

# Church of Christ

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## FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES

God, who alone knows the future, set the regulations for Israel's kings long before the people asked Samuel for one. All the way back in Deuteronomy the law for the king was clearly described. The king must be an Israelite. He must not acquire many horses or go back to Egypt to get more. He shouldn't try for large amounts of silver and gold. And, "He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray" (Deuteronomy 17:17). Pretty much, if the people just had to have a king, God wanted humble and holy kings. These commands for the king were mostly ignored. Solomon broke every single one of these commands.

So why does God tell us that there are certain things to do and certain things to not do? Is it just a test of obedience? Or does God, who knows the future, realize that certain actions will lead to blessings and others will result in major problems? In my estimation if God says to do something we should obey no matter what the reason is. He's God! Who are we to ignore the commands of our Creator? But to give even more reason, God gives commands not to burden us but to help us. Solomon ignored the command not to take many wives. Even worse, many of his wives were not Israelites but they were from the nations around

them, and so, as predicted in Deuteronomy, "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods" (1 Kings 11:4).

Of course, choosing to ignore God's commands doesn't just affect us. The generations after us can feel the consequences of our choices, especially if we are in a position of influence. Solomon's son Rehoboam wasn't much of a king. He made terrible choices. His choices were his own but there certainly were some bad influences in his life. "His mother's name was Naamah; she was an Ammonite" (1 Kings 14:21). Solomon married a woman from a country that honored another god, that woman raised her son to worship idols, and later this man led the entire country astray. The God who knows the future gives us these commands for a reason! He knew exactly what would happen if these bad choices were made. The next time you read in scripture about not complaining or loving your wife (or whatever other command there may be) choose to honor what God says. These things are there not to harm you but to give you a hope and a future.

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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  
**Conley, Annie May:** Mary's sister, kidney disease worsening  
**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  
**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  
**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 Classes 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, the ladies plan to meet right after morning service. We're hoping to leave for the Fall Sing from the church at 1:30 p.m. We'll sing from 3-5 p.m. and then share a meal with our Vermont brethren. Magi Boxes are due next Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped this past week for the vinyl to be laid.



## 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 11/3 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

*"... Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him" Judges 16:19.*

Look up bad girls of the Bible and Delilah will be right up there with Jezebel. Samson's weakness was always women, but he never loved them. His Philistine wife, who he called a 'heifer,' wept and pestered him all through the seven-day wedding feast, all the while using her wiles on the easily deceived Samson of "You only hate me; you do not love me," that he finally told her the answer to his riddle that was used against him. Then there was the prostitute in Gaza .... Delilah wasn't much better. Used by the Philistines to discover the secret of Samson's great strength, Delilah first seduced him and then played the victim seeking the answer. For his part, the thick Samson tried three times to blunder past her wiles. When they tried to subdue him each time, why did he not recognize her as anything but a deceitful pawn? But, once again, he gave in to an evil woman's you-don't-love-me routine and constant pestering. Notice it was after he was asleep on her knees and his hair cut that she began to torment him and his strength left. That's evil! Do those you surround yourself with build you up?

## Sundae Toppings

**Today** 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  
11/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

## 2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Proverbs  
10/13: Psalm 138-140  
10/14: Psalm 141-144  
10/15: Psalm 145-150  
10/16: Proverbs 1-3  
10/17: Proverbs 4-6  
10/18: Proverbs 7-9  
10/19: Proverbs 10-12  
SUPP: Passage 1

website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)  
**Other Resources**  
[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)  
[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)



## Mark Your Calendar

10/13, Fall Sing in Vermont  
10/16, Tara's birthday  
10/17, Aowen's birthday  
10/19, 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

## High-Dollar Advice

A man walks into a lawyer's office and asks, "How much do you charge?" The lawyer says, "\$5,000 for three questions." "Wow, that's pretty expensive, isn't it?" the man asks. "Yes," says the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"

## Today: 10/13

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Doug  
#548, "The Lily of the Valley"  
#608 "He Gave Me a Song"  
#504 "In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came"  
Talk/bread prayer: Garth  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Ed  
Pass/collection prayer: Tyler  
Passer: Howard  
#554, "O Jesus, I Have Promised"  
Scripture Reading: John - Judges 16:18-20  
Lesson: Doug "And His Strength Left Him"  
#501 "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet"  
Closing Song: Chris  
#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"  
Closing Prayer: Carl  
Sub: JL, JD

## Next Sunday 10/20

Announcements: John  
Opening Prayer: Howard  
Song Leader: Tyler  
Talk/bread prayer: Justin  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth  
Pass/collection prayer: Ed  
Passer: Chris  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Judges 16:18-20  
Lesson: Doug "And His Strength Left Him"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Jim B

## 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).

## October 6, 2019

Bible Class	23
Morning Worship	37
Wed. N. Bible Class	9
Wed. S Bible Class	5
Contribution	\$873.76
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00

