

Church of Christ

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WHAT KIND OF DRIVER ARE YOU?

I'm not sure who came up with the idea of driving around in circles on a small track in a tiny machine; nevertheless, riding go-karts is a popular pastime in America. Once when I took my son and nephew to a go-kart track, I was whizzing around—trying desperately to catch up with those two lightweight guys—and realized firsthand the futility of going in circles and cutting off everyone who got in my way.

A lot like life, I thought.

Then I found myself reflecting on a similar, more brutal activity: bumper cars. Have you ever noticed that they are driven by two kinds of people? The aggressive ones bump and bang everyone within range. They don't feel successful unless they have plowed as many people into the sideboards as time will allow. The other person shrinks from the conflict, seeking to avoid the drivers who have that killer look in their eyes.

Unfortunately, a lot of us tend to live in aimless, reckless ways like the go-kart and bumper car drivers of this world. Some of us seem content simply to follow a track going nowhere, hoping to finish first among others who are also frantically circling, going nowhere with their lives.

Then there are those who seem to think there is some spiritual merit to bumping and banging fellow followers of Jesus, while others go through life with passive avoidance, simply trying to stay out of everybody's way. They don't go anywhere or do anything significant; success for them is measured by just staying out of trouble.

If you recognized yourself in this list, I'm here to tell you that none of those tactics will lead to the progressive, productive life that Jesus called us to live. The essence of authentic Christianity is the pursuit of a goal. As Paul put it: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Together, arm in arm, heart to heart, we are called to go somewhere for God.

As followers of Jesus, we have many wonderful and productive places to go—like rearing godly families, expressing sacrificial love in our relationships in the midst of a "me first" culture, and taking the healing power of Christ to the broken and oppressed.

It's when we take our eyes off the God-given goal and forget our destination that we settle back into the go-kart mentality, circling around the same track we've been on for years, or find ourselves hanging out in the bumper car arena looking for someone to attack or avoid.

It's time to get out of the amusement park and back on God's highway. And once on the highway, our goal is to be wreck-less drivers, following the rules of the road and avoiding conflict with other cars. It's time to get behind the wheel and get serious about going where God wants to take us—a place of usefulness and significant service for Him. Then, like Paul, we can say with confidence, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

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
Buskey, Jeane: Marlaina's grandmother, recuperating at home
Cech, Matthew: health concerns
Chambers, Mary: heart concerns
Chambers, William & Michael: health struggles
Coronavirus victims and their families
Crumpp family: struggles
Conley, Annie May: Mary's sister, hearing loss and memory
Coon family: Jeffery, Courtney, Emily, and Anna, struggles
Cross, Mark: Tara's cousin-colon cancer
Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health
Elders: Alfred and Doug...and their families
Garrow, Donald: Crumps' neighbor, health struggles
Hill, Fern & Thomas: cancer
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: Krista's uncle-lung cancer
New Walks: Ralph, Rose, Aowen, Kolton and Shawmeek
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 ...

Welcome back as we physically gather today while still filming via Facebook Live. So as not to have shared food, we will each enjoy some fellowship time with each other right from our chairs while we eat lunches we prepared ourselves. Then we'll spend some time praying and singing. Next Sunday, we won't share physical food for a Men's Prayer Breakfast, but we'll still meet to pray together at 10 a.m. instead. Classes plan to resume in July.



How Are You Staying Fed?

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.

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: Our next monthly meal is planned for 5/31 as a bring-your-own-sack-lunch.
Men's Prayer Breakfast: No breakfast but prayer time next Sunday, 6/7, at 10 a.m.

