

Church of Christ

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THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME!

It just makes sense that the Lord's people should discuss their future destination. It also makes sense that we talk about heaven because of the terrible things that happen in our world which remind us that life is short.

As a favorite song says, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through...my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door...and I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

Heaven truly is "delayed gratification." Most folks never experience delayed gratification, and that's why most folks can't go to heaven.

As Christians, we are constantly tempt.ed by the world to focus on the here and now – instant gratification. We live in a society of instant gratification, a society where people want to delay and defer absolutely nothing (except payments!). They certainly don't want to defer the gratification, they just want to defer the pain that goes with it. Take, for example, the credit card...oh how folks want what they want, when they want it so they use the plastic to get it! It's reflective of the attitude that says "I want what I want and I want it now."

Folks are not into anything being put off into the future. We're into instant gratification. We want it now and we are glad to "sacrifice the future on the altar of the immediate." We don't want to wait for anything...the pleasure must be instant, immediate.

As a result of living in such a society – a society of materialistic indulgence – sometimes we Christians fall prey to that and we no longer have our affections set on things above, as Colossians 3:1-2 tells us. Rather, we set our affections on instant sinful pleasure. It has become difficult for us to focus on a

"hard to understand future home in the afterlife." As a result, some times we become less committed to laying up our treasure in heaven (delayed gratification), and more committed to laying up our treasure here (instant gratification). Let's fight that temptation!

Everything that is precious to us as Christians is in heaven. For example:

- Our Father (Matt. 6:9)
- Our Savior (1 Pet. 3:20-21)
- Our Brothers & Sisters in the Faith (Heb. 12:22-23)
- Our Names (Lk. 10:20)
- Our Inheritance (1 Pet. 1:3-4)
- Our Citizenship (Phil. 3:20)
- Our Eternal Reward (Matt. 5:10-12)
- Our Master (Eph. 6:9)
- Our Treasure (Matt. 6:19-21)

If we expect to go to heaven, we must delay earthly gratification for the heavenly reward. Back in 2008, country music artist Kenny Chesney painted a picture in song of the desire for "instant gratification" that will cause many to miss heaven. Chesney sang:

"Preacher told me last Sunday mornin'/Son, you better start livin' right/You need to quit the women and whiskey/And carryin' on all night/Don't you wanna hear Him call your name/When you're standin' at the pearly gates?/I told the preacher, "Yes I do"/But I hope they don't call today/I ain't ready/Everybody wanna go to heaven/Have a mansion high above the clouds/Everybody wanna go to heaven/But nobody wanna go now."

Let's focus more on heaven and less on fleeting worldly pleasure!!!

Michael Gilbert
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Martin, TN

PRAY FOR...

Bennett, Jim: health struggles and move to ME
Bourdon, Andre and his family: Covid virus at Ft. Drum

Coronavirus victims and their families

Crumpp family: struggles

Garrow, Ralph: personal struggles
Gruetzmacher, Dejean: Donna's daughter, struggles
Hill, Jerry (stroke recovery) and Fern (cancer)

Howard/Nole: health, border, and isolation issues

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

Lynn, Tristen and Heather: John's friend, a health struggles

Minister Search: Massena

Missions: Brazil, Malawi

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

Our Nation: to return to God and be healed

Plank, Olivia: personal struggles

St. Pierre family: struggles

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

West, Larry: Melinda's friend in CA, health

Whitfield, Freda (& caregivers): 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.(on hold)

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 Ministers ...

Welcome as we physically gather while filming via Facebook Live from ‘Plattsburgh Church’ and YouTube (later). As 2021 begins, we are served now by two ministers and six leading men (Acts 15:22). What will you do with the body to serve as Jesus would ... and strengthen your relationship with Christ as an individual member of His body? A new WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan for 2021 has begun. Perhaps this can be part of your new start!

Munchie Moments

Fellowship Meal: our next 4th Sunday meal will be on 1/24. Details to follow.
Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Our next breakfast & prayer time will be on 2/7 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 ...
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Wednesday Class Halt!

Due to the spike in the virus here, we’re not having midweek Bible class until at least January.

M.A. G. I. Box Monthly Items

The items for January 17 is underwear for girls and boys. If you last name is A-D buy for ages 5-7, E-L buy for ages 8-10, M-V buy for ages 11+.

Doug’s Devotional

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will trans-form our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself” Philippians 3:20-21.

Christians need to be in the world, but not of the world. And that is very difficult to do today! As the poet said long before the internet age, “The world is too much with us.” How much more it is now? Where can we go to escape the barrage of its messages and influence? And, while bad company corrupts good morals, those who follow truth are called to bring the gospel message and Christ’s influence into the world. One way to remember this is by another expression and song, “This World Is Not My Home.” When we forget that our primary citizenship is in heaven, “things of earth” no longer “grow strangely dim,” and we compromise with the world and give our loyalty to it. Instead, when we keep our focus in heaven where we in Christ are all subjects of the Kingdom, then our end is no longer destruction, our god no longer our bellies, and our glory no longer our shame. Our minds are no longer set on earthly things. Where is your primary citizenship?



Sundae Toppings

Today: No 12:30 p.m. Ladies’ Time
 1/17, 12:30 p.m. Family Meeting
 [Magi Box item]
 1/24, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 1/31, 5th Sunday
 2/7, 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast;
 after-MLM



Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.

2021 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: Mark
 1/3: Matthew 25-26; Psalm 10
 1/4: Matthew 27-28; Psalm 11
 1/5: Mark 1-3; Psalm 12
 1/6: Mark 4-5; Psalm 13
 1/7: Mark 6-7; Psalm 14
 1/8: Mark 8-10; Psalm 15
 1/9: Mark 11-12; Psalm 16
 SUPP: Killing of Jesus;
 The Unpardonable Sin; Miracles
 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

1/10, Carl’s birthday
 1/11, Silvia’s birthday
 1/12, Patty’s birthday
 1/20, Shirley’s anniversary ‘89
 1/29, Sharon’s birthday

Today: 1/10

Announcements: Doug
 Opening Prayer: Tyler
 Song Leader: Jim
 #881 “Mansion over the Hilltop”
 #875 “Home of the Soul”
 #922 “Jesus Paid It All”
 Talk/Prayer-bread: Garth
 Prayer-fruit of the vine: Carl
 Prayer-collection: John
 Passer-substitute: Howard
 #867 “To Canaan’s Land I’m on My Way”
 Scripture Reading: Alfred - Philippians 3:17-21
 Lesson: Doug “Our Citizenship is in Heaven”
 #853 “When We All Get to Heaven”
 #878 “Sweet By and By”
 Closing Prayer: Chris

Next Sunday: 1/17

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 Opening Prayer: Howard
 Song Leader: Doug
 Talk/Prayer-bread: Carl
 Prayer-fruit of the vine: Garth
 Prayer-collection: Chris
 Passer-substitute: Alfred
 Scripture Reading: Tyler - John 17:1-5
 Lesson: Doug “Before the World Existed”
 Closing Prayer: Jim

Men Who Serve

Until it is safe, we’ll continue to conduct our worship services in a way that limits the passing of items and movement around the auditorium. Though some are not with us physically, names are reinserted at the beginning of Winter Quarter to allow a smooth transition when men can rejoin us.

January 3, 2021

Bible Class	14
Morning Worship	23
Wed. N.Bible Class	-
Contribution:	\$782.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00