

CALENDAR

July 30 - Cowboy Church at Buffalo County Fairgrounds @ 8am

August 13 - Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service

August 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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July 2023

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us today.

Serving Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Spencer

SONG LEADER

Ken Whaley

1st PRAYER

Bobbie Seals

2nd PRAYER

Ben Hirschfeld

LORD'S SUPPER

Doug Houtz

READING

Dalton McCoy

CLOSING PRAYER

David Hogins

Today's Topic

"The Writing on the Wall"

Today's Reading

Isaiah 51:8-11

- 8** "For the moth will eat them like a garment;
Yes, the moth will eat them like wool.
But My righteousness will be forever,
And My salvation to all generations."
9 ¶ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of
the Lord;
Awake as in the days of old, the generations
of long ago.
Was it not You who cut Rahab in pieces,
Who pierced the dragon?
10 Was it not You who dried up the sea,
The waters of the great deep;
Who made the depths of the sea a pathway
For the redeemed to cross over?
11 And the redeemed of the Lord will return
And come to Zion with joyful shouting,
And everlasting joy will be on their heads.
They will obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Today's Preacher

Titus Robison

CHURCH FAMILY

"We want to thank the church for all the prayers and the beautiful flowers! That was so nice! Steve is home now to finish recovering. God has been good and we are so blessed." --Janet and Steve Botsford

The Kearney Church is going to be helping to support Titus Robison on his mission trip to Italy. Any members who would like to participate in this support can make their checks payable to Kearney Church of Christ and put Titus Robison in the memo field.

Church news regularly goes out to members by two means. Shorter, urgent messages are sent by text to your phone number. Longer, more informative messages go to your email. To make sure you are getting all church communications, please verify that your phone and email information is included in your Realm profile. If you have any questions or need help checking this, please contact Libby or Dan.

-----Remember to send prayer requests to info@kearneychurchofchrist.org-----

PRAYER LIST

Martha Lewis, mother of Kerry Lewis (staff at camp), had a stroke last night.

Jacque McDonald, mother of Kim McDonald, went to the hospital on Monday. She has improved and went back to her care home. They are grateful for prayers.

Prayers for the **Wentz family** as they deal with the loss of Kay.

Chip Moore from Westview Boys Home has been dealing with an injury to his back, which is causing him to have trouble with frequent falling. He had an MRI on Friday and will have a surgical consult next week.

Keep these people in your prayers.

Card Corner

Elaine Harms
Orlin Wentz
Sonny Sidlo
Jeannie Seals

Brenda Kinsman
Laurie Helgeson
Lenore Bristol
Bob Shearer

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

ANY NEWS OR UPDATES?

Please send items for the bulletin to:
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DEVOTIONAL

So when Jesus comes along and says to us, "Love your enemy," we instinctively feel how radical it is. He's not just giving individuals a personal ethic; he is striking at the very foundation of the world! The world was founded on hating enemies, and now Jesus says, "Don't do it!" When Jesus said, "Turn the other cheek," he wasn't just trying to produce kinder, gentler people; he was trying to refound the world! Instead of retaliatory violence; the world is to be refounded on cosuffering love. Jesus understood that the world had built its societal structures upon shared hatred, scapegoating, and what René Girard calls "sacred violence." In challenging "sacred violence" (which Israel cherished in their war stories), Jesus was challenging the world at its most basic level. We cherish, honor, and salute sacred violence. We have to! We have a dark instinct that we must honor Cain's war against Abel—and our own wars upon our hated enemies—or our whole system will fall apart. But Jesus testified against it—that those deeds were evil. This is where the tension begins to build. What Jesus called evil are the very things our cultures and societies have honored in countless myths, memorials, and anthems. It was this deep insight into the dark foundations of the world that Jesus possessed and his brothers did not. James and the rest of Jesus's brothers and disciples could testify against symptomatic evil of greed and immorality, but they could not testify against the systemic evil of hating national enemies. This is why the world hates Jesus in a way it could not hate his brothers. Ultimately, Jesus's brothers belonged to the same system as Caesar, Herod, and Caiaphas—the system of hating and seeking to kill one's national or ethnic enemy. Jesus's call to love our enemies presents us with a problem—a problem that goes well beyond the challenge we find in trying to live out an ethic of enemy love on a personal level. How can a nation exist without hating its enemies? If nations can't hate and scapegoat their enemies, how can they cohere? If societies can't project blame onto a hated "other," how can they keep from turning on themselves? Jesus's answer is as simple as it is revolutionary: instead of an arrangement around hate and violence, the world is now to be arranged around love and forgiveness. The fear of our enemy and the pain of being wronged is not to be transferred through blame but dispelled through forgiveness.

Brian Zhand, A Farewell to Mars

Serving 07/26

SONG LEADER
Andrew Hartman
1st PRAYER
David Hogins
READING
Wes Seals

Serving 07/30

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