

Church of Christ

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THE HUG HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

Having been convicted of murdering Botham Jean, a member of the Dallas West church of Christ, the last thing Amber Guyger probably expected to hear at her sentencing were the words “I forgive you” from a member of the victim’s family.

After reading a statement which expressed forgiveness and even a wish that she wouldn’t have to go to jail, Jean’s brother Brandt asked the judge for permission to give Guyger a hug. The dramatic scene was recorded on video and shared throughout the world via television and internet.

“I wasn’t going to say this in front of my family or anyone, but I don’t even want you to go to jail,” Brandt said. “I want the best for you, because I know that’s what Botham would want ... and the best would be to give your life to Christ. I love you as a person, and I don’t wish anything bad on you.”

In an era of sensationalism, exaggeration, and drama, this genuine act of self-

lessness and forgiveness cut through all of the political turmoil and self-aggrandizing celebrity crosstalk, and for one shining moment the focus was on what Christ can do in a person’s life. All of this because a Christian, even from the depths of despair, was able to forgive a person who seriously wronged them.

We don’t know what domino effect this act of forgiveness will have. The judge reacted to the scene by going to her chambers and returning with a Bible, giving it to Guyger. Will Guyger turn to the Lord? That’s something that remains to be seen. But the example Brandt Jean leaves should change and encourage us all, and for a moment the world was able to see true Christian forgiveness.

Christians often express a desire to have an impact on this world. There is no need for a grand gesture, however. Simple forgiveness will do, and it will send shockwaves throughout the world. Christian, forgive others.

Matt Clifton
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PRAY FOR...

Bailey, Susan & Emily: Jim B’s relative, struggles
Bennet, 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 struggles
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: Ralph Garrow, Rose & Aowen Hart, and Kolton Niemann]
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 ...

The vinyl will be laid tomorrow through Tuesday at 2 p.m. when our facility will need to be used for Oasis. So after service this morning, we could really use some help to move everything out of the four classrooms and kitchen where the vinyl will go down (the two refrigerators and stove will be the worst). We'll also have to pop the pins for six doors and take the folding divider down--all to be trimmed before they can go back up. Many hands make light work.



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

Oasis, the after-school program for homeless children, has started. 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.

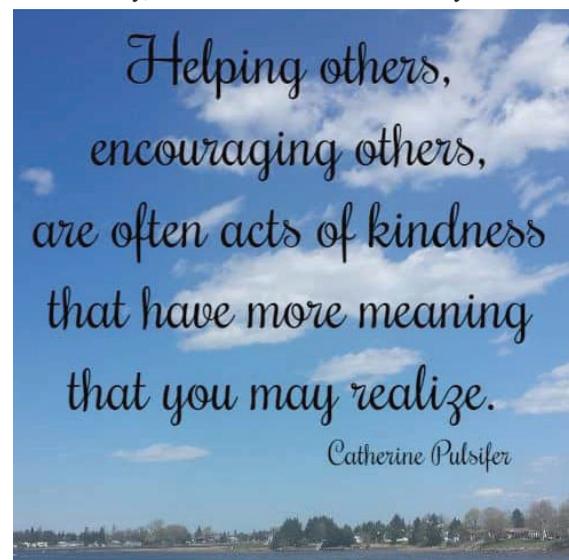
Doug's Devotional

"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that ... we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing" 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11.

I recently saw a picture labeled 'motivation.' It was of a man racing up the hill on his bicycle with a bear not far behind him. A doctor's diagnosis might motivate a man who rarely leaves his couch to exercise and eat healthier. A death of a loved one often motivates people to read their Bibles and obey the gospel. So, what motivates Christians to persevere in their faith over the long-haul of life? It's one thing to know that we should live for Christ and not ourselves--how many lessons must we hear about this over the course of a lifetime? It's quite another to wake up each morning eager to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness. How do find the daily excitement to hit the ground running in our Christian walk? The answer, God tells the Thessalonian Christians, is to truly realize that we were destined for wrath but saved by the gospel to give us the promise of eternal life. Are you encouraging and building others up with these words?

Congratulations!

... to Ralph Garrow for putting on Christ in baptism last Monday, 9/30. Welcome to the family of God!



Sundae Toppings

Today 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast; 12:30 p move out rooms

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

10/6: Psalm 118-119:24

10/7: Psalm 119:25-119:96

10/8: Psalm 119:97-119:176

10/9: Psalm 120-124

10/10: Psalm 125-131

10/11: Psalm 132-134

10/12: Psalm 135-137

SUPP: none

website: video.wvbs.org

Other Resources

theabidingword.com

sermonlines.com



Mark Your Calendar

10/13, Fall Sing in Vermont

10/16, Tara's birthday

10/17, Aowen's birthday

10/5, 8 a.m. Playground Construction

10/20, Magi Boxes are due!

10/24, Lynn's birthday in Christ ('02)

10/26, Taylor's birthday in Christ ('14)

11/7, Lynn's birthday

Fall Riddles

Q: What is the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi

Q: What is it called when a tree takes time off from work in autumn?

A: Paid leaf.

Today: 10/6

Announcements: Jim B

Opening Prayer: Jim L

Song Leader: Chris

#396 "No Not One"

#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

#129 "Amazing Grace"

Talk/bread prayer: Ed

Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred

Pass/collection prayer: John

Passer: Carl

#1031 "You Are Holy"

Scripture Reading: Tyler - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

Lesson: Doug "Build One Another Up"

#934 "Softly and Tenderly"

Closing Song: Garth

#759 "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Closing Prayer: Howard

Sub: DK, JD

Next Sunday 10/13

Announcements: Doug

Opening Prayer: Jim B

Song Leader: Jim L

Talk/bread prayer: Garth

Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Ed

Pass/collection prayer: Alfred

Passer: Howard

Scripture Reading: John - Judges 16:18-20

Lesson: Doug "And His Strength Left Him"

Closing Song: Chris

Closing Prayer: Carl

September 29, 2019

Bible Class	15
Morning Worship	27
Wed. Bible Class	8
Contribution	\$806.25
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00

August→September→Averages; 1 Year Ago
 Sun. Bible Class Ave. 25→19; 24
 Sun. AM Worship Ave. 36→33; 34
 Wed. Bible Class Ave. 14→12; 16
 Weekly Contribution Ave. \$830.53→\$755.70; \$687.07
 Yearly Contribution Ave. (5 weeks) \$755.70