

May 4: Sunday Worship Leaders

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Songs: Nolan Grossman
Opening Prayer: Tom Sellers
Communion-lead: Brian Steffy
Communion-serving: Chris Plummer
Rick Smith, Jacob Sellers
Scripture: Randy Salsgiver
Scripture Reading: Job 24:1-25
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Clyde Shaffer
Remarks: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion Prep: Mary Laird

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Opening Prayer: Ryan Barron
Communion-lead: Carl Nulph
Communion-serving: Scott Waltenbaugh,
Jesse De La Rosa, Justen Traxler
Scripture: Jonah Lee
Scripture Reading: Job 25:1-6
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Matt Fisher
Remarks: Brian Steffy
Communion Prep: Mary Laird

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** May 15. Lesson 11. Every other Thursday. 1pm at the building.
- **Weekly Visiting: Wednesday at 1pm** a group gathers at the building. See Ben, Dave or Brandon.
- *Mark your calendars...VBS is June. 8-12*
- **Graff Camp Getaway:** June 12-14. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.
- Please park toward the back of the lot to leave the closer spaces available for those with limited mobility. Thank you for your consideration!
- **May 10 :** Lads to Leaders Scrapbooking
- Brian Compton was baptized into Christ on April 27,2025. Welcome to the family of God!

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Cathy had surgery for appendicitis. She is home now and doing well. Keep her in prayer.
- Cindy Miller is home from the hospital. She is being treated for an ulcer. Please pray for her.
- Bill McGaughey is going for a MRI to locate the source his pain. They have doubled his pain meds to compensate. Pray for comfort.
- Lenny Brooks' dad, Skip Brooks, had surgery on an aneurysm near his heart. Pray for his recovery.
- Update: Billy sounds great. He is learning a lot about the Bible. And he said he lost 10 pounds so far. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as well.
- Susan Lee is having surgery on her hip May 7.
- Billy was bitten by a bug about a week ago and now has some sort of blood infection.
- Pat is in the VA hospital and being treated for AFib. He'll probably be there a couple days.
- Robert Cassady is having some serious heath issues. Please pray fervently.

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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

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

- Zoom Meetings:

- To listen via phone, call in at 724-954-3096

- For Zoom Video Meeting go to: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2253562808>

- You may have to download the Zoom app on a computer or cell phone.

- Follow instructions from the link. Personal Meeting ID is 255 356 2808 PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE.

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

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LIVING ON THE BRINK OF HOPE

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When our children were young, during the weeks preceding Christmas, I watched them as they counted down the days, hours, and minutes until that special moment when the "gifts" were opened. For days they could think of nothing else, everything was secondary to the big event.

I think we all can relate to the feeling of living on the brink of expectation, waiting for something special (new job, wedding, graduation, or special event). This feeling can be exhilarating and fun but when it lasts too long it can become tiring and depressing. Solomon says:

Hope deferred makes the heart sick but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

- **Proverbs 13:12**

I believe that this is so because when we are in this state of heightened expectation we have a tendency to lose touch with the present, and begin to live in the future. Unfortunately, living in the future is unsatisfying and dangerous to our faith.

In the Thessalonian church, many believed that the return of Christ was imminent and would happen in their lifetime. They lived on the edge of hope all the time and ultimately lost touch with the present to the point where Paul had to admonish them to get back to work, and normal living because their heightened anticipation had led them to forsake the business of everyday affairs.

Now, it is good to hope, dream, plan and anticipate but if we are to avoid being totally absorbed by these things, we need to remember a few simple things:

1. Hope for tomorrow but live in today

We must not allow dreaming, hoping, and planning to sap all of the energy we have so that we have nothing left to deal with today. Jesus says:

So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- **Matthew 6:34**

In other words, do not invest all of your energies in worrying about tomorrow but rather use your emotional, physical, and spiritual resources caring for today's problems. I believe if we take care of today's affairs, we are contributing wisely in making tomorrow's dreams come true.

