

CALENDAR

June 11 - Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service

June 17 - Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall @ 8am

SERVICES

Class on Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class: **Dan Hirschfeld** - Auditorium/Sanctuary
Women's Class: **Beth Crawford** - Fellowship Hall
High School Class: **James Tidei** - Class Room #5
K-6th Grade: **Mary Munsell** - Class Room #1
Pre-K Class: **Linda Seals** - Class Room #2
Infant Class: **Sarabeth Tidei** - Class Room #7

Worship Service on Sunday at 10:30am

Class on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

Adult Class: **Calvin Arnold** - Fellowship Hall
High School Class: **Dan Hirschfeld** - Room #5
Kids Class: **Linda Seals/Mary Munsell** - Room #2



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WELCOME!
Thank you for joining us today.

Serving Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Munsell

SONG LEADER

Ed Spencer

1st PRAYER

Wes Seals

2nd PRAYER

Bobbie Seals

LORD'S SUPPER

David Spencer

READING

Mark Schierling

CLOSING PRAYER

Dan Hirschfeld

Today's Preacher

Calvin Arnold



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Today's Reading

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **2** in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. **3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

CHURCH FAMILY

Calvin Arnold has agreed to be the full-time minister for the Kearney church of Christ. We have greatly appreciated his willingness to help us out during this time of searching for a new minister. We are excited to begin this new chapter for our church family and look forward to serving along with Calvin. We hope you all join us in thanking and congratulating Calvin. We pray that the church will be built up and God will be glorified as we serve together here in Kearney.

Just a reminder - Kearney Church of Christ will cover the cost of sending your children to Nebraska Youth Camp during the summer! If you sign up online, be sure to choose pay by mail and give Jerry Munsell the name of each child that you register for camp. Sign up at nebraskayouthcamp.com by going to Sessions > Registration.

PRAYER LIST

Julie Newman, mother of Sheila Jiminez, is at Good Samaritan Room 3221. She would enjoy visitors.

Eric and Tabitha Ferrell recently lost their only child, 19-year-old Jacob Ferrell, in a car accident. The Ferrells attend the church of Christ in Liberal, Kansas.

Gary Wiles had his second surgery and it went well. He is recovering.

Kim Whaley's surgery went well. They had more to repair than they first thought. She'll have to go to a rehab center for 6 weeks.

Keep these people in your prayers.

ANY NEWS OR UPDATES?

Please send items for the bulletin to:
info@kearneychurchofchrist.org

Serving 05/31

SONG LEADER
Andrew Hartman
1st PRAYER
Dan Hirschfeld
READING
Bobbie Seals

Serving 06/04

PREACHER
Titus Robison
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Bobbie Seals
SONG LEADER
Skippy Norman
1st PRAYER
Drew Arnold
2nd PRAYER
James Tidei
LORD'S SUPPER
Elton Schmidt
READING
Dru Jensen
CLOSING PRAYER
Doug Houtz

Card Corner

Elaine Harms **Brenda Kinsman**
Orlin and Kay Wentz **Laurie Helgeson**
Sonny Sidlo **Lenore Bristol**
Jeannie Seals **Bob Shearer**

Stamped & addressed cards for those listed here and on our prayer list are available in the south corner of the foyer.

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DEVOTIONAL

I recently read Jon D. Levenson's latest book *The Love of God: Divine Gift, Human Gratitude, and Mutual Faithfulness in Judaism*, and would like to share another brief quote with you. It's about the idea of "lament" or "complaint" in the Old Testament.

I've written a bit about this idea myself, on this blog and elsewhere, but Levenson gives it a twist that I had never quite articulated before, but that seems so obvious to me now that I see it.

And the idea is this: lament or complaint to God is an act of covenant loyalty.

Bet you didn't see that coming.

God stands by Israel even when they breach the covenant in the most egregious and defiant ways, and Israel (ideally) stands by God even when they plausibly accuse him of gross injustice, as indeed they do at times. . . . Covenantal loyalty includes both a nonmoral loyalty [loyalty regardless of how the other behaves] and a passionate insistence that the other partner live up to the terms of the covenant and make himself worthy of the gratuitous love he has received.

The Love of God, p. 55

Without suggesting that God and we are on equal terms, the idea expressed above works both ways.

The raw honesty of the lament psalms, for example (like Psalms 44, 88, 89), not only models for us the acceptability of such honest expressions of frustration, even disappointment and anger, with God—although there's that. It is also an act of covenant loyalty on our part to God to do so.

To put it in marriage terms, if a spouse is not living up to the agreement, so to speak, the other is morally obligated by those very same terms to call him/her to the carpet. And doing so (genuinely, not naggingly) is an expression of one's commitment to the marriage covenant—you expect the other to live up to their vow and will let them know when they don't.

So think about that the next time you are wondering, like a psalmist, why your life is shrouded in darkness and God seems either disinterested, unaware, or even complicit (Psalm 88). By getting in God's face and even "accusing him of gross injustice" you are actually expressing loyalty to the covenant; you are honoring God by showing respect for the covenant enough to say something.

Complaining to God is a way of standing by God. Sometimes it's all we have.

- Pete Enns, The Bible for Normal People -