

Church of Christ

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IS AN ACTIVE FAITH IMPORTANT?

A ship wrecked off the Rhode Island coast, one winter day. A father and son managed to get into a lifeboat. The father refused to let his son help row. Upon reaching land, the father found his son frozen to death. The boy needed activity in order to live.

What is true of the physical body is true of the Body of Christ, the Church, there needs to be an active faith in following God.

Yet, what I often encounter with many people today who claim to be Believers, is that having “faith” simply means that one just acknowledges that there is a Christ. Some today think that if you merely confess that Jesus is one’s Savior, and you pray that He will come into your heart, you will be saved. That just going to a church building is good enough to express one’s faith in God. That if you give a little money here and there to the church everything will be alright with God.

However, the Bible gives many powerful examples of active faith. For example, in Hebrews 11 we find those who followed God had an active faith like Abel, Noah, Abraham, and many others. As we continue to read Hebrews 11, we see these people of faith lives” were filled with the struggles of life, persecution, loneliness, and even death for following the Lord. Yet they made offerings, built things,

went to foreign countries, obeyed, worked, and refused the pressures of life to show the world and even us today what it is to have faith in God.

In God’s Word, faith is action, obedience, it is a response to God and not just a mental belief alone. Our faith in Christ causes us to act in ways God has prescribed and Christianity, then becomes an active lifestyle.

So, is an active faith important?

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him... And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight” (Hebrews 11:6; 32-40 NASB).

The Bible says in Hebrews 11 that an active faith pleases God. I want to please God, don’t you?

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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 and memory
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, recovering at home
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, recovering at home
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 ...

As I write this midweek, I'm hoping that yesterday was a great day to work on the HMS Fellowship. Thanks for helping! Magi boxes are due today. Fellowship Meal next Sunday. The funds budgeted for the Malawi work were sent this week as Roger plans an early December trip there.



Attention Ladies!

Please gather right after service this morning and before the Family Meeting for a brief planning discussion.

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 Micah said, 'Now I know that the Lord will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest'"
Judges 17:13.

Two wrongs don't make a right—yet this is what Micah and most of the world believes today. Micah stole some money from his mother and restored it to her with a confession. This bright spot in the tale dims quickly as his mother dedicates the money to the Lord by having a carved metal idol made with it. Micah then puts it in a shrine in his house along with an ephod and household gods and installs his sons as priests. How could straying so far from God's commands be pleasing to God? The text explains that, like today, everyone did what was right in his own eyes. It was a 'tolerant' society in which each sets up his own standard for life and God's standard, if not forgotten, is just a loose guideline. This is clear when Micah finds a Levite as the Law demands to minister, not at the tabernacle but before his idol, and then proclaims that he's certain that God will now prosper him. If we do not return to God's Word for our faith, life, and worship in our very 'tolerant' society, we are just like Micah—worshipping our idols but sure in our minds of God's blessing. Are you Micah?



Sundae Toppings

Today 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
10/27, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
11/3, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast;
12:30 p.m. Ladies' Time
11/10, Raking Day!



Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Magi Boxes for Zambia due today
- Roger Chambers plans an early December Malawi trip

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Ecc. & Song of Solomon
10/20: Proverbs 13-15
10/21: Proverbs 16-18
10/22: Proverbs 19-21
10/23: Proverbs 22-24
10/24: Proverbs 25-27
10/25: Proverbs 28-31
10/26: Ecclesiastes 1-5
SUPP: none

website: video.wvbs.org

Other Resources

theabidingword.com
sermonlines.com



Mark Your Calendar

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
11/18, Trisha's birthday
11/19, Alfred & Maddie's birthdays
11/23, Autumn & Elijah's birthdays

Munchie Moments

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on on 11/3 at 8 a.m.

Today: 10/20

Announcements: John
Opening Prayer: Howard
Song Leader: Tyler
#622 "Ring Out the Message"
#1009 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
#912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"
Talk/bread prayer: Justin
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth
Pass/collection prayer: Ed
Passer: Chris
#535 "The Glory-Land Way"
Scripture Reading: Alfred - Judges 17:9-13
Lesson: Doug "The Lord Will Prosper Me"
#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"
Closing Song: Jim L
#242 "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"
Closing Prayer: Jim B
Sub: DK, CH

Next Sunday 10/27

Announcements: Alfred
Opening Prayer: Chris
Song Leader: John
Talk/bread prayer: Carl
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Justin
Pass/collection prayer: Garth
Passer: Doug
Scripture Reading: Ed - Ephesians 5:25-27
Lesson: Doug "That She Might Be Holy"
Closing Song: Tyler
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).

October 13, 2019

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	27
Wed. N. Bible Class	12
Wed. S Bible Class	7
Contribution	\$726.59
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00