

# Church of Christ

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## ANYBODY FOR SERVANTHOOD?

In politics, the paths to success and significance are paved with the right contacts, the right connections, and the right contributions. Several years ago in Chicago, a series of investigations and indictments unearthed the steamier side of this cycle—political favors and premium jobs doled out in exchange for campaign funds and other perks. Sadly, the common defense in most of the cases was, “That’s just politics. It’s how things are done.” As one comedian aptly put it, “You know it’s cold in Chicago when the politicians have their hands in their own pockets!”

Actually, from an earth-side point of view, there may be some advantages to a “political” approach to life. Our world is all about “who you know” and “What have you done for me lately?” We are primed early on to look out for ourselves and to do whatever it takes to not miss the big break.

But if you see yourself as a follower of Christ, that kind of thinking bears little resemblance to His life and teaching. Take for instance the encounter that Jesus had with two of His most committed disciples. An encounter that only goes to prove that even the best of us can still have those political instincts alive and well, down-deep inside.

James and John grab for the brass ring as they try to cash in on some relational capital. In Matthew 20:21, we read that James and John may have convinced their mother to petition Jesus for some plum cabinet positions in the new kingdom: “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” Wow, what a bold request! But if you don’t stick up for yourself, hey, who will?

What were these guys thinking? Probably the same kinds of thoughts that cross our minds as we think about our role in Jesus’ plan: “I’m sure

I could be doing that job much better than that person. When is God going to entrust that kind of position to me?” “Serve as an usher? No thanks, but don’t forget to call me when that elder position is open.” Or, “I’m really bummed that I’ve done all of this and no one has even offered a word of thanks.” Or we might think, “If I’m nice to him I can leverage our relationship to get ahead.” “We’ve had them over for dinner twice, and they have never included us in anything!”

Sound familiar? Sadly, I don’t think I’m alone in battling the inborn desire to be noticed, to be affirmed, and to feel significant. Scripture records that the other disciples were visibly ticked at James and John’s request—probably because they had beaten them to the punch and used their mother in the process. Talk about unfair leveraging of relationships!

So what is the cure for this disease of “Hey! How about me?” self-promotionitis. Well, it is found in the response of Christ when He said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant” (Matthew 20:26).

A servant? The one who quietly and humbly submits to and serves the desires of others regardless of personal recognition? That doesn’t sound like the politician’s path to greatness or the world’s path to significance, does it?

But it’s the path Jesus took. Before going all the way to the cross, He told His disciples: “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). So, if we’re striving to be like Him, no task is beneath us, no person is below us, and no legitimate sacrifice is too great. From Jesus’ point of view, servanthood is the path to significance. As a friend of mine says, “In the kingdom, the way up is down!”

Let’s drop the old “What will others do for me?” routine and get on with serving others as Jesus has served us

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### PRAY FOR...

**Baron, Margaret:** Rob’s mother in Hospice Center

**Bai, Sue:** Katelyn’s mom radiation treatments

**Bailey, Susan & Emily:** Jim B’s relative, struggles

**Bennett, Jim:** success in rehab at Meadowbrook’sn

**Botala, Barbara:** Jim’s friend’s sister in NC, cancer

**Brennock, Amelia:** Lori’s friend’s daughter (15) cancer

**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

**Dailey, 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

**Gilmord, Darren:** Jim’s friend’s nephew in VT.

ATTN accident

**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

**Lernineau, 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

**St. Pierre’s, Bruce & Lynn:** struggles

**Stone, Steven:** struggles

**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.  
Wednesday 6:30 P.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 enter the summer quarter in great shape not just financially for projects we'd like to do before the warmer weather disappears but in church growth as well. It's time to get kids registered for Intermediate Week at Camp Hunt, 7/27 - 8/3 at [www.camphuntny.com](http://www.camphuntny.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 7/7 at 8 a.m.

**Fellowship Meal:** Our 4th Sunday meal will be after morning service on 6/23.

## 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

*"I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you"* John 13:15.

A huge part of obedience to God, of walking as Jesus did, of maintaining our marriage to the Bridegroom is serving one another in love. Though all things were created through Him and He is subject to none except the Father, God in the flesh so as to be made like us in every way took off His outer robe to humiliate Himself as the lowliest of servants and washed His disciples' feet. Even without the ability to know what men were thinking, Jesus must have seen their bewildered looks as their Master and Teacher lowered Himself to scrub the dust from the road from them. But, He did not leave them confused. He said it was an example for them to follow. In other words, there is nothing that we should not sacrifice to do for our fellow man. No servant is greater than his Master. Some have used the acronym JOY (Jesus-Others-Yourself) to express the order in which we live out our daily lives. Often our own comfort and needs take precedent. If Jesus could set aside the glory of heaven to die on the cross for us, we certainly can wash a few feet. How are you sacrificially serving others?



## Sundae Toppings

Today 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time

6/16, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting

6/23, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal for Father's Day

6/30, 5th Sunday

7/7, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

## 2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: 1 & 2 Samuel

6/9: Judges 11-14

6/10: Judges 15-17

6/11: Judges 18-21

6/12: Ruth

6/13: 1 Samuel 1-3

6/14: 1 Samuel 4-6

6/15: 1 Samuel 7-10

SUPP: none

website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)



## Mark Your Calendar

6/10, Healy's anniversary ('67)

6/13, Glenda's birthday

6/19, Kashorek ('93) and Goodman ('04) anniversaries

6/22, Justin's birthday

6/24-29, Playground construction

6/28, Chrissy's birthday

6/29, Melinda's birthday

7/7, Doug's birthday; Trisha's birthday in Christ ('07)

7/20, Point Au Roche Day

7/27--8/3, Camp Hunt Intermediate Week

## Dad Jokes

My dad used to carry around a frayed knot in his pocket just an old tied up piece of rope. Then any time someone asked him something and the answer was, "no", he would just pull out the frayed knot and say, "'fraid not!" and he would burst out laughing. Nobody else thought it was funny.

## Today: 6/9

Announcements: Chris

Opening Prayer: Doug

Song Leader: John

#694 "Servant Song"

#449 "Thy Word"

#725 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Talk/bread prayer: Garth

Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred

Pass/collection prayer: Jim L

Passer: Justin

#745 "Humble Yourself"

Scripture Reading: Ed - John 13:12-15

Lesson: Doug "As I Have Done to You"

#695 "None Of Self and All of Thee"

Closing Song: Tyler

#851 "I'll Fly Away"

Closing Prayer: Howard

Sub: JB, CH

## Next Sunday 6/16

Announcements: Doug

Opening Prayer: Jim L

Song Leader: Alfred

Talk/bread prayer: Chris

Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Ed

Pass/collection prayer: Howard

Passer: Justin

Scripture Reading: Carl - Judges 9:8-15

Lesson: Doug "Come and Reign Over Us"

Closing Song: John

Closing Prayer: Tyler

## 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).

## June 2, 2019

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	31
Wed. Bible Class	13
Contribution	\$1017.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$625.00