

Church of Christ

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FORGIVENESS

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you” (Eph. 4:32). The character of the Christian includes “bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you” (Col. 3:13). What has God said about this beautiful gift that we can (and must) extend to each other? Specifically, what roles do repentance and restitution play in the interchange between the offender and the offended? Must repentance happen before forgiveness can be granted? These will be the questions we will explore more deeply at the worship hour. But by way of summary, let me offer you the following thoughts.

If we harbor an unforgiving attitude toward others, God will not forgive us (Matt. 6:14-15; 18:35). Each of us should emulate our Father by consistently maintaining an intense desire to extend pardon to those who have sinned against us (1 Tim. 2:4). We should keep our hearts free from bitterness, wrath, hatred, malice, and revenge (Rom. 12:17ff). We should love our enemies and treat them with kindness (Matt. 5:44; 7:12). Our pure hearts should lead us to seek, meekly and humbly (Gal. 6:1), to

restore fellowship with those who have sinned against us (Matt. 18:15). This – the attitude, or disposition, of forgiveness – should be shown to offenders unconditionally.

But there is more to forgiveness than just one’s attitude. There is also the action of forgiveness, which is the releasing or canceling of a debt. The Bible is clear that a sin-debt cannot be released or canceled until penitence is expressed (Luke 17:3; Acts 8:22). This consequence of sin was not imposed by man, but God. Therefore, one man does not have the authority to release another from that obligation. It is in this sense that only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). It is God’s will that consequences go hand-in-hand with wrongdoing. One of those consequences is the responsibility of the offender to repent of his sin and seek restitution with the one he sinned against. To do less would minimize the seriousness of sin.

The attitude of forgiveness is unconditional. The action of forgiveness is not. When someone sins against you, release all bitterness and anger even if your offender remains obstinate. Pray for and seek reconciliation. But until your offender experiences godly sorrow that produces repentance (2 Cor. 7:10), his debt to you and to God remains.

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PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: health struggles and move to ME

Brown, Wayne: Jeddiah’s mother’s boyfriend, health struggles

Brownwood, Krista: recovery from neck surgery

Chambers, Michael: health struggles

Coronavirus victims and their families

Crump family: struggles

Conley, Annie May: Mary’s sister, in skilled nursing facility

Cross, Mark: Tara’s cousin-colon cancer

Doner, John: Christian’s grandfather, health

Elders: Alfred and Doug...and their families

Hill, Fern & Thomas: cancer

Hurricane victims and cities affected

Howe, Tom: father of John’s friend, cancer

Howard/Nole: health struggles

Kashorek, Lori: grant her a painless transition in God’s time

Lemineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy’s relatives, struggles

Mero, Joan: Shirley’s sister, in MD, struggles with MS

Miller, Jody: struggles

Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington

Moore, Kathy: in ICU in CVPH

Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia

New Walks: Ralph, Rose, Aowen, Kolton and Shawneek

Our Schools: Students, teachers, and staff of all educational levels

Our Nation: to return to God and be healed

St. Pierre family: struggles

Tynon, Leo: Chris’ uncle, recovering at home

Vaus, Amy: Amber’s cousin, pregnant and has lung cancer

West Coast Fires: people who have been displaced and families of those who have died and the firefighters

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 ...

Welcome back as we physically gather while still filming via Facebook Live. 10 a.m. Sunday as well as Wednesday classes have resumed. There will be no Fall Sing in VT in October. We have a few projects to wrap up this fall. Ask how you can get involved.



Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: Hope you will plan to join us for our next 4th Sunday meal on 10/25.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Our next breakfast & prayer time will be on 11/1 at 8 a.m.

We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:

Adults: Gospel of John

Youth classes as well ...

And Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m

Secret Encouragers

Are you doing your part as an encourager? Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:11. "Encourage one another and build one another up." We will be drawing new names today.