2. Be thankful for what you have today.

Our minds and hearts are sometimes filled with hopes for tomorrow and yet we feel depressed and anxious. This is because dreaming and hoping does not satisfy us. Satisfaction comes from praise, from prayer, from thanksgiving for hopes and dreams that have come true, not the ones still in the future. A healthy view of our blessings and a continuous outpouring of thanks to God in prayer and praise, this is edifying and satisfying. We need hope and plans and dreams - yes, but let's not allow these things to replace gratitude as the central emotion in our hearts for what God has given us today.

3. Seek first the kingdom

Jesus said:

"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

- **Matthew 6:33**

Underline that word first. Make the seeking of God's kingdom and will a priority today, and this will guide and guarantee the nature and possession of our dreams tomorrow. After all, what good is it to hope and dream for something against God's will? Our ultimate hope, and the substance of our dreams is to be with God in heaven so our plans should follow a course that points us in this direction.

Seeking the kingdom today will help set our sights on goals and dreams along the line that will finally see us with God at the end. Seeking the kingdom helps us to properly set our sights on goals and dreams that are worthy of disciples of Jesus.

So to summarize, hoping and dreaming causes us to live on the edge, and even though this experience is pleasant, it also causes anxiety and discouragement. In order to balance our hopes for tomorrow with the reality of life we experience now, let us remember to:

1. Live within today. Take care of today's affairs today.
2. Consciously recognize and be grateful for what you have today.
3. Make the seeking of the kingdom your first priority every single day.

I believe that if we follow these simple suggestions, we will be able to live satisfying and joyful lives every day regardless of what happens tomorrow.



Discussion Questions

1. What is the hardest type of "waiting" you've experienced? Why is this difficult?
2. What is difficult about living only in today? How have you managed to accomplish this (or not)?
3. Aside from heaven itself, what other spiritual things do you look forward to?

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

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Chloe Redmond
who has been invited to the
Track Invitationals!



