

Church of Christ

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RULES FOR LIVING

Most of us don't really like rules. I don't know why, but deep down inside we have an aversion to people telling us what to do and what not to do. Wanting to dump the rules and "go it on our own" implies that we think we know what is best and that left to ourselves we can manage life in good and productive ways. But you and I both know by experience that this is not always the case.

I wonder if God ever feels like I used to feel as a father. We lived in a neighborhood where the best place to play ball was in the street. One evening, my 5-year-old came to me with his glove and bat slung over his shoulder and said, "Hey, Dad, I'm going to play ball!"

"Where?" I asked, to which he replied, "In the street with my friends."

Nothing made me happier than seeing my kids have a good time. But the thought of little Joe playing in the street concerned me. So I got down on his eye level and told him that I loved him too much to let him play in the street. "Quite frankly," I said, "I don't like to think of your little body getting integrated into the grill of a Mack truck! If you want to have fun playing ball, then get your friends and we'll pile into the car and go to the park where playing ball is supposed to happen. But you can't play ball in the street."

God knows how dangerous Satan's traffic is. And He is far more interested in our safety than He is in our unbridled pleasure. So, because He loves us, He has given us rules to keep us free

from the damage of playing in Satan's street.

To keep us from the self-destruction of bitterness, He has a rule about forgiving and loving our enemies. To keep us safe from the treachery of dishonesty and deceit, He has told us not to lie and to live instead for what is true. In fact, when you think of it, all of His rules are really for our good. Just take a look at the Ten Commandments. Life works better when we don't lie to each other, steal from each other, or take each other's life. We are all better off when we don't covet each other's property, sleep with each other's wives, or gossip and bear false witness against our neighbor. How ridiculous is it that we are trying to put the Ten Commandments in the dumpster in our society? Who'd want to live in the chaos of a world where things like lying, stealing, cheating, sleeping around, greed, and bitterness are the norm? Did I hear you say that we are almost there?

Well, I'm not among those who believe that left to ourselves we can figure out how to do life. God knows we need help and thankfully in His love He blessed us with a few really important rules.

As the psalmist says: Blessed is the person who doesn't scoff at God's law! When you delight in the law of the Lord and become "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither," whatever you do will prosper (Psalm 1:1-3).

Let's hear it for the rules!

Joe Stowell
Strength for the Journey

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

Crumpp 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

Gruetzmacher, Dejean: Donna's daughter, struggles

Hill, Fern: cancer

Hurricane victims and cities affected

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

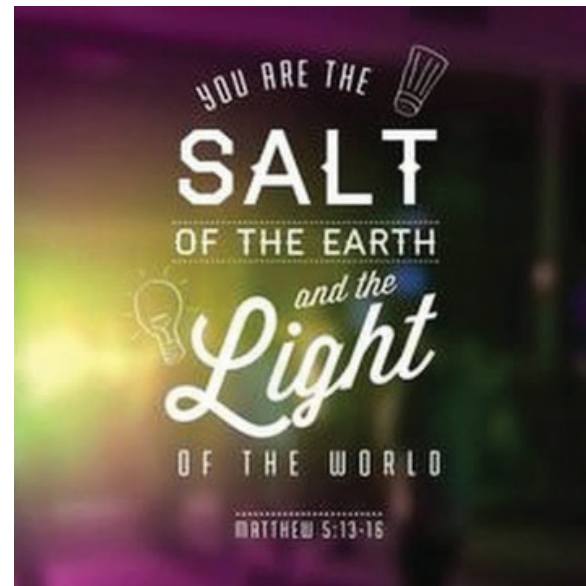
Secret Encouragers

Are you doing your part as an encourager? Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:11. "Encourage one another and build one another up."

Doug's Devotional

"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals'" 1 Corinthians 15:33.

If someone asks what church I attend in town, all I have to mention is the distinctive bus or the playground that looks like a boat for him or her to recognize which one I'm speaking about. Both of those entities were possible only through generous work and donations of those who love Christ. I have met neighbors to the church building and those who have crossed the city to bring their kids or grandkids to the HMS Fellowship. These tools of our facility have been given to us to influence many outside of the church for Christ. They are examples of how we, by a kindness shown to the community, are able to gain a foothold for the gospel. How refreshing to have the church affecting the world rather than the world affecting the church. But on a smaller scale, how are you using the gifts and resources that God has entrusted you with to affect those within your sphere of influence and the larger world around you? Could you lend a tool to your next door neighbor, drop off a casserole to a sick coworker, or pass outgrown kids' clothes to a struggling mother? How are you salt and light to the world?



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: Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon; Isaiah

10/11: Job 38-42; Psalm 95

10/12: Ecclesiastes 1-4; Psalm 96

10/13: Ecclesiastes 5-8; Psalm 97

10/14: Ecclesiastes 9-12; Psalm 98

10/15: Song 1-4; Psalm 99

10/16: Song 5-8; Psalm 100

10/17: Isaiah 1-4; Psalm 101

SUPP: How to Read the Bible:

Poetic Literature

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

Today: 10/11

Announcements: John

Opening Prayer:

Song Leader: Doug

#718 "We Shall Assemble"

#808 "Abide with Me"

#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Talk/Prayer-bread:

Prayer-fruit of the vine:

Prayer-collection:

#711 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:31-34

Lesson: Doug "Bad Company Corrupts Good Morals"

#429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"

#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"

Closing Prayer:

Next Sunday: 10/18

Announcements: Doug

Song Leader: Alfred

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Lesson: Doug "Sons of God Through Faith"

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).

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
Jesus

October 4, 2020

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| Bible Class | 16 |
| Morning Worship | 25 |
| Wed. N.Bible Class | 12 |

Contribution: \$555.00