

October 27: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Randy Grossman  
**Opening Prayer:** Carl Nulph  
**Communion-lead:** Brian Steffy  
**Communion-serving:** Dan Mitchell, Clyde Shaffer, Frank Ridenour  
**Scripture:** Jonah Lee  
**Scripture Reading:** Lamentations 5:12-22  
**Sermon:** Brandon Foresha  
**Closing Prayer:** Scott Waltenbaugh  
**Remarks:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Communion Prep:** Jill Wright

November 3: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Opening Prayer:** Dan Mitchell  
**Communion-lead:** Ben Wright  
**Communion-serving:** Tom Sellers, Justen Traxler, Chris Plummer  
**Scripture:** Rany Grossman  
**Scripture Reading:** Job 1:1-5  
**Sermon:** Brandon Foresha  
**Closing Prayer:** Scott Waltenbaugh  
**Remarks:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Communion Prep:**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ladies' Bible Study:** November 7 - "Becoming a Woman God Can Use". Chapter 12. Every other Thursday. *The time is 1:00pm* at the building.
- Every Wednesday at 1pm:** a group gathers at the building for visiting. See Ben, Dave or Brandon.
- TODAY:** Fellowship Dinner following morning services, Lads2Leaders following afternoon services.
- Steve Johnson has donated 2 books to our church's library: "Journey Through Genesis" and "Every Scar, A Story: Act I". Check them out!
- Trunk or Treat Nov. 3 following afternoon services.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Mary's niece, Arianna, had her kidney transplant. It was rejected and she is back in the hospital.
- Micheal Guthrie will be home Saturday November 2nd. He was in Africa.
- Arin Graff had sinus surgery to help with sinus migraines. Her nose is packed and is still having trouble with her jaw being locked. She will also have TMJ surgery.
- Bill injured his back last Saturday lifting Cathy's wheelchair into the car. He is in significant pain and has limited ROM. Prayers for a quick recovery
- Alda's co workers son, Joey Doland, had a tree fall on him. Broken neck, ribs and shattered shoulder and a gash on his head. He has a long way to recovery.
- Jacque Lukehart will have surgery on Wednesday, October 30 on her left arm rotator cuff.
- Cathy's friend, Ginny has failing health and also lost her daughter while she was in rehab.
- Clarence McDowell passed away. Pray for the family.
- Kaylee's father in law has prostate cancer and it sounds aggressive. Her mother in law passed away.
- Ruthie's brother-in law's daughter, Melissa, had a kidney transplant. She is in Morgantown hospital.
- Lori Hartman's mom, Dottie, passed away. Pray for the Hartman family.
- 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**

October 27, 2024

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We are LIVE on YouTube!!!

All of the sermon and bible study videos are organized into playlists for your convenience. Check us out.

Remember to LIKE, SUBSCRIBE and SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

<http://www.youtube.com/@KittanningchurchofChrist>

OTHER OPTIONS FOR ACCESSING SERVICES:

- Join us on **Facebook** at **Kittanning Church of Christ Group**
- To listen **via phone**, call in at **1-408-418-9388**; at prompt **enter code 797 046 235**
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# THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

The pleasure of most gifts is to unwrap and examine them. In this lesson, I would like to do this with our most precious gift, forgiveness.

One of the fun things that happens at Christmas or birthdays is the giving and receiving of gifts. When thinking about this I realize that of all the gifts I receive from man and God, the greatest of these is the gift of forgiveness. God's entire purpose has been to order human events throughout history in order to bring Jesus on to the world scene so that He could die on the cross and resurrect from the dead and thus obtain our forgiveness. Peter explains: He bore our sins in His body on the cross... for by His wounds you were healed. - **I Peter 2:24**

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Examining Forgiveness

## 1. It's something everyone needs

Just like we say when we get a new tool or watch or envelope of money, "Oh great, I really could use (or wanted) one of these!" We can say, as far as forgiveness is concerned, "I really needed this." The Bible says that everyone sins and because of sin we are condemned to everlasting hell. (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**) When we receive forgiveness from Jesus we can truly say with a sigh of relief and joy, "Wow, I really needed this!"

## 2. Jesus is the gift giver

The note on the box says "To Susan from Jesus" or "To Bill from Jesus." Jesus has the authority to forgive (**Matthew 28:18**). Jesus paid the price to purchase your forgiveness; it is completely paid for.

In Him we have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace.

## - Ephesians 1:7

Because Jesus, the Son of God is the gift-giver, we can be sure that our actual forgiveness is greater than our doubts about our forgiveness ( that " too good to be true" syndrome). Jesus said,

All things are possible with God. - **Matthew 19:26**

All things are possible, even the forgiveness of every single one of your sins in the past, the present and the future. You can trust the quality, effectiveness and durability of your gift. It will not break down or be out of date. It will always function to do what it was designed to do: remove your sins and cleanse your conscience, now and forever.

## 3. Jesus has this gift for everyone

The sad thing about Christmas is that people celebrate the person of Jesus by exchanging gifts with others but neglect receiving the most precious gift from Jesus Himself. There are so many unopened presents on Christmas Day. Jesus offers the gift of forgiveness and the eternal life that goes with it to everyone who will receive it. John writes: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. - **John 3:16**

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SO LOVED THE GREATEST DEGREE  
THE WORLD THE GREATEST COMPANY  
THAT HE GAVE THE GREATEST ACTION  
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THE GREATEST GIFT  
THAT EVERYONE THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY  
WHO BELIEVES THE GREATEST SIMPLICITY  
INTO HIM THE GREATEST ATTRACTION  
WOULD NOT PERISH THE GREATEST ASSURANCE  
BUT THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE  
WOULD HAVE THE GREATEST PROMISE  
ETERNAL LIFE THE GREATEST BLESSING

John 3:16

Jesus offers this precious gift of forgiveness to everyone who expresses their belief in Him by repenting of their sins, confessing His name publicly and by being baptized. He offers forgiveness and renewal to all Christians who have rejected or abused His gift with sinful living or neglect of church by simply confessing and abandoning their sins. Would this not be a fine Christmas if you would finally receive what you really needed? Forgiveness for your sins? I pray that you will get to open God's most precious gift, forgiveness.

## Discussion Questions

1. How would you define forgiveness? What happens when there is forgiveness?
2. Explain how Jesus obtains your forgiveness.
3. Why do we sometimes continue to feel guilty for past sins, even if they have been forgiven?

- Mike Mazzalongo, Choctaw Church Of Christ, Choctaw, OK



## THE GRACE OF A CHRISTIAN

(2 Peter 1:5-11)

Do you want Christian character? Then take note of these. For if we develop and possess them, Then the Lord we will surely please. First, add to your faith virtue, And on high morals you'll stand. Then to that add some knowledge, Because knowing God is where wisdom began. With knowledge now add self-control, And resistance from sin you will meet. So now comes perseverance, And patience during trials is complete. Perseverance leads to godliness, Living according to His word. Brotherly kindness is sure to follow, But the best is yet to be heard. And finally add to these love, The greatest emotion of all. In it we find forgiveness and redemption, Then from Christ we will never fall.

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✉ Cards of Encouragement

Arin Graff

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 28 - Ricki Kinney

October 28 - Ryan Barron

October 29 - Jason Kunst

November 1 - Lorrie Ridenour

November 1 - Tom Sellers, Jr.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Announcements & prayer requests to:

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