

# Church of Christ

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## WHY LOVE?

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13).

Have you ever wondered why it is that love is the greatest? I mean, faith and hope are two powerful elements of our Christian lives. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:4). Hope plays a part in anchoring our soul (Heb. 6:19). But love is more powerful. Love is the root of faith and hope. We have faith and hope only in that which we love. “Many waters cannot quench love” (Song of Solomon 8:7). “Love never fails” (1 Cor. 13:8).

Paul lists several Christian responsibilities in Col 2:12-13; duties like kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Then after giving the list, in verse 14, Paul through inspiration writes: “But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.” Love is what cements all of the Christian virtues together, helping to make our lives complete. If we are to ever express kindness and forgiveness, we must first possess love. Love takes action and does good things. “My little children, let

us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

And think about this: faith and hope are for the here and now, but love will be forever. Love is something that has always been around – and always will be. God, who is eternal (Psa. 90:2) is also described in 1 John 4:8 as love. God is love. He always has been and He always will be love. His love transcends all time and temporality (Rom. 8:35-38). “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jer. 31:3). “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (Psa. 136:1, ESV).

Love is powerful. Love is beneficial. Love is eternal. It seems to me that love is really important. Maybe it’s time we started expressing and practicing love more.

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart” (1 Pet. 1:22).

**Edd Sterchi**  
Broadway church of Christ  
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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:** health concerns  
**Chambers, Mary:** heart concerns  
**Chambers, William & Michael:** health struggles  
**Crump 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  
**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  
**Traveling: Dashnaws moving back to Tennessee**  
**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 ...

... and now we enter the long, frozen stretch of March! As warmer weather appears after that we can start to look towards finishing the playground, taking teens to the Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally on 4/24-26, and hosting the Spring Sing on 4/26.



## New Address

While Doug stays in their home where they've lived since 1997 until it's remediated for mold and then sold, Lori is setting up an apartment today at 27 Eddie Drive, Apt. 2, Plattsburgh (off Wallace Hill). Thank you to those who helped her get settled in her new uncontaminated life.

## Munchie Moments

**Fellowship Meal:** Our next monthly meal is 3/22 after morning service.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on on 4/5 at 8 a.m.

## 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.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends ..."* 1 Corinthians 13:7-8.

We've just left a season in which the entire world is focused on love. Flowers were given; chocolates were consumed; proposals were made; and radio stations played songs. What are the best love songs of all time? Those that speak about the greatest love story of all time—and they aren't just sung during February but every first day of the week by those who know God's love as demonstrated through the gospel. From the radio we might hear, "I want to know what love is? And I want you to show me." The answer the singer is seeking is something in the range of superficial to committed from another—the best that human beings can do. Because we're made in God's image, we have the ability to love as He loved us, but it took God becoming flesh and dwelling among us to truly show us the depth of love. Up until Frozen, Disney taught that infatuation is love. The opening of "Up" for a deeper emotional look at mature love. When a movie shows a sacrificial love, it's learned from the pages of the Bible. Do you sing weekly about the greatest love of all?



**Next weekend!**

**March 8, 2020**

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 3/1, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3/8, NO Ladies' Time  
3/15, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting  
3/22, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
3/29, 5th Sunday



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



## 2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Galatians and Ephesians  
3/1: 2 Corinthians 1-3; Psalm 61  
3/2: 2 Corinthians 4-6; Psalm 62  
3/3: 2 Corinthians 7-9; Psalm 63  
3/4: 2 Corinthians 10-13; Psalm 64  
3/5: Galatians 1-3; Psalm 65  
3/6: Galatians 4-6; Psalm 66  
3/7: Ephesians 1-2; Psalm 67  
SUPP: Are You Stealing God's Money?  
website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)  
Other Resources  
[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)  
[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)

## 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.



## Mark Your Calendar

3/13, Donna's birthday in Christ ('11)  
3/24, Mary Ch's birthday  
3/26, Donna's birthday  
3/27, Shirley's birthday  
3/29, Millers' anniversary ('09)  
3/30, Nick's birthday  
3/31, Crumps' anniversary ('17)  
4/24-26, Wetzel Rd. Youth Rally  
4/26, Spring Sing

## Today: 3/1

Announcements: John  
Opening Prayer: Jim B  
Song Leader: Tyler  
#71 "As the Deer"  
#555 "Seek Ye First"  
#334 " 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"  
Talk/bread prayer: Howard  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Carl  
Pass/collection prayer: Jim L  
Passer: Justin  
#96 "I Stand in Awe"  
Scripture Reading: Alfred - 1 Corinthians 13:1-8  
Lesson: Doug "The Greatest Commands"  
#453 "Love Lifted Me"  
Closing Song: Chris  
#23 "Our God He Is Alive"  
Closing Prayer: Ed  
Sub: DK, GH, SC, MS, KN, RG

## Next Sunday 3/8

Announcements: Alfred  
Opening Prayer: Chris  
Song Leader: John  
Talk/bread prayer: Garth  
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Howard  
Pass/collection prayer: Carl  
Passer: Shameek  
Scripture Reading: Jim L - Proverbs 22:6  
Lesson: Doug "In the Way He Should Go"  
Closing Song: Tyler  
Closing Prayer: Jim B

## February 23, 2020

Bible Class	26
Morning Worship	41
Wed. N. Bible Class	12
Wed. S Bible Class	2
Contribution	\$885.50
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00

January→February→Averages; 1 Year Ago  
Sun. Bible Class Ave. 17→24; 15  
Sun. AM Worship Ave. 27→38; 27  
Wed. Bible Class Ave. 13→16; -  
Weekly Contribution Ave. \$696.34→\$924.56; \$715.94  
Yearly Contribution Ave. (26 weeks) \$797.56