July 14: Sunday Worship Leaders

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Songs: Clem Rosenberger III **Opening Prayer:** Ryan Barron **Communion-presiding:** Dave Barron Communion-serving: Jason Tennant, Tom Sellers, Justen Traxler Scripture: Randy Salsgiver Scripture Reading: Esther 10:1-3 Sermon: Brandon Foresha **Closing Prayer:** Frank Ridenour **Remarks:** Brian Steffy **Communion Prep:** Dave & Debbie Barron **Communion Prep:** Dave & Debbie Barron

Songs: Randy Grossman **Opening Prayer:** Jonah Lee Communion-presiding: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ladies' Bible Study: July 18 "Becoming a Woman God Can Use". Chapter 5. 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

- A man from the senior citizens center, George Bogusalski is out of the hospital on the road to recovery.
- Sharon's mom, Janet Kinzey has a brain tumor and is having surgery on Aug 12th. It is currently causing vision loss. She was once a member of the church but fell away. Please pray for her healing and her soul.
- Pat Gutherie's brother-in-law, Tom, is currently in the hospital, and the doctors have advised the family to come in. Please pray for Tom and his family.
- Ray Umbaugh has not been feeling well. Some of his cell counts are off. Please continue to pray for him.
- Linda's Aunt Mary, has passed away. Please pray for her family.
- Pray for all those traveling and also attending Church Camps
- As always, pray for Brandon, the elders, deacons and Bible class teachers!



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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The Beauty Of Jesus

We sing, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." What is the beauty of Jesus? While we often connect beauty to outward appearance, that is not the sense in which the beauty of Jesus draws us, for "he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him" (Isa 53:2). This does not mean Jesus was ugly, but it does mean that He didn't stand out due to His physical appearance. He would have looked like anyone else.

How, then, shall we think about this? <u>Psalm 27:4</u> expresses the desire to see the Lord's beauty:

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." (ESV)

To gaze upon His beauty is more than seeing a visible manifestation of God. His glory is the sum of His attributes and His beauty is the expression of His glory. Visions of God in His glory are connected to the recognition of His holiness: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts" (Isa 6:3; cf. Rev 4-5). To see

God's beauty is to see that He is holy, good, full of grace and mercy, forgiving, slow to anger, and keeping steadfast love. It is also to see that in Him is no sin and that sin receives a just judgement (cf. Exod 34). Jesus is God in the flesh (John 1:1, 14). In Him dwells the fullness of deity (Col 2:10). Yet, coming in the flesh as a man, how can we gaze upon His beauty in a meaningful way? If there was "no beauty that we should desire Him" physically, then what is the beauty upon which we may gaze?

The beauty of Jesus is in His nature and character. His entrance into this world brought a whole new level of showing people what God is like. From His healings and other miracles to His demonstrations of great compassion and forgiveness, the beauty of our Lord is eternal. Grace and truth came through Jesus in the greatest and fullest of ways (John 1:17). He is the Word of God, the exact imprint of His nature (Heb 1:3), the One who descended to show us the glory of God in a new light. This wasn't about looks; it was about His demonstration of love, mercy, and compassion that comes from radiating God's glory. He demonstrated these qualities because He is the epitome of the divine nature. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

The beauty of Jesus is on full display in His service and sacrifice. He did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). He took on the form of the suffering servant (Phil 2:7), and His service is beautiful. His sacrifice is beautiful. This also means that the beauty of Jesus is seen in the cross, and this holds the drawing power. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). While it may seem counterintuitive, the truth is that to see the cross is to gaze upon the beauty of our Lord. His glory can be seen in His humility and the love shown through His sacrifice. "We beheld His glory" (John 1:14). God's love is beautiful, and no greater love has ever been

YET IF ANY MAN SUFFER AS A CHRISTIAN, LET HIM NOT BE ASHAMED; BUT LET HIM GLORIFY GOD ON THIS BEHALF. 1 PETER 4:16 shown than what is seen in Jesus (John 15:13; Rom 5:8). If we can see the beauty of love, then we see the beauty of Jesus through His love as He died for us.

Christ's beauty is also demonstrated in His opposition to sin. His purity and holiness are manifested in His life; He did not condone sin. While He showed great compassion to sinners, He also taught the need for repentance. After healing the lame man, He told him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you" (John 5:14). Because of who He is, He could never treat sin in a way that diminishes its consequences. Indeed, His going to the cross shows how serious He is about dealing with the problem, for there He "bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (<u>1 Pet</u> 2:24). This is beautiful, making it possible for us to share in the beauty of forgiveness and righteousness. To "let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me" means service and sacrifice in my life as well. "But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (<u>1 Pet 4:13</u>). It is to show a life that aims to please God, be a light to the world, and to love and serve our neighbors with dignity and honor. A life of beauty is a life that imitates and follows Jesus. Let it be seen in me.

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



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See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said: *"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."* — *Hebrews 3:12-15*

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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.