

Church of Christ

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WORKING OUT YOUR SALVATION

A bodybuilder once said, “Health and fitness is who I am. It’s what I do.” Well, what about you? Where do health and fitness rank on your list of priorities?

In order to be fit, working out is a necessary component. Likewise, if your soul has been saved through faith in Christ, then it is incumbent upon you to “work out your salvation” by living everyday for the Lord. A person can only work out his salvation if he has actually received this free gift from God.

A believer receives God’s “indescribable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15) at the moment of conversion, and this fills a person’s heart with thanksgiving and praise. New believers immediately begin to work out their salvation through a variety of spiritual exercises and disciplines. There is a desire to pray and to start feeding your soul with the Word of God. (1 Peter 2:2) A Christian also begins living for others rather than just for yourself. Simply put, you start to do things God’s way out of your love for the Lord.

The Holy Spirit within the believer leads us to take our life of discipleship seriously. No wonder the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi: “Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” (Phil. 2:12,13)

Paul never instructed Christians to doubt their salvation, but rather, to cherish it with all earnestness. “Fear and trembling” is a reference to the holy awe and respect that a Christian should always have for the Lord. The opposite approach would be to take the whole thing lightly, or even to be flippant about it. Such an irreverent approach would be highly offensive to the Lord. After all, our Savior suffered and died for our sins and is worthy of the highest respect in everything we do.

Working out your salvation is much different than

attempting to “work for” salvation. It is impossible to do enough to earn salvation. This is why Christ left heaven and came to earth as our Redeemer. He earned what we were incapable of earning for ourselves.

Believers in Jesus place their trust in what Christ did for us on the cross. And when you rely upon His sacrifice rather than your own works, you are given the gift of everlasting life in heaven.

Your works, or Christ’s work on the cross? Which of these two paths leads a person into heaven, and which of these two options brings a person into an eternal relationship with the Lord of the universe?

You cannot exercise without a body, and you cannot work out your salvation unless you are already saved, redeemed, born again, justified and forgiven. Only then can you work out the salvation God gives to every believer.

The good news is that Christ already built the bridge when He laid down His life on the cross. (1 John 3:16)

God not only saved you by grace through faith, but the Lord also “works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” (Phil. 2:13) We owe everything to Christ because Jesus is our life, our King, and our salvation. It would be utter foolishness to take God’s amazing grace for granted.

A Christian disciple without spiritual disciplines doesn’t look much like a New Testament believer. Followers of Christ work out their salvation through godly living and a vibrant relationship with Christ. And healthy Christians hunger and thirst for the Word of God and prayer.

Scripture declares, “Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8)

So be encouraged as you “press on” in your faith as a follower of Jesus. The Lord will be your strength every step of the way, and your daily workouts will definitely result in a healthier you.

Dan Delzell

PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: health struggles and move to ME

Brownwood, Kristita: 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, Dejean: Donna’s daughter, struggles

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

Hill, Fern: cancer

Hurricane victims and towns affected

Howard/Noie: health struggles

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

Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy’s relatives, struggle

LePage, Jim: 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

Traveling: 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

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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. 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. Raking Day is after service today with lunch provided! Ask how you can get involved.



Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: NO 4th Sunday meal as it’s too close to Thanksgiving

Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Our next breakfast & prayer time will be on 12/6 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:

- canned tomatoes
- canned tuna
- dessert mix, eg. pudding, banana bread mix

Doug’s Devotional

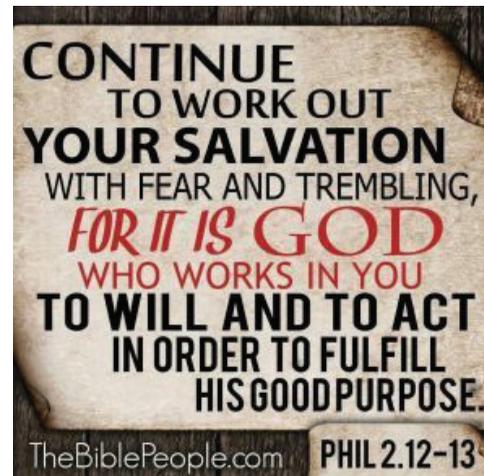
“... as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure”

Philippians 2:12-13.

Okay, you’ve obeyed the gospel, now what? A common answer is to live obedient until death while counting on His grace to make up for those times you mess up—and you’re going to mess up! While that is true, saying it that way is a very stagnant view of the life in Christ. We are to “work out” our salvation with “fear and trembling.” What is there to work out? Didn’t Christ already do the work of salvation at the cross and the tomb once and for all? Yes, but we are to grow in Christ. God, who is never content to leave us as spiritual infants, continues to work in us to mature us if we are willing to let Him. This is why we often see so many without roots or are entangled in thorns disappear from our assembling so soon after the seed of God’s Word is planted in them. Why does He work in those whose soil is good? So our wills and our work will grow into His good pleasure. Are you continuing to work out your salvation to be like Him?

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: 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

12/6, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast; after-Men’s Leadership Meeting



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none

11/8: Jeremiah 22-24; Psalm 128

11/9: Jeremiah 25-27; Psalm 129

11/10: Jeremiah 28-30; Psalm 130

11/11: Jeremiah 31-33; Psalm 131

11/12: Jeremiah 34-36; Psalm 132

11/13: Jeremiah 37-39; Psalm 133

11/14: Jeremiah 40-42; Psalm 134

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

11/8, **Raking Day** after services, lunch provided

11/19, Alfred’s birthday

11/23, Elijah’s birthday

11/30, Mary Cl’s birthday

Today: 11/8

Announcements: Carl

Opening Prayer:

Song Leader: John

#412 “Jesus, Hold My Hand”

#417 “Where He Leads I’ll Follow”

#902 “Nothing But the Blood”

Talk/Prayer-bread:

Prayer-fruit of the vine:

Prayer-collection:

#18 “Faithful Love”

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:12-16

Lesson: Doug “Work Out Your Own Salvation”

#934 “Softly and Tenderly”

#490 “It Is Well with My Soul”

Closing Prayer

Next Sunday: 11/15

Announcements: John

Song Leader: Tyler

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3:3-5

Lesson: Doug “The Glory of the Lord Filled the House”

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).

A Punny Fall

Q: Why did the lions move at the end of summer?

A: Because the pride goeth before the fall!

Q: Why do trees hate going back to school in the fall?

A: Because they’re easily stumped!

Q: What kind of coat should you wear in the fall?

A: A har-vest!

November 1, 2020

Bible Class	10
Morning Worship	19
Wed. N.Bible Class	8
Contribution:	\$586.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00