

December 15: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Randy Grossman
Opening Prayer: Ryan Barron
Communion-lead: Dave Barron
Communion-serving: Jonah Lee, Chris Plummer, Kendal Grossman
Scripture: Nolan Grossman
Scripture Reading: Job 5:1-27
Sermon: Jonah Lee & Clem Rosenberger III
Closing Prayer: Caleb Smith
Remarks: Steve Maul
Communion Prep: Linda Fiscus

December 22: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Jason Tennant
Opening Prayer: Carl Nulph
Communion-lead: Brian Steffy
Communion-serving: Tom Sellers, Frank Ridenour, Bill McGaughey
Scripture: Larry Krause
Scripture Reading: Job 6: 1-30
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Steve Maul
Remarks: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion Prep: Linda Fiscus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies’ Bible Study:** January 2. Lesson 2. 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.
- **CYC** is February 21-23. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. See Debby for details.
- New sign-up sheet for **Communion Care** is on bulletin board.
- Christmas caroling **TODAY** after afternoon services. Join us in spreading joy to those we see.
- **New Photo Directory:** Please make sure to fill out the form for the new directory and place in basket next to the offering box in the back of the auditorium. We also need family photos to be submitted. Let Stephanie or Amber know if you need to have your photo taken. We plan to have the new directory ready in January.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Val’s sister, Debbie, has passed away. Please pray for her family.
- Amber’s uncle, Bert, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Mary’s caretaker’s daughter, Jessa, is being bullied to the point of wanting to take her life. Please pray for her.
- Mary’s friends mom, Eleanor Hooks, was just put on hospice.
- Linda Nulph is having knee surgery on Tuesday.
- Billy’s son, Eli’s mom passed away. Please pray for the family.
- Robin and Lori’s cousin, Mark, is in hospice. Pray for his comfort.
- Richard Patterson passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Robert Cassady was in the hospital for his heart and not doing well. Please pray for him.
- Cathy is home from the hospital. They found an ulcer in her esophagus and gave her new meds.
- Mary is home from the hospital but will have more tests before having a pacemaker put in.
- 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 Afternoon Service: 3:00 PM
Wednesday Eve Bible Study: 7:00 PM

December 15, 2024

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Dave Barron: Benevolence.....(814) 715-2942

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**
- For **Webex conference** go to:
<https://kittanningchurchofchrist.my.webex.com/meet/clemdebby>.
You may have to download Webex program on a computer or cell phone app.
Follow instructions from the link. **Meeting # is 797046235**

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TRUST IS LIKE A ROPE

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In the Old Testament the word for trusting faith was a Hebrew word that meant a rope. In other words trust was like a rope. It expressed what a rope did for you. It provided security; tied you to another person in safety, something you could depend on, at that time. If you tied something down with a rope, it was secure.

This is why this word was used to convey the idea of trust. I'd like to use this imagery to explain something about how trust is built and how trust is destroyed.

1. Making a Rope is like Building Trust

Building trust is very much like making a rope. A rope is made by intertwining many strands together. The more strands, the stronger the rope. The better quality strands, the stronger and more dependable the rope.

Trust between two people is built in the same way. Each person shares a part of their life with the other. The more they share, the stronger the tie of trust. The deeper their service, their intimacy, their sacrifice the more dependable the relationship is to withstand wear and tear through usage. A well made rope can be used over and over, a well-made relationship is able to go through many trials.

2. Destroying a Rope is like Breaking Trust

Destroying trust works very much like destroying a rope, you do it by cutting one strand at a time. This is how we destroy trust with each other, one lie at a time, one unkindness at a time, one harsh word at a time. Eventually all the ties that hold people together are severed. Not in one climatic moment but over a period of months or years, one little cut at a time. So, here are a couple of lessons derived from our rope analogy:

A. Ropes are important.

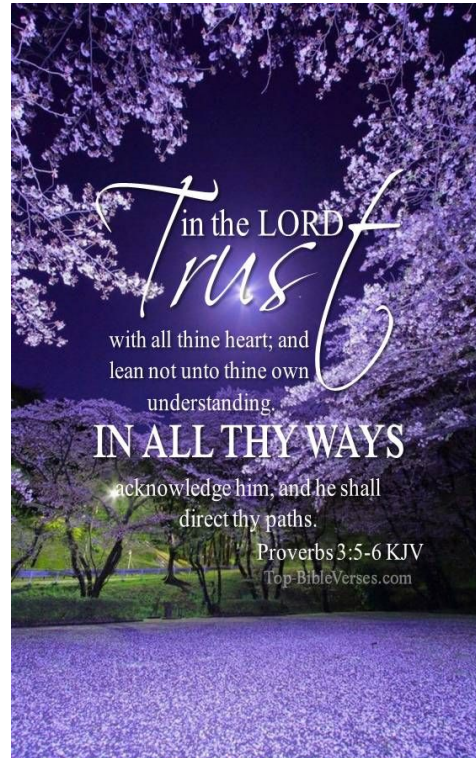
You only have one trusting relationship with a person - if you cut it away another one will not grow back in its place automatically. Trust is the hardest thing to produce, the easiest thing to lose and almost impossible to replace once it's gone.

B. Everybody needs a rope.

Some people think they don't need any ropes, but that is because they've never been in trouble. When trouble comes (and it does come) you'll be happy that there are strong ropes of trust to hang on to while you go through life's challenges.

C. Of course the strongest of these ropes is the one that ties us to God.

We don't tie ourselves to God with our rope of honesty, purity and service because it would soon be cut and frayed by sin. To guarantee that we remain safe and secure, God ties us to Himself with Jesus Christ. The Lord is God's rope that ties us to Him. With Christ as our rope we know it will never break because He never lies and is always kind and true.



I encourage you to build strong bands with each other with cords of compassion, honesty, service, kindness, and love. If you've broken these, ask for forgiveness and try again.

I invite those who are not yet bound to God with the cord of Christ to tie themselves to Him now through repentance and baptism, or through repentance and restoration, whichever is appropriate for you.

God bless you with the peace that surpasses understanding as you stay tightly bound to Him through Jesus Christ our unbreakable bond.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a broken relationship you've experienced in your life and the things that led to the break-up.
2. What is your personal approach to build trust with others? What are the risks you have to take to create a strong "rope" of trust?
3. Describe the character of the person you trust the most in your life. Which element of their character is the most important?

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 16 - Jonah Spencer

December 18 - Sammi Grossman

December 18 - Ben Wright

December 19 - Caleb Smith

December 20 - Gerri Rosenberger

Remember to sign up for
Lads2Leaders lunch prep.

Sign-Up sheet is on bulletin
board in foyer

“Bear one another's burdens, and
so fulfill the law of Christ.”
— Galatians 6:2

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.

Poetry CORNER

By Bernard F. Asuncion
- Subic, Philippines

LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA

Like a wave of the sea
Is a man without faith;
He doubts the might of God,
He doesn't firmly wait.

A wave of the ocean
Is pushed by wind and tossed;
A double minded man
Makes all his goals get lost.

Climb up the highest hill,
And cross the deepest sea,
Yes, brave the strongest storm,
Hope for the great glory.

Ask the Lord faithfully,
Neither wane nor waver;
Pray to God with full trust
For fine and warm weather.

Believe in the promise
Of one God Almighty;
For the one who frets is
Like a wave of the sea.