

July 21: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Randy Grossman
Opening Prayer: Jonah Lee
Communion-lead: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion-serving: Rick Smith,
Scott Waltenbaugh, Jesse De La Rosa
Scripture: Caleb Smith
Scripture Reading: Lamentations 1:1-11
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Matt Fisher
Remarks: Ben Wright
Communion Prep: Dave & Debbie Barron

July 28: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Clem Rosenberger III
Opening Prayer: Brian Steffy
Communion-lead: Carl Nulph
Communion-serving: Jonah Lee,
Ryan Barron, Bill McGaughey
Scripture: Randy Grossman
Scripture Reading: Lamentations 1:12-22
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Tom Sellers
Remarks: Steve Maul
Communion Prep: Dave & Debbie Barron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** August 1 - "Becoming a Woman God Can Use". Chapter 6. Every other Thursday at 1:30pm at the building.
- **Every Wednesday at 1pm:** a group gathers at the building for visiting. See Ben or Brandon.
- **Sunday evening studies:** Sign up to teach a lesson. Sign up sheet on table in foyer.
- Please look at the sheet on the countertop in the foyer to see if your clearances are up to date. Anyone teaching/helping with a children's Bible class or helping with VBS needs to have clearances.
- Transform Ladies' Conference deadline for registration is July 30. Please let Debby know if you would like to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Keep Gabe and Elizabeth in prayer for their upcoming marriage.
- Keep praying for Steve's eyes. He is recovering from cataract surgery.
- Barb's sister-in-law, Terri Bertino, has stage 4 lung cancer.
- Pat Guthrie's brother-in-law has passed away. Please pray for the family.
- Tine has been in the hospital. They have moved her to another unit for physical therapy.
- Mary had a CT scan done on her lungs. Please pray for good results.
- Please pray for the unity of our country and for our leaders.
- Pray for all those traveling and also attending Church Camps
- As always, pray for Brandon, the elders, deacons and Bible class teachers!

WELCOME

TO

Kittanning

Church of Christ

213 Blaney Road, Kittanning, PA 16201
(Behind the Dairy Queen)



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service: 6:30 PM
Wednesday Eve Bible Study: 7:00 PM

July 21, 2024

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We are now LIVE on YouTube!!!

We are working to organize all of the sermon and bible study videos into playlists for your convenience. Check us out.

Remember to LIKE, SUBSCRIBE and SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!
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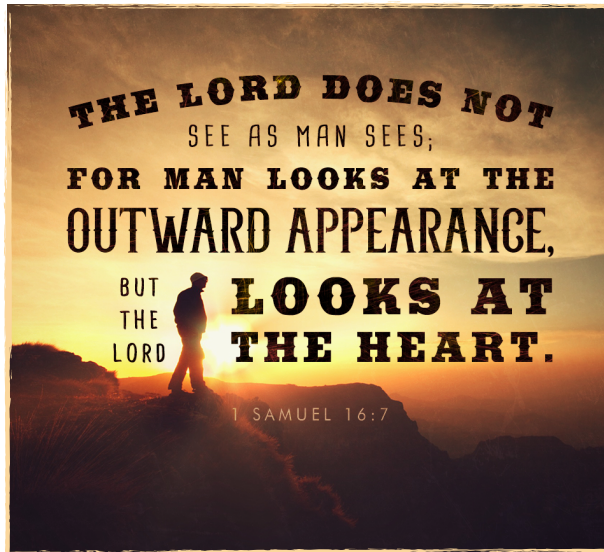
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- To listen **via phone**, call in at **1-408-418-9388**; at prompt **enter code 797 046 235**
- For **Webex conference** go to:
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Follow instructions from the link. **Meeting # is 797046235**

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The Outward Appearance Of Jesus

Jesus “had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him” (**Isa 53:2**). Elsewhere we have discussed the true beauty of Jesus, but here we are going to consider another facet of what the appearance of Jesus implies for our standing with God. If it is not the physical appearance that draws us to Christ, then what does this tell us about the emphasis we might place on physical appearances in our own time? While the body given by God is not to be abused, physical beauty does not draw people to Christ. As a corollary thought, our physical beauty or appearance does not draw God to us. The Lord promises to draw near to those who draw near to Him (**Jas 4:8**). In this case, the drawing near is connected to cleansing and purification, not of the physical body, but of the heart (**cf. Heb 10:22**). This coincides with Peter’s point that baptism is not about the removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for good conscience through Christ’s resurrection (**1 Pet 3:21**). Scripture continually stresses the need to purify the heart, regardless of the outward circumstances.



Recall, also, what God said to Samuel when he went to the house of Jesse to anoint the next king. Samuel saw the sons of Jesse, thinking perhaps that Eliab was the one to be anointed, until God said, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (**1 Sam 16:7**). David would be God’s choice. We can also connect the description of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. She creates beauty in her home, but she knows that “Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised” (**Prov 31:30**). The apostle Peter provides a similar perspective. The woman trying to win her husband to the Lord is told, “Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious” (**1 Pet 3:3-4**). What draws God’s attention is the inward beauty, not the outward adornment. None of this is to say we should try to look sloppy or not take care of our bodies. After all, our bodies belong to God (**1 Cor 6:19**). We are saying that the inner beauty is what God is really wanting. Jesus came into the world perhaps looking ordinary, but with a divine mission to spread His message to all nations. This was God’s plan from the beginning, expressed in the promise made to Abram that “in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (**Gen 12:3**). Israel was to be a light to the nations (**Isa 49:6**), Jesus came as the light of the world (**John 8:12; 9:5**), and that same mission is given to His disciples (**Matt 5:14-16; 28:18-20**). The result is that people from “every tribe and language and people and nation” are redeemed, ransomed by His blood (**Rev 5:9-10**). The city of God is illuminated by the light of God so that the nations walk by that light and bring their glory and honor into it (**Rev 21:22-27**). This encompasses all varieties of outer appearances.

The physical appearance of Jesus, regardless of how He is often depicted, can remind us that salvation does not depend on outward appearance or strength. God is not pointing to one group because of looks and choosing them over others. Humans make unnecessary outward distinctions, and this to our detriment. Human pride and sin divides, segregates, and seeks to elevate one ethnicity over another. Christians, of all people, ought to know better because our citizenship is in heaven (**Phil 3:20**). God shows no partiality, “but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (**Acts 10:35**). The color of skin or the language spoken are not God’s deciding factors in salvation. Our geographical location or nationality is not what draws God to us or us to Him; barriers need to come down for God’s people (**cf. Eph 2:11-22; Acts 17:26**). We must not favor some because of looks, impressive clothing, or material wealth. James 2 reminds us that such partiality is a sin. By showing partiality, we diminish the power of the cross.

How Jesus looked physically is irrelevant to His message. This is consistent with God’s pattern of stressing the heart over the outer appearance (**cf. John 7:24**). Though Jesus was Jewish in the flesh, His mission encompasses the Gentiles, so that all, both Jew and Gentile, may be reconciled to God (**Rom 1:16-17; 2 Cor 5:16-21**). That includes you, me, neighbors and all nations. Redemption is for all.

–Doy Moyer, Vestavia Church of Christ, Vestavia Hills, AL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 23 - Randi Lynn Grossman



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July 29 - Randy & Jacque Lukehart

July 30 - Randy & Barb Salsgiver

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For the Lord your God is
He who goes with you to
fight for you against your
enemies, to give you the
victory.

— Deuteronomy 20:4



*Thank you for attending services with the church who meets in Kittanning!
We invite you to study and worship with us again.*