayer: Jim L

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).

May 12

Bible Class	23
Morning Worship	32
Wed. Bible Class	12
Contribution	\$949.25
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00