

April 21: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Clem Rosenberger III
Opening Prayer: Carl Nulph
Communion-presiding: Ben Wright
Communion-serving: Jonah Lee, Chris Plummer, Dave Barron
Scripture: Ryan Barron
Scripture Reading: Esther 4:1-11
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Frank Ridenour
Remarks: Brian Steffy
Communion Prep: Laurie Barron

April 28: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Nathan Rosenberger
Opening Prayer: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion-presiding: David Barron
Communion-serving: Clyde Shaffer, Tom Sellers, Jr., Rick Smith
Scripture: Caleb Smith
Scripture Reading: Esther 4:12-17
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Steve Maul
Remarks: Ben Wright
Communion Prep: Laurie Barron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** May 2 on **Becoming a Woman God Can Use**. Every other Thursday at 1:30 pm at the building.
- **Every Wednesday at 1pm:** a group gathers at the building for visiting. See Ben or Brandon.
- **Sunday afternoon studies:** Please sign up to teach a lesson from the new study book on table in foyer.
- The teens have been collecting kids clothes and candy to send to Africa. They also want to send an Amazon order for Michael himself to enjoy. *They will be packaging everything up and making some cards on **May 5 at 4:30**. Please see Amber if you can help.*
- We will be collecting items again for Honduras. For example: Soaps, small bottles of shampoos, cream rinse, Q-Tips, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, hand wipes, sanitizers, wash clothes, deodorants, combs, Kleenex etc. **They are in need of newborn baby items as well: bottles, binkys, bath wash towels, rattles, etc.** We will collect until May. There will be a box in the foyer.
- **April 27 at 9am:** Brother's Day at Indiana church of Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Sherry Farster had a complete knee replacement and is in a great deal of pain. Please pray for her pain and recovery.
- Naomi had back surgery for herniated discs on Thursday. Please pray that this will enable her to have a normal life.
- Linda Fiscus will undergo a new treatment on her back.
- Jim Graham got a port put in and is feeling depressed. He will start chemo soon.
- Arlene and Jim Smith are still having multiple health issues.
- Pray for the Umbaugh family. Janice is still not feeling great after her surgery. Ray and Fay have started treatments.
- Stephanie's grandfather is not doing well. He is 89 and has no energy, not eating very much and keeps falling.
- Melinda's co-worker and friend, Keith, passed away suddenly. Please pray for her and his family.
- Rodney Priestler is done with radiation. There is a tumor in his colon, and in the lymph glands, but these have shrunk. He will have 6 weeks of chemo injections.
- Lorrie and Frank will be traveling on Monday. They will be traveling to Texas and Oklahoma. Please pray for their safety.
- Brandi will have surgery tomorrow.
- Billy's oldest son, Blake, may be deployed with the Marines.
- Susan's co-worker, lost her husband. Please pray for the Paskorz family.
- Laurie Barron's co-worker, Christina, a breast cancer survivor, also has MS, and hasn't been feeling well.

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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

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 will likely have to download Webex program on a computer or cell phone app. Follow instructions from the link. **Meeting # is 797046235**

PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE if you use Webex and are not asking questions or commenting. If you have questions about Webex, please call Debby at (724) 954-4776.

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

The Journey From Belief To Faith

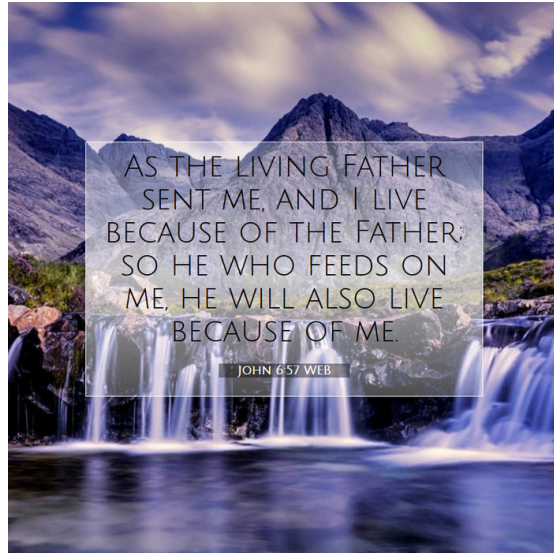
At times the word "belief or believe" becomes a catch all word for faith. Is it possible for one to believe and yet not come to faith? If belief is a one time stop, then we would conclude that belief means faith. If on the other hand belief is about a journey then the journey leads to faith. The Word of God is the standard for all of us, we must therefore turn to what God has revealed to come to a correct understanding about belief and faith.

Jesus first miracle was turning water into wine at the wedding feast (John 2). At that time Jesus made known His glory, that is His power. What effect did this miracle have on the disciples? John writes that the disciples believed on Him (John 2:11). Alright, they believed but the question is did they have faith? Jump ahead in time to the events in John chapter 6. Jesus teaches that men must eat His flesh and drink His blood. The basis being that He was the living bread sent from God the Father (John 6:57, 58). What was the reaction of His disciples. John writes that many of His disciples walked no more with Him (John 6:66).

In John 2, they believe and are disciples or followers of Jesus. In John 6 the teachings of Jesus confuses them and many walk no more with Him. Might we argue that these are two separate groups of disciples? What if the disciples were growing in number as the fame of Jesus spread? Jesus knew that the Pharisees were aware that the number of Jesus' disciples was growing larger than John's (John 4:1). The greater likelihood is many were coming to believe in Jesus but based on John 6, such belief does not mean faith. Belief can be a state of mind whereas faith is always a state of action.

Moving forward to the 12th chapter of John. John writes that even though Jesus had done so many miracles in front of Him, they believed not on Him (John 12:37). In the verses to follow we are given definitions to help our thinking. Among the chief rulers of the Jews many BELIEVED on Him. If belief is a one time stop, then these rulers are saved. God's word clears up the doubts created by the doctrines of men. Even though they BELIEVED on Him, they would not confess Him (John 12:42). The reason they failed to confess Him was the Pharisees had laid down the law if anyone did confess Him, they would be thrown out of the synagogue.

Does not Jesus teach that if a man failed to confess Jesus that Jesus would likewise deny him (Matt. 10:33). These rulers believed based on the evidence that Jesus was Who He said He was. Faith, being an active force, would have required them to take a stand publicly about what they believed in their heart about Jesus. The



Pharisees as a group had rejected the council of God by refusing to be immersed by John (Luke 7:30). Why then could they not be disciples of Jesus? Would it not be the same reason, that they rejected the council of God? They believed but they were not willing to confess.

Take the case of Abraham. God promised Abraham that through his lineage one would come that would bless all humanity. The Bible says that Abraham believed (Gen. 15:6). It was counted to him for righteousness. A one time stop? In chapter 17, God issues the promise again but adds that the start will be with Sarah and Abraham. The Bible then shows that Abraham fell on his face and laughed (Gen. 17:17). The life of Abraham from Haran to Canaan and all points in between is about a growth of belief which led to faith.

Faith is believing in God's existence and it is also knowing that God rewards those who diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). The diligently seeking of God defines for us that faith is an active force in our hearts which leads us to trust in God. Jesus taught that the Jews who believed in Him must continue in His word, otherwise they are not His disciples.

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- April 21 - Cody Hartman
- April 21 - Elizabeth Rosenberger
- April 26 - Ray Rosenberger
- April 26 - Randy Mechling



April 26 - Colby and Kandi Conner

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“Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”
- 1 Peter 5:7

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