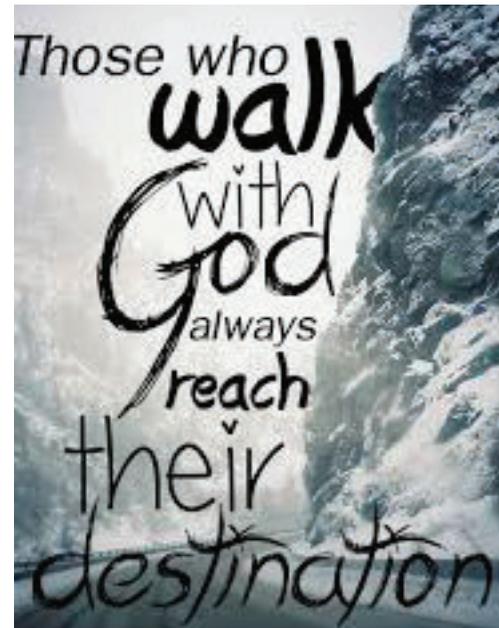
Secret/Prayer Sisters!

Continue to pray especially during this time that we are apart. Lots to pray about. Our reveal Sunday will be Sunday, July 12.

Doug's Devotional

"And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. ... The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house ..." 1 Samuel 18:8-10.

Saul had "stinkin' thinkin'!" Seeing David's faith in overcoming Goliath should have shaken the king out of his fear. Finding that a young man who had a heart after God's own heart should have heartened Saul when David became such good friends with his son. Saul should have been encouraged when David struck down the Lord's enemies ... but instead, it wasn't him. It started with anger at David getting the accolades that he desired. Then, once the seed was planted, the Word says, that "Saul eyed David from that day on." Not only was Saul not built up by David's faith, but his stinkin' thinkin' would only let him seek an opportunity to tear David down. So, as he opened up the door of his mind to destructive thoughts, "a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre," probably to ease the king's struggle. This raving eventually led to him trying to pin David to the wall with a spear. What harm do we cause in our lives when we allow stinkin' thinkin' to grow?



Sundae Toppings

Today: bring bag lunch;
 Sing & Pray following lunch
 6/7, 10 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
 6/14, NO Ladies' Time
 6/21, Father's Day; Family Meeting (info only)



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Leviticus & Numbers
 5/31: Leviticus 13-14; Psalm 150
 6/1: Leviticus 15-16; Proverbs 1
 6/2: Leviticus 17-18; Proverbs 2
 6/3: Leviticus 19-20; Proverbs 3
 6/4: Leviticus 21-22; Proverbs 4
 6/5: Leviticus 23-24; Proverbs 5
 6/6: Leviticus 25-27; Proverbs 6
 SUPP: none
 website: video.wvbs.org
 Other Resources
theabidingword.com
sermonlines.com



Mark Your Calendar

6/6, Chambers anniversary ('75)
 6/10, Healy anniversary ('67)
 6/13, Glenda's birthday;
 Amber's birthday in Christ ('13)
 6/19, Kashorek ('93) & Goodman ('04)
 anniversaries
 6/28, Chrissy's birthday
 6/29, Melinda's birthday

Corny Mom Riddles

Q: What did the mother rope say to her child?
 A: Don't be knotty.
 Q: What did the mother spider say to her baby spider?
 A: You spend too much time on the web.
 Q: Why did the monster's mom knit him three socks?
 A: Because he grew another foot.

Today: 5/31

Announcements: Doug
 Opening Prayer:
 Song Leader: John
 #PP"Open The Eyes of My Heart"
 #18 "Faithful Love"
 #176 "Lamb of God"
 Talk/Prayer-bread:
 Prayer-fruit of the vine:
 Prayer-collection:
 #719 "Love One Another"
 Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 18:7-11
 Lesson: Doug "Stinkin' Thinkin'"
 #915 "Trust and Obey"
 #867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
 Closing Prayer:

Next Sunday: 6/7

Announcements: Alfred
 Song Leader: Chris
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16
 Lesson: Doug "You Are the Light of the World"

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).

May 24, 2020

Bible Class	-
Morning Worship	13
Wed. N. Bible Class	-
Wed. S Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$1307.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00