

Church of Christ

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TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS

There is a wonderful transformation that takes place in the heart and mind of one who follows Jesus. Jesus' disciples turn from darkness to light, and shift from serving sin to serving the Savior. This wonderful change produces peaceable fruit. No longer do we seek revenge or look to get even for every wrong suffered. Pardon and forbearance replaces vengeance and vitriol. Kindness supplants cruelty. This is the natural response for one who has received the good blessings that Jesus offers

It amazes me how the loving lamb changes our minds and actions to gentler, calmer and sweeter expressions of His own great love. Rufus McDaniel penned these meaningful words that echo this thought:

“What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,
Since Jesus came into my heart.
I am happy so happy as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart.”

Lately, we have witnessed political unrest and upheaval. It seems many are rejoicing in the pain of others. Sadly, instead of seeking the olive branch folk are looking for a club to beat, maim and destroy their foe. In the church of our Lord I've witnessed just the opposite of what happens in the world. Brothers embracing when a disagreement is settled. Sisters weeping after reconciling. It is a great blessing to be in the family of God who truly

want what is best for each other. It is delightful to be part of a group offering friendship and fellowship to people with which they might not always agree. In the body of Christ is found people with the “mind of Christ” i.e. people who are humble, loving, caring, giving, kind, and compassionate. The child of God will spend his time in prayer for those who are his enemies. He will seek to go a second mile to share God's love.

As the years pass and I grow closer to God I find myself hurting much more for others. I have a deeper desire to reconcile divisions, not just my own but where ever two are divided. My words lean more to making peace than getting my way. I am not bragging about being a good person, I'm grateful that Jesus has infiltrated my thinking. My greatest regrets are not that I didn't achieve greatness in the world or amass great sums of riches. My regrets are that I didn't let Jesus take control of my heart much sooner.

Today, I pray for the terribly confused politicians and leaders of our country who are misguided to seek “getting their way” above doing what is right. I pray that somehow they will see the greatest good is to do what is right in the sight of God. These men and women will win every time they honor God's way and seek the greatest good. I pray for forgiveness that I have wounded instead of healed, lashed out instead of lashing together, rived and ripped instead of reconciling. I seek change in my mind that only the teaching of Jesus can bring. I pray for greater understanding, quicker patience and deeper affection.

Dear Lord, please make me new to be more like

Joseph Chase
Gladewater, TX

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

Cross, Mark: Tara's cousin-colon cancer

Doner, John: Christian's grandfather, health

Elders: Alfred and Doug...and their families

Gruetzmacher, De'can: Donna's daughter, struggles

Hewson, Tyler, Taylor's friend, overseas and health struggle

Hill, Fern: cancer

Hurricane victims and towns affected

Howard/Nole: health struggles

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

Lemineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy's relatives, struggle

LePage, Jim: struggles

Loss: Friends & Family of Diane LaBombard, Anthony's mother & Annie May Conley, Mary CI's sister

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

Miller, Jody: struggles

Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington

Moores, Kathy: in ICU in C/PH

Missions: Brazil, Malawi, Ukraine, Zambia

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

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

Our Nation: to return to God and be healed

St. Pierre family; struggles

Traveling: Mary Clackler to TX, Kashorek kids

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: We aren't having a November fellowship meal since it is so close to Thanksgiving.
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 8, you may choose any of the following items to bring. The suggestions:

- boxed potatoes
- macaroni and cheese
- canned fruit

Doug's Devotional

"Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise'"
 Luke 10:36-37.

Out of context, we might believe that the Parable of the Good Samaritan is just about helping others, perhaps even showing kindness to someone who might be your enemy. But the verses, just before Jesus tells of a perceived outcast to the Jews sacrificing much to help someone in distress that he had every excuse to ignore, speak of loving God and others with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The parable is an example of the love that Jesus means, a love that manifests in serving even those who are against us and hard to love. That's why Jesus concludes with the thought that we are to "go, and do likewise." We start at home of course, taking care of physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those closest to us, then of our spiritual family, the church. The needs of those within our sphere of influence come next followed by those in the world, yes, even the Samaritans in our lives. If someone so distanced from us can show us God's love, can't we show His love better?

By the Numbers

Over the summer and into the fall, our attendance has steadily increased, but we still aren't up to the numbers that we had before the onset of covid in March. If staying away for health reasons, we understand, but if you've just gotten out of the habit of going, we encourage you to return safely (Hebrews 10:24-25). Another alarming trend is a \$347 drop in weekly contribution from September to October-or \$228.75 over to \$118.25 under our \$700/week budget need. Now, we know that these figures tend to average out in the end and that God sees to it and has always seen to it that we have everything that we need. It's more a matter that your leaders are concerned about what may be happening with you and your family and if we are able to help?

M.A. G. I. Box Monthly Items

The items for November 15 is a box of 12 sharpened pencils and a pencil sharpener.

Sundae Toppings

Today: 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
 11/22, 12:30 p.m. No Fellowship Meal
 11/29, 5th Sunday



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Jeremiah and Lamentations
 11/1: Jeremiah 1-3; Psalm 121
 11/2: Jeremiah 4-6; Psalm 122
 11/3: Jeremiah 7-9; Psalm 123
 11/4: Jeremiah 10-12; Psalm 124
 11/5: Jeremiah 13-15; Psalm 125
 11/6: Jeremiah 16-18; Psalm 126
 11/7: Jeremiah 19-21; Psalm 127
 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

11/7, Lynn's birthday
 11/8, **Raking Day after services, lunch provided**
 11/19, Alfred's birthday
 11/23, Elijah's birthday
 11/30, Mary Cl's birthday

Today: 11/1

Announcements: Chris
 Opening Prayer:
 Song Leader: Garth
 #31 "Be Still and Know"
 #77 "Glorify Thy Name"
 #113 "His Grace Reaches Me"
 Talk/Prayer-bread:
 Prayer-fruit of the vine:
 Prayer-collection:
 #288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
 Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-28
 Lesson: Doug "You Go, and Do Likewise"
 #907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"
 #103 "He Has Made Me Glad"
 Closing Prayer:

Next Sunday: 11/8

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).

October 25, 2020

Bible Class	10
Morning Worship	29
Wed. N.Bible Class	10
Contribution:	\$641.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00

September→October→Averages; 1 Year Ago
 Sun. Bible Class Ave. 13→13;21
 Sun. AM Worship Ave. 24→24; 34
 Wed. Bible Class Ave. 10→10; 16
 Weekly Contribution Ave.\$928.75→\$581.75; \$786.34
 Yearly Contribution Ave. (8 weeks) \$755.25
 ^worship #s of those physically present counted