

Church of Christ

77 Cogan Avenue
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
(518) 563-2970

April 12, 2020

DON'T GROW WEARY

Let's be honest, most of us would have to admit that we have a natural aversion to suffering. It may not bother us so much when "bad" people suffer, but we often get bent out of shape when suffering happens to "good" people—especially to us! We think that life owes us happiness, comfort, wealth, and a bit of prosperity. So when life deals us a blow, it's no wonder we are prone to be discouraged or disillusioned.

Thankfully, however, the writer of Hebrews helps put things into perspective by instructing us to "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb. 12:3). When we "consider" the suffering of Jesus... when we fully grasp the terrible suffering that He—the only perfect person to walk this planet—endured on our behalf, it makes all the difference.

It's significant to note that Jesus knew exactly what was coming. The night before His death, He told His disciples, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15). I have often thought that it would have been a lot easier for Him to die a different way—something more sudden and less violent. Why was such deep agony required?

Jesus knew that suffering is part and parcel of Satan's grip on our lives. Satan loves to bring it on, because he believes the more suffering he can

throw at us, the more we will become defeated, discouraged, and disengaged from God. That's his plan. And so the enemy threw the book at Jesus. Satan entered the heart of Judas, which meant that Jesus would suffer the bitter betrayal of a trusted friend. The kangaroo courts and crowds declared Jesus to be a criminal, beat and mocked Him, and inflicted terrible agony on Him. He stumbled up the cobblestone steps carrying His own cross, felt the stab of the sword in His side, the nails in His hands and feet, the thorns on His brow. He tasted suffering for us, and all the while Satan said, "Take that!" But what Satan did not know was that behind the scenes, God was working to use Jesus' experience of suffering to turn the tables on Satan and defeat him through the suffering. The suffering of Jesus was a prelude to the ultimate defeat of sin, death, and hell.

I don't know about you, but I'm really thankful that Jesus was not only willing to die, but to defeat the stronghold of suffering in the process. He willingly walked into the arena of suffering in order to achieve complete, final victory over the ravaging effects of sin. And what's more, He proved that there's life beyond the grave.

So, as we think about the Last Supper and the events that took place on Good Friday, let's take time to consider the significance of Jesus' suffering on our behalf, and let us not grow weary and lose heart!

Joe Stowell
Strength for the Journey

PRAY FOR...

Alexander, Reggie: Lynn's friend, heart problems
Behnke, Jason: Cystic Fibrosis, new med
Bennett, Jim: continued recovery
Cech, Matthew: health concerns
Chambers, Mary: heart concerns
Chambers, William & Michael: health struggles
Coronavirus victims
Crumpp family: struggles
Conley, Annie May: Mary's sister, kidney disease and memory
Cross, Mark: Tara's cousin-colon cancer
Darling, Wendy: health struggles
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Elders, Alfred and Doug...and their families
Garrow, Donald: Crumps' neighbor, health struggles
Howard/Noble: health struggles
Kashorek, Lori: continued improvement
Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggles
McCoy, Stephanie: Melinda and John's relative, health 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 Shawmeek
Pickering, Dustin: severe health struggles
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."

Church of Christ
77 Cogan Avenue
Plattsburgh, Ny 12901
office: 518-563-2970
www.plattsburghchurch.com

shepherds serving under the Good Shepherd:
Alfred Chambers, evangelist, 901-205-8584
Doug Kashorek, preacher, 518-645-1509

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 ...

Thank you to everyone who was able to adjust to a new quarantine format for services in a short time. The Spring Sing won’t be able to happen on 4/26, and so by worship time via Facebook Live at 11 a.m., we will be able to announce whether we will cancel or postpone this event.



Technologically Gathering

What we hoped would be a short-term solution for the struggle of not being able to gather physically is becoming the norm as restrictions are being extended. During this, we will continue to broadcast worship service at 11 a.m. each Sunday via Facebook Live ‘Doug Kashorek’ as this catches the widest audience of friends locally, nationally, and internationally. Once shared to Facebook, it can be viewed on other mediums and on our website, plattsburghchurch.com, where a sermon archive and bulletin are found. So, get your Lord’s Supper supplies and hard copies of the bulletin or sermon notes & outline at the church building beforehand and join us this coming Lord’s Day on the web.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: Our next monthly meal will be May 24.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Our next 1st Sunday breakfast is on on 5/3 at 8 a.m.

Oasis

With schools being closed, Oasis is not meeting until the schools re-open after restrictions are lifted.

Doug’s Devotional

“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead”

Philippians 3:10-11.

Bring on the resurrection from the dead, we say! We want that. That’s right, Paul. We also want to “attain the resurrection.” Most are aware of our grave problem: once we die, how will we rise and go to heaven? Some circumvent the problem by insisting that ALL who die go to heaven. But, that discounts our sin problem—that all of us have sinned, have earned death, and are in need of forgiveness. Rising from the dead has become such a commonplace theme in our culture that we forget that resurrection began and that power resides only with Jesus who IS the resurrection and the life. He’s the only One who has conquered death and gives us victory over it ... in Him! So, we must diligently study what His Word has to say about how we can attain the resurrection from the dead, and that study leads us to the understanding that we must “share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.” Anything but that, we cry! Are you willing to do this to attain the resurrection?

Shared Suffering /Glory!

- *“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”* (Rom. 8:16-17)
- *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”* (Rom. 8:18)

Sundae Toppings

Today: 11 a.m. Worship via Facebook Live
4/12, Easter; 11 a.m. Worship via Facebook Live
4/19, 11 a.m. Worship via Facebook Live
4/26, NO Spring Sing or Fellowship Meal



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan

SOTW: Intro to the OT; Genesis
4/12: Revelation 12-13; Psalm 103
4/13: Revelation 14-15; Psalm 104
4/14: Revelation 16-17; Psalm 105
4/15: Revelation 18-19; Psalm 106
4/16: Revelation 20-22; Psalm 107
4/17: Genesis 1-2; Psalm 108
4/18: Genesis 3-4; Psalm 109
SUPP: The Truth About Angels;
Premillennialism: A Deeper Study
website: video.wvbs.org
Other Resources
theabidingword.com
sermonlines.com



Mark Your Calendar



4/19, Amber’s birthday
4/26, NO Spring Sing
5/9, Kole’s birthday
5/28, Taylor & Tyler’s birthdays
5/29, Jim L’s birthday

Secret/Prayer Sisters!

I think it would be good to just send a card or note to your secret sister through the mail with no return address. Continue to pray especially during this time that we are apart. Lots to pray for!

Today: 4/12

via Facebook Live
Scripture Reading: John - Philippians 3:8-11
Lesson: Doug “I May Attain the Resurrection”

How Are You Staying Fed?

Without physical classes or worship services, are you finding ways to stay spiritually fed? This is a great time to pray, study God’s Word, or serve. Yes, serve God--just in different ways! Even if you aren’t online, you can encourage or check on others via the phone. If you are online, check out the WVBS studies listed here or the ‘Other Resources’ that are maintained by our members.

4/19

Announcements: John
Opening Prayer: Howard
Song Leader: Tyler
Talk/bread prayer: Chris
Pass/fruit of the vine prayer: Garth
Pass/collection prayer: Ed
Passer: Shawmeek
Scripture Reading: Carl - Colossians 3:12-17
Lesson: Doug “And Whatever You Do”
Closing Song: Jim L
Closing Prayer: Jim B

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).

April 5, 2020

Bible Class	-
Morning Worship	-
Wed. N. Bible Class	-
Wed. S Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$610.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00