

Church of Christ

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PATIENCE NOW, PLEASE!

We've all heard the prayer: "Lord, make me more patient—and do it now!" Of all the spiritual virtues, patience is one that tends to be troublingly elusive. Let's face it; if patience is a virtue, most of us are not very virtuous!

When life or people don't measure up to our expectations, being patient can be quite a challenge. But it's clear that God wants us to develop this character trait. After all, patience is more than a virtue—it's a fruit of the Spirit. It reflects His very presence in our lives, for He is a patient God. If He weren't, we all would have been annihilated long ago.

So what's our problem?

There's a good probability that our struggle with patience has been unsuccessful because we've been trying to focus on our own agendas and timelines and not trusting that, for reasons best known to Him, God may have a whole different schedule for us. Our propensity to live with a short fuse is all about forgetting that God puts us in His waiting room on purpose, because He is often doing something behind the scenes while we wait.

It might be as simple as teaching us to be more concerned with the struggles and feelings of others rather than being totally taken with our own interest and plans. There is plenty of evidence as well that God interrupts the normal flow of our lives to open unusual opportunities to be used of Him in unexpected ways. Or, it just may be that God wants to give us the opportunity to show what His patience is like by demonstrating it to others.

One thing we can be sure of—God's time is always the right time. His management of our situations is always the best management. Patience is not learning to wait for others; it's learning to wait on God and to cooperate with His work in our lives.

Next time impatience begins to stress you out, stop and ask God what He is saying to you; ask Him to show you why your expectations and schedule have been hijacked. Then take a deep breath and trust. Trust that He is at work in you and in the situation.

Joe Stovall
Strength for the Journey

PRAY FOR...

Bailey, Susan & Emily: Jim B's relative, struggles
Bennett, Jim: continued recovery
Brennock, Amelia: Lori's friend's daughter (15) cancer
Brownwood, John: struggles
Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer
Cech, Matthew and Terry: health concerns
Chambers, William & Michael: health struggles
Clackler, Julie: Mary's daughter, decisions with job locations
Conley, Annie May: Mary's sister, kidney disease worsening
Crumpp, Chris: recovering from surgery
Darling, Wendy: rehab and health struggle
Dashnaw, Trisha and Justin: struggles
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Douglas, Jon: Tara's co-worker, kidney cancer
Elders: Alfred and Doug
Forette, Kevin: John's friend, cancer's returned
Garrow, Donald: Crumps' neighbor, health struggles
Howard, Sammy: health struggles
Kashorek, Lori: struggles with allergies and healing
Knapp, Bill: Joy's brother-in-law, recovery after heart surgery
Lebeau, Steve & Gail: John's friends, health struggle
LePage, Jim: health concern
Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggles
Miller, Jody: struggles
Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington
Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine
New Walks: Kolton Niemann and Rose & Aowen Hart]
Noble, Arty: Sammy's father, cancer
Peace, Garrett: cancer
St. Pierre, Lynn: struggles
Stone, Steven: struggles
Tynon, Leo: Chris' uncle-in-rehab
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
Sun. Bible Classes 10 A.M.
Sun. Worship 11 A.M.
Wed. Bible Class 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 ...

Today is a little light as Mary Cl planned to take a vehicle full of teens down to the Albany Youth Rally and return this afternoon. Doug and Lori are attending a family wedding, so Alfred is preaching and the Healys filling-in on classes! Sign-up sheet is available for the Fall Sing at the S. Burlington church on 10/13. Are you able to go?



Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: Our next monthly meal is on 10/27 after morning service.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on on 10/6 at 8 a.m.

We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for: Adults: John's class--Gospel of John Youth classes as well.

And Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for our Bible Heroes & Villains series

Oasis

Last Tuesday was the start to the after-school program for homeless children. Just as a reminder, if you're not vetted to serve as a volunteer for The Oasis Project, please stay away from the church on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-5 p.m. for confidentiality reasons.

Doug's Devotional

"And Agrippa said to Paul, 'In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?' And Paul said, 'Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am--except for these chains'" Acts 26:28-29.

Agrippa was a somebody. How dare the lowly prisoner, Paul, try to convert a man of power, influence, and wealth?! Yet, that's what Paul did--to everyone. It didn't matter how rich or poor, how high or low the station, how much or little time he had to spend with a person. If Paul was in your proximity, you were going to hear the saving gospel of Jesus Christ! Agrippa seems a little taken back by this. Perhaps it's Paul's boldness; perhaps it's the power of the message that he was hearing. Whatever the reason, Agrippa was squirming in his seat and didn't want to hear any more. Alas, today it seems the opposite is true. Instead of sowing the seed on all kinds of soil, we examine the soil first to determine if we believe it receptive to the seed. And, any excuse is enough to justify not preaching the words of eternal life. Are the Agrippas in your life ever hearing the good news? Who are you making squirm? Are you persuading anyone to be a Christian?



Sundae Toppings

Today 5th Sunday; 12:30 p.m. NO Ladies' Tin
10/6, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10/13, 12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time;
3-5 p.m. Fall Sing in VT
10/20, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
10/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none
9/29: Psalm 102-103
9/30: Psalm 104-105
10/1: Psalm 106-107
10/2: Psalm 108-109
10/3: Psalm 110-111
10/4: Psalm 112-113
10/5: Psalm 114-117
SUPP: none

website: video.wvbs.org
Other Resources
theabidingword.com
sermonlines.com



Mark Your Calendar

9/27-29, Albany Youth Rally
10/5, 8 a.m. Playground Construction
10/13, Fall Sing in Vermont
10/16, Tara's birthday
10/17, Aowen's birthday
10/20, Magi Boxes are due!
10/24, Lynn's birthday in Christ ('02)
10/26, Taylor's birthday in Christ ('14)

Fall Riddles

Q: What is a tree's least favorite month of the year?
A: Sep-timber!
Q: What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?
A: A pumpkin patch.
Q: Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?
A: The Crossing Gourd.

Today: 9/29

Announcements: Chris
Opening Prayer: Carl
Song Leader: Garth
#768 "Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You"
#718 "We Shall Assemble"
#701 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Talk/bread prayer: Howard
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler
Passer: Justin
#766 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"
Scripture Reading: Jim B - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Lesson: Alfred "Are You Convinced?"
#797 "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"
Closing Song: Ed
#738 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
Closing Prayer: Jim L
Sub: DK

Next Sunday 10/6

Announcements: Jim B
Opening Prayer: Jim L
Song Leader: Chris
Talk/bread prayer: Ed
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred
Pass/collection prayer: John
Passer: Carl
Scripture Reading: Tyler - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11
Lesson: Doug "Build One Another Up"
Closing Song: Garth
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).

September 22, 2019

Bible Class	22
Morning Worship	32
Wed. Bible Class	11
Contribution	\$829.37
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00