

# Church of Christ

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## DON'T EVER QUIT!

Most people regard a quitter as one of the most despicable characters on earth. We admire a person who, against all odds, keeps on struggling till the contest is ended; who keeps on running till he finishes the race, even if he has no chance of winning. We applaud the man who crawls across the finish line dead last—but finishes the race! The book of Hebrews is filled with admonitions to discouraged Christians, but in Hebrews 10, the writer particularly focuses on the needs of despondent and weary disciples. The Hebrew writer develops three central thoughts that are designed to stir the brethren up to renewed efforts:

**“Call to remembrance the former days...”** (Hebrews 10:32).

As the readers would reflect upon the former days, they would remember their endurance in a great struggle of suffering when they were openly exposed to public ridicule and scorn. This may well have been in an open arena with jeering crowds watching. Their courage and stand for right would not yield, nor would they hang their heads in shame because of their faith. They would remember that they shared in the affliction of others when they stood by them. What is more, they had even accepted the seizure of their property joyfully, because they were aware, at that time, of the enduring reward they had in heaven as compared to the transitory value of material things

(Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Timothy 6:17, 19). Remembering the strength they had in times past would instill their strength anew.

**“Cast not away therefore your confidence...”** (Hebrews 10:35). This thought is best illustrated by the soldier who, in the heat of battle, throws away



his shield in fear and flees. They needed to be reminded that their trust has a great recompense. However, the only way they will receive that reward is by enduring (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10). The hope for relief is in sight, for the Lord will not tarry in His coming in judgment against the oppressive powers (Hebrews 10:37; Habakkuk 2).

**“Don’t draw back...”** (Hebrews 10:38). The just will survive by his faithfulness but God has no pleasure in quitters. The picture here is of one

who stealthily sneaks back away from the conflict, hoping that his withdrawal will be inconspicuous. While Jesus offers the Christian peace in the midst of an anxious world (John 14:27), He does not offer freedom from conflict and adversity with the world (John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12). Let us remember that only the coward shrinks from the heat of the battle.

Brethren, don’t ever quit! Don’t ever give up! If you quit, you lose it all (Matthew 16:25). In the final analysis, it matters not how much we loath a quitter, God loathes a quitter even more, “. . .but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him” (Hebrews 10:38). With knees bloody and body spent, crawl if you have to, but finish the course! (2 Timothy 4:7; Philip- pians 3:14).

**Mike Riley**  
New Providence church of Christ  
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### PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: health struggles and move to ME

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

Brownwood, Kristia: recovery from neck surgery

Chambers, Michael: health struggles

**Coronavirus victims and their families**

Crumpp family: struggles

Cross, Mark: Tara's cousin-colon cancer

Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health

**Elders: Alfred and Doug...and their families**

**Gruetzmacher, De'ean: Donna's daughter, struggles**

Hill, Fern: cancer

**Hurricane victims and towns affected**

Howard/Nole: health struggles

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

Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggles

**Loss: family and friends of Annie May Conley in TX**

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 and towns affected**

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 while still filming via Facebook Live. We'll start collecting a monthly item for Magi boxes on 3rd Sundays at the same time as our Family Meetings. For a short term project, we'll be collecting a weekly food item for boxes to be given out mid-December. 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 today for our next 4th Sunday meal.

**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."

## Helping-Hungry-Neighbors Boxes

For Sunday, November 1, you may choose any of the following items to bring. The suggestions:

- a box of cereal
- a plastic jar of peanut butter
- a box of stuffing

## Doug's Devotional

*"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell"* Matthew 10:28.

As the leaves die and fall off the trees and the air turns colder preparing for a season of dormancy, many decorate and don costumes that elevates the world's fascination with fear and death. And, to those who don't know the power of the gospel, the fear of death is the ultimate reality. That's why Halloween has become the favorite holiday among many younger people without the hope of Christ —because they can confront their greatest fear in exhilarating or sometimes comical ways. We, who do have that hope, know that through His death Jesus destroyed the one who had the power of death and kept us in slavery to the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-18). We fear only God who is our Judge and gladly obey His commands out of reverence for Him. To us, "There's a Great Day Coming," but this hymn is scarier than any song about ghosts, old houses, or dark cemeteries as the third verse speaks of the end for the unrepentant sinner who does not fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Is it a sad day coming for you?

There's a Great Day Coming...

Are You Ready for that Day to Come?

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
11/1, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast;  
after-Men's Leadership Meeting  
11/8, 12:30 p.m. Raking Day!  
11/15, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



## 2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none

10/25: Isaiah 33-36; Psalm 116

10/26: Isaiah 37-41; Psalm 117

10/27: Isaiah 42-46; Psalm 118

10/28: Isaiah 47-53; Psalm 119:1-60

10/29: Isaiah 54-58; Psalm 119:61-120

10/30: Isaiah 59-62; Psalm 119:121-176

10/31: Isaiah 63-66; Psalm 120

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

10/31 Set clocks BACK one hour at bedtime

11/1 Daylight Saving Time Ends

11/7 Lynn's birthday

11/19, Alfred's birthday

11/23, Elijah's birthday

11/30, Mary CI's birthday

## Today: 10/25

Announcements: Alfred

Opening Prayer:

Song Leader: Chris

#76 "How Great Thou Art"

#745 "Humble Yourself"

#945 "Kneel At the Cross"

Talk/Prayer-bread:

Prayer-fruit of the vine:

Prayer-collection:

#1031 "Can He Still Feel the Nails?"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Lesson: Doug "There's a Great Day Coming"

#922 "Jesus Paid It All"

#674(Red Bk) "There's A Great Day Coming"

Closing Prayer:

## Next Sunday: 11/1

Announcements: Chris

Song Leader: Garth

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-28

Lesson: Doug "You Go, and Do Likewise"

## 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).



## Next Saturday Night, 10/31

## October 18, 2020

Bible Class	10
Morning Worship	29
Wed. N.Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$544.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00