

# Church of Christ

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## HOW BAD CAN I BE?

With the winter holidays just around the corner, we will all be seeing items and hearing stories related to the season. As such, I just read about the fact that there is a website known as emailsanta.com where young ones may write an electronic letter to the North Pole. Several letters from these innocent children were funny, but one stood out to me. Christian, age seven, wrote:

“Mommy and Daddy say I have not been very good these past few days. How bad can I be before I lose my presents?”

This letter reflects an attitude often displayed by “religious” adults. We ask, “How bad can I be before I lose my salvation?”

Clearly, the Bible teaches that it is possible for a man, who has really and truly been saved, to sin in such a way as to forfeit his salvation. “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace” (Gal. 5:4). “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they

fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-6).

In light of this, why is it that so many seek to do “as little as possible” or “just enough to get by” when it comes to spiritual matters? Have you asked: “Do Wednesday nights really count?” “Can’t I use these words if I’m really mad or scared?” “What is the smallest amount I can drop in the collection plate?” “How bad can I be and stay on God’s good side?”

May I suggest that it all boils down to lack of love? It is a lack of love felt for our God. It is a lack of understanding just how deeply and sincerely our God loves us.

Consider the attitude of Paul: “We are ruled by Christ’s love for us. We are certain that if one person died for everyone else, then all of us have died. And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us” (2 Cor. 5:14-15—CEV).

If we truly understood how much God loves us we would, like Paul, be motivated to a life of loving and positive action! We would never dream of asking, “How bad can I be?”

**Bart Warren**

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## PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: continued recovery  
Brownwood family: struggles  
Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy’s cousin, cancer  
Cech, Matthew and Terry: health concerns  
Chambers, Mary: heart concerns  
Chambers, William & Michael: health struggles  
Crump family: struggles  
Collins, Art: Paty’s friend-CVPH  
Conley, Annie May: Mary’s sister, kidney disease and memory  
Cross, Mark: Tara’s cousin-colon cancer  
Darling, Wendy: health struggles  
Dashnaw, Trisha and Justin: struggles  
Doner, John: Christian’s grandfather, health  
Elders: Alfred and Doug  
Garrow, Donald: Crumps’ neighbor, back in hospital  
Hebert, Chris: Paty’s friend-CVPH  
Howard/Nobel family: struggles health struggles  
Kashorek, Lori: struggles with allergies and healing  
Lernineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy’s relatives, struggles  
Miller, Jody: struggles  
Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington  
Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia  
Morrow, Kevin: Kristia’s uncle-lung cancer  
New Walks: Ralph, Rose, Aowen, and Kolton  
Peace, Garrett: cancer  
St. Pierre family: struggles  
Tynon, Leo: Chris’ uncle, recovering at home  
Vaus, Amy: Amber’s cousin, pregnant and has lung cancer  
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 we close the donations to help the Kids in Need. Also, colleges are done for the semester, so we may see some young people back. It's so good to have the Chambers' grandson visiting with us for a while. Keep praying and don't forget Jesus in the midst of the holiday chaos!



## 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. at both N and S locations.

## Munchie Moments

Men's Prayer Breakfast: our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on on 1/5 at 8 a.m.  
Fellowship Meal: Our next monthly meal is on 1/26 after morning service.  
New Year's Early Eve: Snacks at 5 p.m. on the last Sunday of the year, 12/29.

## How to Help

We're collecting donations of money until 12/15 to help the Oasis kids. Money collected will be divided by the number of children, put onto gift cards, and given to their parents to shop for Christmas.

## Doug's Devotional

"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" Judges 21:25.

God would be a terrible obituary writer. You know, no matter how the person lived his or her life, the blurb in the newspaper always says glowing things about the person ... but God tells it how it is! They were a chosen race, but they had chosen sin. They were a royal priesthood, but they had bowed down to idols of their own making. They were a holy nation, but they had fashioned the Creator in their own image. They were a people for His own possession, but possessions had been gathered for their own selfish pleasures. They were all this so they could "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called [them] out of darkness into His marvelous light" 1 Peter 2:9-10. Oh, but wait, how did my Bible get flipped open to the New Testament? We were talking about the Israelites, after all! There are so many similarities between God's people in the time of Judges and now that the lessons not learned by them then should be taken to heart today. What would God change in the obituary of His church if the last verse of this book were written today? What would you be remembered for?

## Secret/Prayer Sisters!

Remember to encourage your secret sister and to use the table by the office as the communication point. So each week check the table for communication from your Secret Sister.



## Sundae Toppings

Today: 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting; Oasis donations due  
12/22, 12:30 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal  
12/29, 5 p.m. early New Year's Eve snacks & fun  
1/5, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast



## Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Roger Chambers plans an early December Malawi trip

## 2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Hos., Joel, Amos & Obad.  
12/15: Daniel 10-12  
12/16: Hosea 1-3  
12/17: Hosea 4-6  
12/18: Hosea 7-9  
12/19: Hosea 10-14  
12/20: Joel 1-3  
12/21: Amos 1-5  
SUPP: Biblical Timeline: The Prophets  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)  
Other Resources  
[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)  
[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)



## Mark Your Calendar

12/25, Christmas  
12/29, Jim B's birthday  
12/31, Cech anniversary ('90)  
1/1 New Year's Day  
1/4, Brownwood anniversary ('16)  
1/5, Patty's birthday in Christ ('12)  
1/10, Carl's birthday  
1/11, Silvia's birthday  
1/12, Patty's birthday

## Concert Corner

12/16, 7 pm: Lori-HS Orchestra @ PHS

## Today: 12/15

Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Garth  
Song Leader: Alfred  
#945 "Kneel at the Cross"  
#912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"  
#560 "Living By Faith"  
Talk/bread prayer: Tyler  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Chris  
Pass/collection prayer: Howard  
Passer: Justin  
#545 "Precious Memories"  
Scripture Reading: Carl - Judges 21:25  
Lesson: Doug "Right in His Own Eyes"  
#464 "Because He Lives"  
Closing Song: John  
#679 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
Closing Prayer: Ed  
Sub: JL, JB

## Next Sunday 12/22

Announcements: Carl  
Opening Prayer: Alfred  
Song Leader: Ed  
Talk/bread prayer: John  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Tyler  
Pass/collection prayer: Chris  
Passer: Doug  
Scripture Reading: Howard - Revelation 21:1-4  
Lesson: Doug "Adorned for Her Husband"  
Closing Song: Jim L  
Closing Prayer: Garth

## 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).

## December 8, 2019

Bible Class	26
Morning Worship	36
Wed. N. Bible Class	9
Wed. S Bible Class	7
Contribution	\$787.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00