



January 21, 2024

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

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January 21: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Randy Grossman
Opening Prayer: Clyde Shaffer
Communion-presiding: David Barron
Communion-serving: Jonah Lee, Justen Traxler, Kendal Grossman
Scripture: Nolan Grossman
Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 10:1-10
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Ryan Barron
Remarks: Clem Rosenberger III
Communion Prep: Linda Fiscus

January 28: Sunday Worship Leaders

Songs: Clem Rosenberger III
Opening Prayer: Jason Tennant
Communion-presiding: Ben Wright,
Communion-serving: Chris Plummer, Tom Sellers, Jr. Nathan Rosenberger
Scripture: Randy Salsgiver
Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 10:11-20
Sermon: Brandon Foresha
Closing Prayer: Scott Waltenbaugh
Remarks: Brian Steffy
Communion Prep: Linda Fiscus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** *January 25* on Prayer. 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 Frank
- **January 28:** Fellowship dinner for the Lads 2 Leaders group. Each L2L family please bring a covered dish to share.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- Linda Fiscus was in the ER for having chest pains and hemorrhaging. Please pray for her.
- Bill McGaughey's nephew, Dustin Clark, has prostate cancer that seems to have spread to his spine.
- Jim Smith was in the hospital last week. Please keep him in prayer.
- Ben has some tests coming up. Please pray for him.
- Whitney's cousin, Paul, had surgery to have 2 valves replaced. Please pray for his recovery.
- Brandon is having some health issues. Pray for him.

Text or email announcements and prayer requests to Stephanie 724-398-9329 steph@grafxloft.com

Weekly Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 5:8

Apathy

Problems facing the body of Christ are many and varied. The devil opposes us with persecutions, false doctrines, and all kinds of fleshly temptations. But one of his most successful devices is apathy - an attitude of indifference which afflicts Christians and eats away their zeal like a cancer. It is highly contagious and, if unchecked, is fatal to the souls of men and women. In many areas, it has now reached epidemic proportions.

The word "apathy" is an interesting word, coming from the Greek "apatheia" which means without feeling. In English we have the word Pathos which means strong passion. The prefix "a" negates the original meaning and identifies absence. So apathy means without feeling; no passion; without fervent spirit. The simple meaning is well expressed by "Who Cares?" The Lord is not pleased with apathy. Christ had rather we were hot or cold rather than existing in that nauseating middle of being lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-17). Indifference was the problem with the church in Laodicea. To that dead congregation, Jesus said, "I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15-16). How many churches of Christ are in that same condition today?

Unbelief is the basis of apathy. "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God," (Heb. 3:12). "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord," (1 Cor. 15:58).

Ingratitude is the fuel of apathy. Paul describes the behavior of sin in terms of people who knew God in some superficial way, but "did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful," (Rom. 1:21). One cannot spell apathetic without the word pathetic. Inaction is the behavior of apathy. If you do not care, you do not act! All through the book of Acts, the saints who carried on the work of the Lord were those who believed, cared, and loved. Inaction and lack of initiative is evidence of apathy.

Indifference is the attitude of apathy. Attitudes are hard to hide. If you don't care about the things of God, it is hard to conceal that. If you are unconcerned about the lost, that will be seen in your inaction toward them. Silence is the language of apathy. If you don't care, you probably will not say anything.

Spiritual apathy is a choice. In part, it denies (consciously or not) that God is actively involved in our lives. It admits that nothing much will change - despite the presence of the powerful Spirit within us - and that, in the current state of things, there's nothing much to get excited about. Spiritual apathy takes things for granted - even the gift of life - and says, "Why bother?" Why bother worshiping? Why bother praying or reading God's word? Why bother having fellowship or giving?

Let us rid ourselves of this terrible disease. It insults heaven, disgraces grace, abandons the lost, gives great occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme, and crucifies once again the Son of God. The cause of Christ deserves the very best we have to offer.

When we spend more time watching TV and playing ball than we do studying and teaching the word of God, are we not indifferent? When we find time to go to the movies and other places of entertainment, but not to visit the sick and erring, are we not indifferent? The time has come for us to wake up and get to work. Our indifference will send us to eternal hell!

-New Hope Church of Christ, Largo, Florida

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 22 - Renee Cassady
January 22 - Sherry Forster
January 28 - Hope Lee

Praise God

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Cathy Sagi,
David Getz, and Conner Barron put on Christ in baptism.

Please welcome them to God's family!