By Joanna
Hargreaves

~ Grace ~

John 1:16-17

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RECOGNIZING YOUTH SERVICE

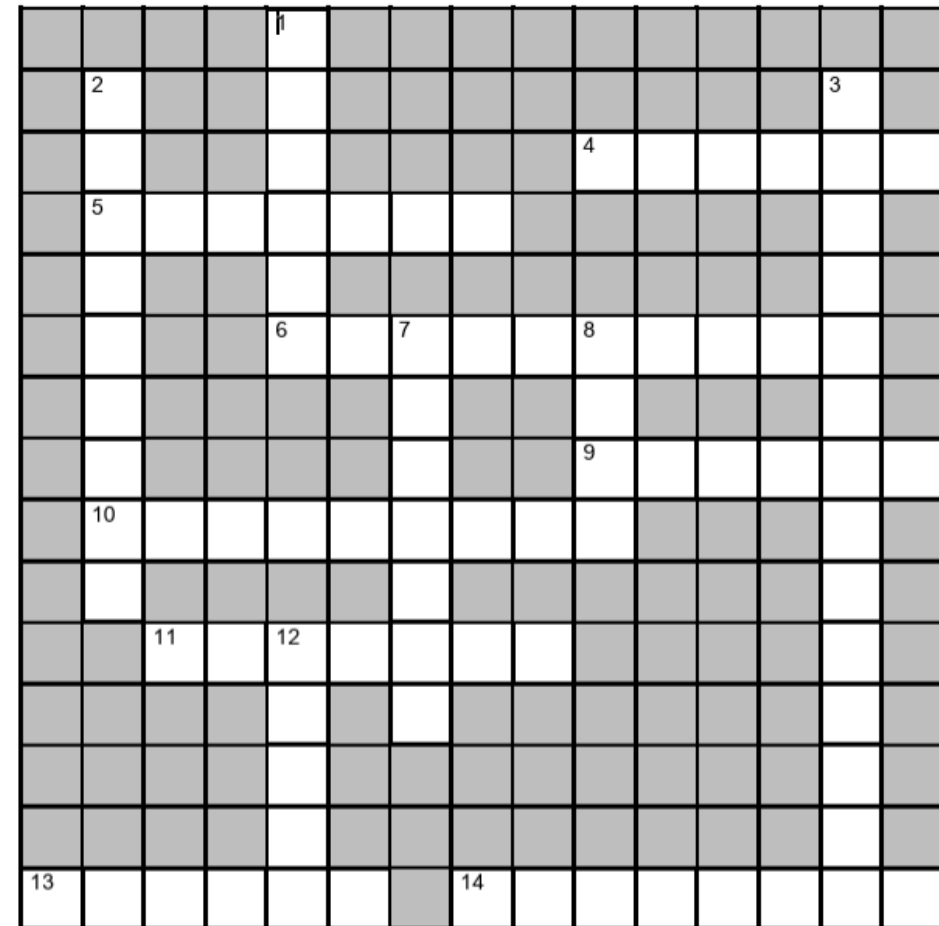


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RECOGNIZING YOUTH SERVICE

This is a section of the bulletin that will highlight the youth of our congregation in acts of service or benevolence. Please feel free to submit pictures for recognition.

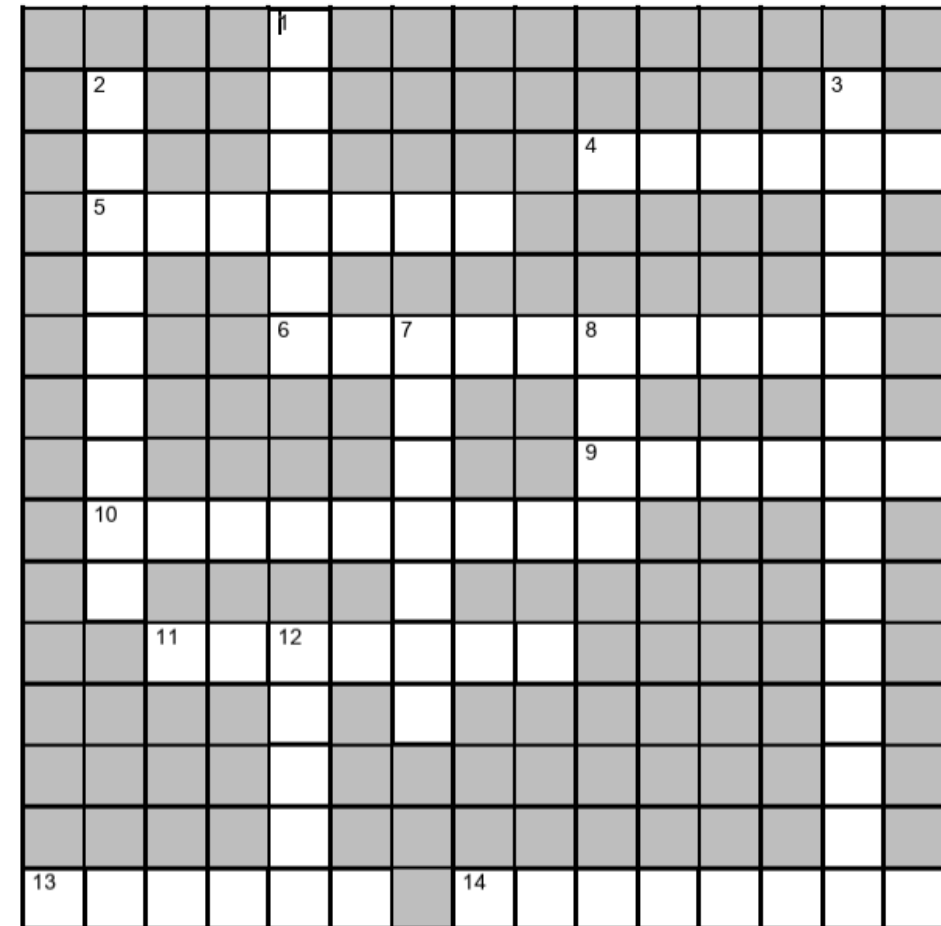


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