

# Church of Christ

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## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

It's always an unsettling moment when you pull up to one of your favorite haunts only to see a sign posted in the window that reads "Under New Management." A change in management probably means that what you loved about the place before, is not going to be the way it used to be. Different servers, different menus, and a different décor all threaten our sense of familiarity and comfort. And while it may ultimately be a change for the better, the idea of change is not always welcome.

When we came to Jesus knowing that we desperately needed a Savior for the forgiveness of our sins, something dramatic happened: He moved in. We were not just given a redemptive passport that guaranteed us freedom from hassle at the border of heaven. We received the gift of the indwelling Spirit, who intends to put our entire life under "new management" so that He can activate significant changes. He is looking for cooperative partners who fully believe that life under His control is far better than life under the old management.

The new management seeks to transition us from the destructive patterns of old desires to the new program of the power and peace that comes from doing the right things and living to reflect the qualities and character of God. This transition explains why people under new management are faithful to their spouse, remain committed to integrity even when it puts something of value at risk, why they actively care for needs of the poor and oppressed, live in the face of hostile environments with courage and confidence, see their income and careers as not an end in itself but as a means to advance the kingdom of Christ.

But beware. Living under the management of

Jesus can often require radical choices. A man in one of the churches I pastored worked as a regional manager of a large cable network. He was good at his job, and a promotion to headquarters was on the horizon for him. Which is why I was surprised when he came up to me one Sunday and said, "Pastor, I have a tremendous conflict in my heart. Every day I get up and go to work realizing that, as a follower of Jesus, I am selling pornography on our channels. What do you think I should I do?"

You'd think as a pastor that I would have immediately suggested that he quit his job. But that would be a really scary step to take. How would he make payments on his house? Support his family? What about health-care and retirement? So I said, "Let's pray this week that God will give you wisdom and a clear sense of direction."

The next Sunday he said, "I decided what to do. I quit my job." Wow! I couldn't believe it! My first thought was that maybe God had done a phenomenal miracle and provided another job for him. But he said, "I have no idea what I'm going to do, I just know that God will provide!"

When we embrace life under new management, the change may be dramatic—but count on it, it will be a change for the better. Just ask my friend and he'll tell you, it's not worth living under the old management if it means you have to cast your lot with Satan. When you turn your life over to the new manager—Jesus—be assured that regardless of what it takes, He will reprogram your life for His glory and your good!

"Management by Jesus" should be the sign that hangs on all of our lives!

Joe Stowell  
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## PRAY FOR...

**Bail, Sue:** Katelyn's mom radiation treatments  
**Bailey, Susan & Emily:** Jim B's relative, struggles  
**Bennett, Jim:** success in rehab at Meadowbrook  
**Brownwood, John:** struggles  
**Burra, 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  
**Dalley, Wendy:** cancer has returned  
**Darling, Wendy:** rehab and health struggles  
**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  
**Miller, Jody:** struggles  
**Missions:** Brazil, Croatia, Malawi  
**Murray, Bob:** Ellie's brother, cancer  
**Noble, Arty:** Sammy's father, cancer  
**Stone, Steven:** struggles  
**VanNorwick, 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.
Wednesday	6:30 P.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 Alfred who spoke last Sunday and Ed today as Doug rounds out his support trip to churches in OH, TN, and AL and then visits the Kashorek "kids" in WV on his way north. It's time to get kids registered for Intermediate Week at Camp Hunt, 7/27 - 8/3 at [www.camp-huntny.com](http://www.camp-huntny.com) as the church will pay for one week for any youth ages 8-16 in good attendance.



## We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:  
Adults: John's class--Gospel of John  
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 today after services.

## 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

*"Command and teach these things"* 1 Timothy 4:11.

We are to train ourselves to be godly as godliness has value in this present life and the life to come. We labor and strive with hope in the living God as our motivation to flee from our sinful lives to take hold of the promise of eternal life that God has given us and declared with an oath. So, now it is time to break this down into specific behaviors. Speaking to the young evangelist first but to us by extension, we are to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." We must also "devote" ourselves "to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching." We must not, and this is perhaps the most challenging—not neglect our gifts. If benevolence, edification, and evangelism are our core values, to not live these instructions out is to sin by omission. James 4:17 says, "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." To not set an example is to not show edification. To not be devoted to reading, preaching, and teaching is to not show evangelism. And, to neglect our gifts to not serve others is to not show benevolence. Are you living out our core values?



## Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6/9, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time  
6/16, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

## 2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Joshua  
5/26: Deuteronomy 28-30  
5/27: Deuteronomy 31-34  
5/28: Joshua 1-3  
5/29: Joshua 4-6  
5/30: Joshua 7-9  
5/31: Joshua 10-12  
6/1: Joshua 13-15  
SUPP: Passage 9  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://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: 5/26

Announcements: Carl  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Alfred  
#959 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"  
#882 "No Tears in Heaven"  
#905 "Yield Not to Temptation"  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Sammy  
#976 "I Shall Not Be Moved"  
Scripture Reading: Justin - Ephesians 4:17-24  
Lesson: Ed "Put Off to Put On"  
#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"  
Closing Song: Garth  
#676 "Living for Jesus"  
Closing Prayer: Jim L  
Sub: JB, DK

## Next Sunday 6/2

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Ed  
Passer: Justin  
Scripture Reading: Garth- Acts 2:42-47  
Lesson: Doug "And They Devoted Themselves"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: John

## 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 19

Bible Class	21
Morning Worship	34
Wed. Bible Class	9
Contribution	\$744.25
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00