

# 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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## PRAY FOR...

Alexander, Reggie: Lynn's friend, heart problems

Behnke, Jason: Cystic Fibrosis, new med

Bennett, Jim: continued recovery

Burna, Jennifer: Carl & Cindy's cousin, cancer

Cech, Matthew and Terry: health concerns

Chambers, Mary: heart concerns

Chambers, William & Michael: health struggles

Crumpp family: struggles

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: newborn son, David

Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health

Doolen, Shirley and daughters: stuggling loss of husban/father

Elders: Alfred and Doug

Gallagher, Bob: recovering from heart surgery

Garrow, Donald: Crumps' neighbor, back in hospital

Howard/Nobel family: struggles health struggles

Kashorek, Lori: treatment at Biologix in Wichita, KS

Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggles

Miller, Jody: struggles

Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington

Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia

Morrow, Kevin: Krista's uncle-lung cancer

New Walks: Ralph, Rose, Aowen, and Kolton

Pickering, Dustin: severe health struggles in CVPH

Plank, Mason: recovery from back surgery

St. Pierre family: struggles

Traveling: Lori Kashorek

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

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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.

“Continue to help us keep this list updated and to pray for those mentioned in previous bulletins.”

## 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](http://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 2/2 at 8 a.m.  
**Fellowship Meal:** Our next monthly meal is on 1/26 after morning service.

## Secret/Prayer Sisters!

We will start up a new Secret/Prayer Sisters including the high school age girls the last Sunday in January.

## Oasis

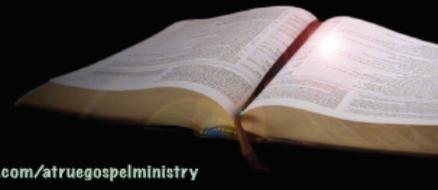
Just as a reminder, if you're not vetted to serve as a volunteer for The Oasis Project, please stay away from the church on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3-5 p.m. for confidentiality reasons.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or is ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear"* Isaiah 59:1-2.

Any deeper look into the gospel needs to begin with the subject of sin. Adam and Eve walked with God until they sinned and were kept from the Tree of Life. The whole of the Bible is the account of how a righteous God would redeem sinful man. Sin separates us from God. We're all separated from God because we all sin. We commit sin when we do the things we should not do or violate God's expressly stated commands. We omit sin when we don't do things we should do or fail to live up to God's expressly stated commands. In such a separated state, we have no choice but to face God's wrath as we have earned death (eternal separation from God). This is the reality for all of man that each of us must accept before the hope of the gospel can be grasped. Often, however, we'd rather blame others as they did in Eden, justify sin as they did in Gethsemane, or deny that it even exists as they do today. Regardless, all of us on that Day will need to give an account for our sins. What do you do with yours?

**Examine yourself... Are you separated from the world as you abide in Christ? Your thoughts? Desires? Speech? Actions? Can people in your midst see someone different from the world? Seek God...**



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## Sundae Toppings

Today: 2:30 p.m. Family Meeting; Ed preaches  
 1/26, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
 2/2, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 2/9, NO Ladies' Time



## Mission Moment

- Please pray for all our mission works.
- Roger Chambers is back from Malawi trip

## 2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Luke  
 1/19: Mark 1-3; Psalm 19  
 1/20: Mark 4-5; Psalm 20  
 1/21: Mark 6-7; Psalm 21  
 1/22: Mark 8-10; Psalm 22  
 1/23: Mark 11-12; Psalm 23  
 1/24: Mark 13-14; Psalm 24  
 1/25: Mark 15-16; Psalm 25  
 website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)  
 Other Resources  
[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)  
[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)



## Mark Your Calendar

2/9, Joy's birthday  
 2/10, Howard's birthday  
 2/12, Chris' birthday  
 2/14, Valentine's Day;  
 Doug & Lori's birthdays in Christ ('93)  
 2/16-22, carpet cleaning week  
 2/20, Jody's birthday in Christ ('09)  
 2/24, Sammy's birthday

## Congratulations to Dashnaw's

David George Dashnaw made his appearance on January 16 at 11:18. He weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. He made his way home on Saturday. He hopefully will attend assembly next week.

## Today: 1/19

Announcements: John  
 Opening Prayer: Howard  
 Song Leader: Tyler  
 #986 "Kum Ba Yah"  
 #121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"  
 #29 "Amazing Grace"  
 Talk/bread prayer: Chris  
 Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth  
 Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
 Passer: Justin  
 #214 "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"  
 Scripture Reading: Alfred - Isaiah 59:1-4  
 Lesson: Doug "Between You and Your God"  
 #912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"  
 Closing Song: Jim L  
 #650 "Send the Light"  
 Closing Prayer: Jim B  
 Sub: KN, EH

## Next Sunday 1/26

Announcements: Alfred  
 Opening Prayer: Chris  
 Song Leader: John  
 Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
 Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Doug  
 Pass/collection prayer: Garth  
 Passer: Justin  
 Scripture Reading: Ed - Galatians 2:19-21  
 Lesson: Doug "The Old Rugged Cross"  
 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).

## January 10, 2019

Bible Class	-
Morning Worship	10
Wed. N. Bible Class	11
Wed. S Bible Class	-
Contribution	\$387.25 (ice storm!)
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00