

April 6: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Jason Tennant
Opening Prayer: Tom Sellers
Communion-lead: Brian Steffy
Communion-serving: Chris Plummer, Rick Smith, Jacob Sellers
Scripture: Randy Salsgiver
Scripture Reading: Job 20:1-29
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Clyde Shaffer
Remarks: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion Prep: Whitney Grabowski

April 13: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Clem Rosenberger III
Opening Prayer: Ryan Barron
Communion-lead: Carl Nulph
Communion-serving: Scott Waltenbaugh, Jesse De La Rosa, Justen Traxler
Scripture: Jonah Lee
Scripture Reading: Job 21:1-34
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Matt Fisher
Remarks: Brian Steffy
Communion Prep: Whitney Grabowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** April 17. Lesson 9. Every other Thursday. 1:00pm at the building.
- **Weekly Visiting: Wednesday at 1pm** a group gathers at the building. See Ben, Dave or Brandon.
- Please sign up for Lads2Leaders lunch prep. Sign-Up sheet is on bulletin board.
- **Lads2Leaders** after services today: Bible Bowl, Speech, Puppets, Art
- **April 12 @ 10am:** Scrapbooking for Lads2Leaders
- **April 12 @ 4pm:** "Monthly Men's Meating". Van leaves church bldg. at 3:30 pm. "Bring the Meat!!!"
- **REMINDER: 6:30 p.m. evening service.**
- *Mark your calendars...VBS is June. 8-12*
- **MAY 3: 9am-2pm.** Free Yard Sale to advertise our VBS

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Tammy's brother-in-law, Bill Crilley, has a clogged carotid artery and will soon have surgery.
- Judy Fiscus passed away. Please pray for the family.
- Val's niece's husband, Jake, will be in the hospital and is continuing treatments for cancer.
- A friend of Susan's, Nick Waterson, is going to have his kidney removed.
- Bill's back and shoulder is hurt and has been bothering him.
- Jonah Spencer's G-Pa Dean has passed away. Please pray for his family.
- Tom Stubbs, relative of Bella, Lexie and Eli, is having kidney failure. Needs to make medical decisions. Please pray for him.
- Mike Goodman of Goodmans Bait and Tackle has prostate cancer. Please pray for him.
- As always, pray for Brandon, the elders, deacons and Bible class teachers!



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(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

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We are LIVE on YouTube!!! All of the sermon and bible study videos are organized into playlists for your convenience. LIKE, SUBSCRIBE & SHARE!

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

All PowerPoints to go along with the videos are available on our website!

Facebook has informed us that all future live-streams will only be kept for 30 days, so if you need a video and it is not on Facebook anymore, it will always be available on YouTube.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR ACCESSING SERVICES:

- Join us on **Facebook** at **Kittanning Church of Christ Group**

****Remind App text message system:** To sign up and receive messages please text this number- 81010 with this message- @32f4df

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KISSING UP

There Is a Modern Expression That Describes an Old Human Need. The Expression Is "Kissing Up" and It Means to Curtsy or Cultivate Favor With a Superior.

There is a modern expression that describes an old human need. The expression is "kissing up" and it means to curtsy or cultivate favor with a superior. The human need is, of course, the need to be liked and appreciated by others, especially those who are over us in some way, or those who have something we want. The term is usually negative because it suggests a measure of hypocrisy since a person is being nice or especially helpful not because he wants to but because he wants something. Isn't it interesting to note that the Greek word for worship literally means to kiss forward! When we worship we are in reality "kissing up" to God. There are, however, some important differences between kissing up to people and kissing up to God.

1. People do not deserve our "kissing up" but God does. Our cultivating of favor through praise of people is usually hypocritical because we do not usually mean it or they are not really worthy of what we say about them.



However, God is always worthy of any good thing we say about Him. He deserves all the praise we ever give Him. Since there are not enough hours in the day to give Him all the praise He actually deserves. Our problem with God is that we do not praise Him high enough, loud enough or often enough. It is never hypocrisy because all we say is all true.

2. We can manipulate people but not God. People love to be "kissed up" to because it appeals to their pride. Even if they don't believe you, they still like to hear you kiss up because it makes them feel good. Many times a person only listens for the things he/she wants to hear and thus eliminates their ability to know the truth. But God knows the truth. His word is truth (John 17:17) and so we cannot lie to God or hide the truth from Him. Throughout the Bible, God rejected the praise and worship of His people because their hearts were far from Him. Jesus, quoting Isaiah said: You worship me with your lips but your hearts are far from me. - **Matthew 15:8**

Men only hear what our lips say but God knows the heart and can truly discern the sincerity of our praise.

3. God can fulfill our desires, man cannot. Even if you could kiss up to the President of the USA or the richest person in the world, could they give you peace of mind, self-respect, or enlightenment? Human beings can only give what is human, no matter who they are. Only God can give what is godly: forgiveness, insight into the spiritual realm, the joy of fellowship with God, and, most importantly, eternal life. Kissing up to man has definite rewards; kissing up to God has infinite rewards.

Summary

So, when you are in worship try to remember what is happening. It is not just singing or saying words in a prayer and ceremonial eating of bread and fruit of the vine. We are kissing up to God. This is why we do what we do, and why we are on our best behavior. It is not hypocritical or negative. We want and need to cultivate a good relationship with Him because He deserves it; and there are great rewards to be had. The most interesting difference is that, unlike people who try to avoid people who kiss up or ridicule and take advantage of them, God is not like this. He actually looks for people who want to kiss up to Him. He searches for them and encourages them to obey Him, praise Him, love Him so He can save them and bless them. Have a blessed week filled with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Give an example of manipulation you often see people use to gain favor with others.
 - 2. Which part of worship do you think God enjoys the most? Why?
 - 3. Have you ever been "caught up in the Spirit" while praying? Describe the experience. Can you duplicate it at will?
- Mike Mazzalongo, *Choctaw Church of Christ*, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Books of the Bible WORD SEARCH

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7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

— 1 John 4:7-21

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