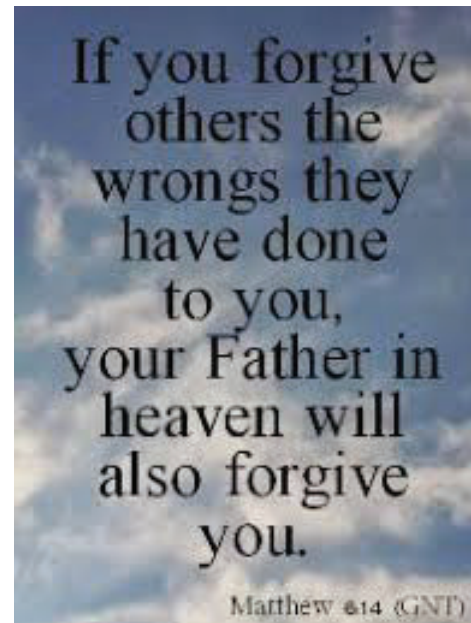
Men's Leadership Meeting

Soon we'll need to dissolve our eldership and be led by spiritually-minded men. On 10/4 after service, we'll have a planning meeting for those wanting to be approved by the church to lead us in this next chapter.

Doug's Devotional

"And the king said, 'Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence.' So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence" 2 Samuel 14:24.

David had reason to be angry with Absalom, and though we could make the argument that David hadn't raised his sons well, it does not excuse the half-hearted forgiveness that he offered Absalom. He basically said, "Okay, you can come back, but I'll have nothing to do with you." This is similar to the forgiveness that we often offer each other. Someone says or does something that hurts us, and we say we forgive but really we treat that person differently. We don't speak with him or avoid him whenever he's in the same room. We are to forgive, though, as the Lord forgave us. We wouldn't want God to apply this same standard of forgiveness towards us. Neither should have the one who was after God's heart. The effect of David not forgiving Absalom resulted in a terrible civil war and the death of his son. Only then did David realize the depth of love he should have shown to his troubled adult son. We must extend love, mercy, and grace to others. Do you forgive as the Lord forgave you?



Sundae Toppings

Today: 10/4, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast; after-Men's Leadership Meeting

10/11, 12:30 p.m. work on playground

10/18, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting

10/25, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none

10/4: Job 12-15; Psalm 95

10/5: Job 16-19; Psalm 96

10/6: Job 20-23; Psalm 97

10/7: Job 24-27; Psalm 98

10/8: Job 28-31; Psalm 99

10/9: Job 32-34; Psalm 100

10/10: Job 35-37; Psalm 101

SUPP: none

website: video.wvbs.org

Other Resources

sermonlines.com

theabidingword.com

on Facebook: William Chambers--The Plain

and Simple Truth about the Bible



Mark Your Calendar

NO Fall Sing in VT

10/16, Tara's birthday

10/17, Aowen's birthday

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).

Today: 10/4

Announcements: Doug

Opening Prayer:

Song Leader: Jim

#129 "Amazing Grace"

#480 "Blessed Assurance"

#517 "Heaven Came Down"

Talk/Prayer-bread:

Prayer-fruit of the vine:

Prayer-collection:

#4 "To God Be the Glory"

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 14:21-24

Lesson: Doug "Not to Come Into My Presence"

#354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

#176 "Lamb of God"

Closing Prayer:

Next Sunday: 10/11

Announcements: John

Song Leader: Doug

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:31-34

Lesson: Doug "Bad Company Corrupts Good"

Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.

September 27, 2020

Bible Class	13
Morning Worship	22
Wed. N.Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$809.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00

August→September→Averages; 1 Year Ago

Sun. Bible Class Ave. 16→13;19

Sun. AM Worship Ave. 22→24; 33

Wed. Bible Class Ave. 11→10; 12

Weekly Contribution Ave.\$734.33→\$928.75; \$755.70

Yearly Contribution Ave. (4 weeks) \$928.75

^worship #s of those physically present counted