

CALENDAR

July 9 - Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service

July 15 - 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

Bobbie Seals

SONG LEADER

Kinneth Crawford

1st PRAYER

Pete Tidei

2nd PRAYER

Doug Houtz

LORD'S SUPPER

Elton Schmidt

READING

Brandt Florell

CLOSING PRAYER

Jerry Munsell

Today's Preacher

Calvin Arnold



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Today's Reading

2 Timothy 3:16

6 All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness

CHURCH FAMILY

We are so sad to inform you of the death of Eddie Lee's beloved sister, Loretta (Lee) Slettene. Loretta passed away June 22nd in Kennewick, Washington at the age of 88.

A memorial service for Craig Martin, brother of Cindy Houtz, will be Saturday, July 1st at 1:00 pm here at the church building. Craig was a lifetime member of the Kearney church and passed away suddenly June 13th.

The Kearney Church is going to be helping to support Titus Robison on his mission trip to Italy. This fall, Titus and Angie, together with their four girls, will be serving and working alongside several churches in Italy from October 14th to November 7th. Please consider donating and praying for this work. 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.

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

Glen Skeen will have knee replacement surgery on June 27.

Peggy Shearer had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday and is recovering at her sister's house in Hastings.

Heather Ellis, Ken Whaley's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is in the process of determining a treatment plan. Pray for her and her doctors.

Keep these people in your prayers.

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.

ANY NEWS OR UPDATES?

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

DEVOTIONAL

Serving 06/28

SONG LEADER

Ken Whaley

1st PRAYER

Eddie Lee

READING

Dalton McCoy

Serving 07/02

PREACHER

Calvin Arnold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Spencer

SONG LEADER

Ed Spencer

1st PRAYER

Wes Seals

2nd PRAYER

James Tidei

LORD'S SUPPER

Doug Houtz

READING

Joseph Morrow

CLOSING PRAYER

Elton Schmidt

In The Sin of Certainty, I tell a brief story about the time I was in middle school and made myself a sandwich. After I was done, I tied up the bag and tossed it onto the counter a few feet away.

My mom, who had grown up in Europe during World War II (the Big One, for you young folks), looked at me with conviction, "God doesn't want you to throw food."

I snarked back, "He didn't say anything to me."

Mom shot back before I had gotten the last word out of my mouth, "Maybe you're not listening."

That memory came to mind recently in conversation with a friend who was done with God because, after talking to God for years and waiting for an answer, he never got one.

I'm sure many or most of us can relate.

Can you hear God's voice?

I don't think this person or others like him are in "rebellion" against God. Rather, I think they are conditioned only to hear a certain kind of voice and when they don't hear it they draw the conclusion that my friend did.

He wasn't expecting an audible voice or anything like that, but he was expecting some concrete, tangible response—evidence that God is there and cares.

After all, this is what we expect of any other being we communicate with. If we talked to family and friends and they never talked back, those relationships would eventually come to an end. Why should it be different with God?

I think this conditioning is rooted in the modern notion that what is "real" is what can be demonstrated through some experienced, objective evidence. That idea works a lot of the time, but problems arise when Christians are either taught (or it's caught) to apply this idea to spiritual matters.

Hence, when one prays for X and then X (or something like it) happens, that prayer is deemed "answered" and therefore evidence that God is there and is interested in us.

I'm not knocking that idea, though I suspect this scenario works out far less frequently than we might be comfortable admitting if we stop to think about it. And when some do stop to think about it, they draw conclusions like my friend—who was conditioned to hear one voice.

I have wondered, though, over the years whether God "speaking" to us doesn't take very different forms—and maybe we need to condition our ears to hear them.

Maybe we hear God through others, through their acts or words of kindness (or rebuke).

Maybe God's "voice" runs deeper than we are able to perceive in our hectic lives, where we are the focus of our energies and attention.

Maybe God's voice catches us by surprise in occasional moments of happiness and contentment that happen free of words and logic—that moment of peace with your family, the way the shade falls on the late morning grass, reading in a hammock, a breeze that pushes gently through the trees and hits us just so.

I understand how some might react: "This just sounds like a lot of vague spiritual mumbo-jumbo where God is everywhere."

Perhaps—or . . . maybe some of us are limiting God's speech to what we have been conditioned to hear and we need to open up to God's presence differently . . . more immediately, intimately, and—I don't hesitate to say—subjectively, rather than what we are conditioned to have to expect.

Maybe God is just bigger than that.

If this is God's world, after all, maybe God's voice really is all around us. Perhaps what we perceive as God's absence is really our conditioned inattentiveness.

Perhaps we just need to learn to listen.

Pete Enns, The Bible for Normal People