

November 24: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Randy Grossman
Opening Prayer: Carl Nulph
Communion-lead: Brian Steffy
Communion-serving: Dan Mitchell, Jonah Lee, Clyde Shaffer
Scripture: Caleb Smith
Scripture Reading: Job 2:1-13
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: David Barron
Remarks: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion Prep: Mary Laird

December 1: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Clem Rosenberger III
Opening Prayer: Larry Krause
Communion-lead: Ben Wright
Communion-serving: Chris Plummer, Tom Sellers, Dan Mitchell
Scripture: Randy Grossman
Scripture Reading: Job 3:1-26
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Rick Smith
Remarks: Brian Steffy
Communion Prep: Linda Fiscus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** In two weeks on December 12. We will be starting our new book! Be prepared for Lesson 1. 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.
- **Lads2Leaders TODAY** after morning services. We will be doing Art Says It, Scripture Reading, and Bible Bowl.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Lori smith is number 3 on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for a compatible kidney for her!
- Kaylee Dubia's husband's grandad passed away today. Please pray for comfort for their family!
- Caroline is coming to visit. Pray for safe travels.
- Lance Riley from Summerville, has passed away. Please pray for the family.
- Continue to pray for Merle Rupp.
- Whitney's friends, Corey and Ashton, are going through a terrible time. Corey's mom was moved to a nursing home and she can't remember any of her info so Corey can pay her bills. His step dad had chemo and they cannot wake him up. His aunt Connie had a stroke. Ashton's granddad went into the hospital for an open wound that is so bad it almost had gangrene. Please pray for them and their families as they have endured so much.
- Linda Fiscus is awaiting multiple test results.
- As always, pray for Brandon, the elders, deacons and Bible class teachers!

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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

November 24, 2024

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- 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:
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FACTS ABOUT PRAYER

Here are a few commonly asked questions regarding the act of praying.

Fact #1 – Only Christians have access to God in prayer.

John says, We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. - **John 9:3**

And the author of Hebrews writes: And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. - **Hebrews 11:6**

God created all things, knows and hears all things, even sends rain and sunshine on all men, but sinners and unbelievers have no access to His throne of grace through prayer. That is why, we believers in Jesus Christ, those who have access to God in prayer, we must pray for others. Since no one else has the privilege that we have.

Fact #2 – Our prayers do make a difference

James says, and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. - **James 5:15-16**

The Holy Spirit assures us that our prayers are heard and that they are effective. Now, if the Bible says so, that is enough for me, but an interesting piece of research highlights the truth of what James is saying.

Dr. Rudy Roundtree, who was a featured speaker at the Oklahoma Christian University lectureship one year, reported on a study that had been conducted on prayer:

He explained that a researcher, fed up with claims about the effectiveness of prayer, decided to conduct a study to debunk this whole idea. He acknowledged that maybe a one on one prayer at the bedside of a sick person might have some therapeutic or psychological effect, but this business of a prayer list or prayer board where a group prays for a person, especially a person far away or one they did not know, this was nonsense, superstition.

Well, in his class Dr. Roundtree went on to describe how after a long and thorough survey the researcher came to exactly the opposite conclusion:

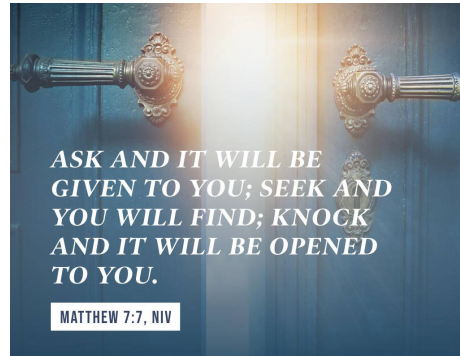
The more prayer there was, the more healing there was. The more people who prayed the greater rate of healing and improvement. As Christians we do not need research to confirm God's word, but it is very encouraging when unbelievers have their eyes opened to see what we have seen all along by faith: prayer works!

Fact #3 – God commands us to pray

- Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (**Matthew 7:7**).
- Luke says that Jesus, when He taught His disciples, said that "... men ought always to pray" (**Luke 18:1**).
- Paul said, "...continue in prayer" (**Colossians 4:2**).
- And again in **1 Thessalonians 5:17** "Pray without ceasing."

Over and over again we are commanded, taught, urged to pray and always to pray. When we gather for worship or devotionals, we pray because God commands us to pray.

And so even when we are discouraged or our faith is weak or what we ask for may seem too great, remember, we do not come to God as an idea born inside of us, no we come to Him because He has commanded us to do so.



I could go on and talk about the great joy and privilege it is to pray and discuss the various types of prayer. Suffice to say that most of our prayers are intercessory (meaning on behalf of someone). Let us take advantage of our relationship with God through Christ; our numbers willing to pray, and our understanding of God's will in the matter of prayer. Let us take advantage of these things to minister effectively for those on our hearts as well as the church's prayer list.

And for those of you who may have specific needs, whether it be a prayer for someone else or yourself; whether it be a prayer for illness or forgiveness; whether it be a prayer of thanks or whether it be the prayer of faith in confessing Jesus in the waters of baptism, let us take advantage of the mighty power of prayer whenever we need or want to.

I'll be praying for you and ask that you remember our BibleTalk.tv ministry in your prayers as well.

Discussion Questions

1. Who do you pray for the most? Why?
2. Describe an answered or unanswered prayer in your life. How did this affect you?
3. In your opinion, what is the most effective thing you can do in order to have your prayers answered? The most destructive thing to hinder prayer?

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



November 24 - Matt Fisher

November 26 - Diane Krause

November 27 - Frank Ridenour

November 28 - Alex Plummer

November 29 - Kaylee Dubia

December 1 - Laurie Barron

December 1 - Ruth Sellers

Remember to sign up for
Lads2Leaders lunch prep.

Sign-Up sheet is on bulletin
board in foyer

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“Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

— Exodus 14:14

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