

Church of Christ

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NO AWE OF GOD

I remember listening to a talk radio program where the host was eliciting comments on why the crime rate had risen for the first time in several years. As you can probably guess, most of the responses were extreme and unconvincing. Still, a common thread among most of the callers was that there is more crime when people no longer have a fear of punishment for crime, nor a respect for authority.

Whenever and wherever wickedness rules, one of the basic reasons is a diminished fear of the consequences of wrongdoing. A major part of Satan's success with Eve was the fact that he convinced her that "you will not surely die" (Genesis 3.4). He cunningly diminished the fear of sin and of God.

Over the centuries this same theme repeated itself time and again in the history of Israel and Judah. In the time of Jeremiah, God was lamenting the spiritual adultery of His people. They had given themselves to the idolatrous prostitutes of wood and stone "because Israel's immorality mattered so little to her" (Jeremiah 3.9). And why was that? One clue to the answer of this question is found in Jeremiah 2.19: "Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me." Similarly, David wrote concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: "There is no fear of God before his eyes" (Psalm 36.1).

When thinking of the awesomeness of God, it is common for us to be amazed at His wisdom and power. It gives us warm feelings to think of His holiness and might. However, when Jeremiah spoke of Israel having no awe of God, he had in mind a healthy, reverent fear of God's judgment, a fear that would restrain wickedness. Instead, Israel had become so awe-less of that God they were willing to turn to other gods of their own creation and to practice unrestrained wickedness.

Where is the awe of God today when people use His name so thoughtlessly (Oh my God – omg)? Where is the awe of God today when homosexuality, abortion, etc. are not just accepted, but encouraged in our society (Romans 1.18-32)? Where is the awe of God today when honesty and integrity are thought of as archaic words? Where is the awe of God today when tradition and entertainment are preferred over scripture and truth? Where is the awe of God today when lying and slander among God's people carry no accountability? Where is the awe of God today when every excuse under the sun will suffice to justify us from fulfilling our responsibilities to God to worship, pray, give, commune, study, teach, serve, fellowship, etc.?

Standing in awe of God is not just a song we sing or prayer we offer; it's not just a tingly feeling toward God. It's an attitude of a humble heart bowing before the Almighty that responds with real life actions of service to Him. Are you in awe of God?

Joe Chesser
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Jackson, MO

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
Traveling: the Kashoreks
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 ...

The 2020 Interactive Bible Plan from WVBS is available in print or to watch the supplemental videos that enhance your reading. Set a tab in your browser to video.wvbs.org! Dive deep into God’s Word this coming year!



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.

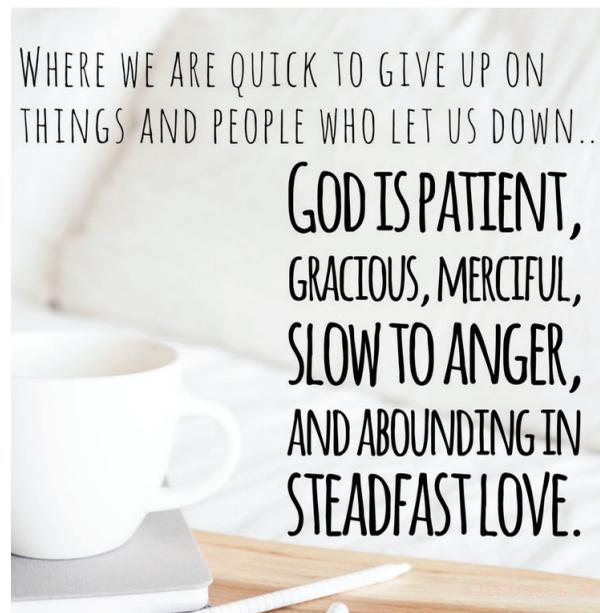
Secret/Prayer Sisters!

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. The Secret/Prayer Sister reveal will be Sunday, January 5 right after services.

Doug’s Devotional

“And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none” Ezekiel 22:30.

Collectively, God’s people had not obeyed His commands. They had strayed so far into sin and selfishness that God was going to consume them with the fire of His wrath. In the midst of this pronouncement, God says He had looked for one to stand in the breach but found none. To stand in the breach of a defensive wall was a position of sacrifice. The one to do that would certainly not survive as he battled enemies on behalf of others. This was a leadership crisis—leadership God’s way! Jesus was such a leader for us. We were dead in our sins without one who could stand in the breach on our behalf, but Jesus did just that. Sinless, He sacrificed His life so we might live. He withstood the onslaught of death and Satan, so that we might have the eternal life that was His. Thank you, Jesus, our Savior! But, it doesn’t end there. God calls all those who are in Christ to stand in the breach for our fellow man. We must love as Jesus did, and that means carrying our crosses. Are you standing in the



Sundae Toppings

Today: 5 p.m. early New Year’s Eve; Kashoreks gone

1/5, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast; 12:30 p.m. Secret Sister Reveal

1/12, 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time; Kashoreks gone

1/19, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting

1/26, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



Mission Moment

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

2019 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Intro to the NT; Matthew
 12/29: Zechariah 6-10
 12/30: Zechariah 11-14
 12/31: Malachi 1-4
 1/1: Matthew 1-4; Psalm 1
 1/2: Matthew 5-7; Psalm 2
 1/3: Matthew 8-10; Psalm 3
 1/4: Matthew 11-12; Psalm 4
 SUPP: How to Begin Reading the Bible; Hypocrite!

SUPP: Biblical Timeline:
 The Intertestamental Period
 website: video.wvbs.org
 Other Resources
theabidingword.com



Mark Your Calendar

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
 2/16-22, carpet cleaning week

Today: 12/29

Announcements: Chris
 Opening Prayer: Carl
 Song Leader: Garth
 #417 “Where He Leads I’ll Follow”
 #701 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”
 #768 “Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”
 Talk/bread prayer: Howard
 Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: John
 Pass/collection prayer: Tyler
 Passer: Justin
 #712 “Jesus Is Coming Soon”
 Scripture Reading: Jim B - 2 Peter 3:9
 Lesson: Alfred “S.T.O.P.”
 #848 “Did You Think to Pray?”
 Closing Song: Ed
 #123 “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”
 Closing Prayer: Jim L
 Sub: KN, DK

Next Sunday 1/5

Announcements: Doug
 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 - John 14:12-17
 Lesson: Doug “Greater Works Than These”
 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).

December 22, 2019

Bible Class	24
Morning Worship	45
Wed. N. Bible Class	-
Wed. S Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$1078.97
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00