

# Church of Christ

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## THREE LESSONS ON LOVING ONE ANOTHER

The scene could not have been more inauspicious: a low-lit room, full stomachs, and the dirty feet of a dozen grown men. This is not where you'd expect to find one of the world's greatest lessons in loving one another.

The apostle John tells us the story, showing us three unforgettable parts.

### 1. Put an Apron on Authority

The apostle is so crystal clear here. He wants us to get the timing down of when this event transpired. It was before the Feast of Passover, when Jesus knew that he was about to depart from this world, when Judas was already conniving to betray him, when Jesus understood that the Father had given him all authority and his earthly ministry was almost finished. We're supposed to see this context in John 13:1–3, and having all this in our minds, we read: “[Jesus] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist” (verse 4).

This is not the set-up for a snazzy TED talk. Jesus, knowing that he is the sovereign Lord over everything, puts on an apron and prepares to wash the dirty feet of his disciples.

The sovereign Lord washing the feet of his followers — this upside-down dimension of the gospel — redefines the nature of relationships. Where the world has its ranks and high-profile untouchables, the King of glory puts on an apron. This means that we, his people, are never too important for ordinary relationships.

### 2. Do What Jesus Did

John makes this point clear for us, too: we do what Jesus did. Jesus served his disciples and tells us, therefore, that we should serve one another. “I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15).

Jesus says that his humility is an example for us — that we do what he does. And this means, profoundly, that one of the ways we identify with our Savior is by

caring for others in the same manner he has cared for us. We show ourselves to be his disciple when we humble ourselves and seek the good of others at our own expense.

This is important because there is a degree of suffering we will experience in serving one another. It always costs something to seek someone else's good, and there will be times when it feels like we're not getting any encouraging return on our investments. In these moments, because of Jesus's example, we know it doesn't mean we turn and run, but instead press in and hold on. When the serving gets especially tough, we shouldn't necessarily serve less, but perhaps more. And in doing that, we go deeper with Jesus.

Consider the context of Jesus's own serving in John 13. Look at the group sitting around him. John is sure to tell us, right in the middle of all this, how Judas is in the process of betraying Jesus. And then Peter, who is so vocal, will soon deny Jesus. We see something here that is true of Jesus's wider ministry: you didn't have to reach a certain status of friendship for Jesus to serve you. He washed his disciples' feet knowing all along that soon, in the garden where he'll be arrested, they would all scatter.

### 3. Know the New Commandment

The instruction and example from Jesus now becomes a bona fide commandment — a new commandment (John 13:34). The meaning behind our serving one another is our love for one another. The church loves one another, even in ways deeper than flesh-and-blood family.

And when this happens, Jesus says all people will know that we're his. Our love for one another is a witness to our identity as the redeemed sons and daughters of God.

And that's how we live together as the church in this world: we go against the grain of societal expectations, we help one another when it hurts, and we love one another to represent our King.

Jonathan Parnell

## 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  
**Elders:** Alfred and Doug  
**Garrow, Donald:** Crumps' neighbor, cancer  
**Howard/Nobel family:** struggles health struggles  
**Kashorek, Lori:** continued improvement  
**Lermineau, Kids:** Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggles  
**Loss:** Lynn's nephew, son of her brother in Canada  
**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, Kolton and Shameek  
**Pickering, Dustin:** severe health struggles in CVPH  
**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 begins Carpet Cleaning Week. There will be times when we'll need many hands to make the work light, such as Sunday after service, Wednesday evening, and Saturday as we'll move lots of things to get at the carpets in the auditorium and classrooms. If you can help to run a vacuum or shampooer on Monday or Thursday mornings that week, it would be appreciated.



## 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

**Fellowship Meal:** Our next monthly meal is 2/23 after morning service.

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

## New Nursery Rules

Due to the fact that we now have a new baby amongst us, the nursery is now limited to the new baby's family. It has been cleaned for David and we hope to keep it that way for his benefit. Also before David has his first vaccine in late March if you have so much as a runny nose please look at him from afar.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God" 1 John 4:7.*

Self-love can be dangerous. It is at the heart of selfishness. Those in the world will do what is right by themselves at the cost of everyone around them and disguise it as 'relative truth.' Because they are true to the standard they have set up for themselves, they believe themselves good and loving people. Knowing this, Christians seek so much to love God and others that they may not love themselves. Our relationship with God is planted when we realize God's love for us in Jesus dying in our place on the cross. It is fed watered, and tended with study, prayer, and service to those around us and then blooms into an imitation of Christ. This is not a self-centered love but a God-centered love that emanates into every aspect of our lives and is the lens through which we interact in this world. This is how we love one another as Christ loved us. This is how we are truly born of God and know God. Love for one another is not fodder for a checklist. Looking outside of ourselves isn't just for our spare time or only after our own needs are met. How do you love?

## Carpet Cleaning Week

All help is appreciated & needed during these times ...  
2/16, move all out of auditorium after service  
2/17, 8 a.m. clean auditorium carpet  
2/19, 6:30 p.m. move all out off classrooms  
2/20, 8 a.m. clean classroom carpets  
2/22, 9 a.m. set up classrooms & auditorium

## Secret/Prayer Sisters!

Remember to pray for and give encouraging notes or items to you new Secret Sister. The table along the wall by the office is the Communication Center for the sisters.

## Oasis (None This Week)

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.

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting (info only); help moving all out of the auditorium!  
2/23, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
3/1, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3/8, NO Ladies' Time



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works. Closer to home, we're helping Doug's former intern, Don Alan Riggs and wife Hannah (Chamberlain), take on a work at the church in Troy, NY, through August with funds set aside in our budget for an unnamed mission.



## 2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Romans  
2/16: Acts 17-19; Psalm 47  
2/17: Acts 20-22; Psalm 48  
2/18: Acts 23-25; Psalm 49  
2/19: Acts 26-28; Psalm 50  
2/20: Romans 1-3; Psalm 51  
2/21: Romans 4-6; Psalm 52  
2/22: Romans 7-9; Psalm 53  
SUPP: 8 FAQs About Baptism  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)  
Other Resources  
[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)  
[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)



## Mark Your Calendar

2/18, Chris' birthday  
2/16-22, carpet cleaning week  
2/20, Jody's birthday in Christ ('09)  
2/24, Sammy's birthday  
3/13, Donna's birthday in Christ ('11)  
4/26, Spring Sing

## Today: 2/16

Announcements: Chris  
Opening Prayer: John  
Song Leader: Garth  
#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"  
#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"  
#31 "Be Still and Know"  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Alfred  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
Passer: Doug  
#100 "Holy Ground"  
Scripture Reading: Jim B - 1 John 4:7-12  
Lesson: Doug "Let Us Love One Another"  
#67 "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Closing Song: Ed  
#414 "Anywhere with Jesus"  
Closing Prayer: Tyler  
Sub: JD, JL

## Next Sunday 2/23

Next Sunday: 2/23 (4)  
Announcements: Doug  
Opening Prayer: Ed  
Song Leader: Chris  
Talk/bread prayer: Carl  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Jim L  
Pass/collection prayer: Alfred  
Passer: Justin  
Scripture Reading: Tyler - 1 Timothy 2:1-6  
Lesson: Doug "One God, One Mediator, the Man"  
Closing Song: 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).

## February 9, 2020

Bible Class	18
Morning Worship	28
Wed. N. Bible Class	-
Wed. S Bible Class	4
Contribution	\$878.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00