

Do You Believe in Jesus?

Do you believe in Jesus? It's a very simple question, but answering it requires more thought than a 'yes' or 'no'.

In Mark 5, Jesus is trying to get away from the crowds and rest. He goes across the Sea of Galilee and finds a man who is demon-possessed. This man has lost almost all value of life because of this problem. The Bible tells us that he now lived among the tombs. We read that night and day he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. To make matters worse, there was nothing that anybody could do about it. Nobody could help this man. The text says that nobody was strong enough to tie him up or bind him with chains. Every time somebody tried, he would break the chains and shackles into pieces.

This man was stripped of his past life. He could no longer live in his home, he could no longer be with friends or family, he could no longer work or provide for himself. He was no longer in control. We read in Mark 5 that this man had many demons inside him. They say in verse 9 their name is "Legion, for [they] are many." The demons controlled him. They were powerful, and they used their power to make the life of this man terrible.

Look what happens when Jesus encounters this demon-possessed man. "And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me'" (Mark 5:6-7). The demons in this man recognized Jesus! Not only that, they pleaded that Jesus would not torment them. They knew who Jesus was. They knew that Jesus had the power to destroy them. They believed in Jesus. Do you?

If you are able to say that you believe in Jesus, that alone makes you no better than the demons that tormented this man in Mark 5. The demons believed in Jesus. They recognized His power and authority. Yet they still did hurtful, sinful things. Do you?

Do you claim to believe in Jesus, but don't show others by how you live? If you believe in Jesus, what are you doing for Him? How can you show others that you believe in Jesus? Let's communicate to others that we believe in Jesus. Let's communicate it with what we say, and more importantly, let's communicate it with what we do.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Betty Fogarty, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin Hill, Gaele Jackson, Steve and Beverly Kelly, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Bryan Reiboldt, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Cheryl Williamson.

Congratulations to Mike and Nancy Kidwell who are new grandparents! Roi Kayne Kidwell was born June 23 and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and is 19.5" long. His parents are Bryce and Susanna.

Welcome to Don and Mary Deffenbaugh who have placed their membership here. He retired from full time preaching, and we are happy to have Don and Mary back as a part of our congregation.



every **ONE** counts!

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a relative of one of our members

who is struggling financially. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

If you committed to writing an **article on the Ten Commandments**, please submit it to Danny today.

Some of our youth left yesterday to spend the week at **Horizons** at Freed. Pray for their spiritual growth and safety as they are away from home this week.



Today's Sermons

- A.M. *Jesus, Just As He Was*
(Mark 4:35-41, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Face to Face*
(2 John 12-13 Danny Boggs)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Darren Pierce
AM Closing Prayer: Jason Bryan
Communion Prayers: Josh King

PM Opening Prayer: Eli Giebler
PM Closing Prayer: Charlie Collinsworth

This Wednesday

Announcements: John Deffenbaugh
Singing: Shawn Crawford
Invitation: Bill McFarland

Opening Prayer: Elijah Boggs
Closing Prayer: Trace Wilson

Please give your money today to Amanda Flint for a money tree for **Whitney Thomlinson** and Sage Hendrickson who will be married this month



Please sign the **birthday cards** on the welcome desk for some kids at Fairhaven.

Teen and adult classes will meet in the auditorium for the Wednesday summer series. We will study **More About Jesus**. This week's guest speaker is Bill McFarland on the subject of *Discern More of His Will*.

Get your **VBS shirts** today! Pick your size and color at the welcome desk. Wear it often to advertise our VBS.



VBS **invitations** are on the welcome desk. Please invite your friends. **Yard signs** are also available.

PRE-VBS: Parents bring your kids to the front of the auditorium at 5:45 tonight and next Sunday to get pumped about VBS.

TriState Youth Series is next Sunday at West Union. We will leave the parking lot at 3:30.

July 8-12, Tim Murray and Keri Collinsworth will be traveling to Honduras as a part of the work of **Childhaven**. Our prayers will be with them as they travel and for the work they are doing in Honduras.

Neosho Christian School is in need of an administrative assistant for the fall. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please see Amanda Flint.

The Sojourners will not be coming to work at NCS this summer, so the school is going to have a couple of **work days** on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 starting at 9:00 a.m. Come all day or come for a few hours. Any help is appreciated!

You are invited to a **Double Bukowich birthday celebration**. It is a "come and go" from 9:30 to 11:30 Saturday morning, July 24. More details are on the bulletin board.

Hillcrest Family,
Thank you for the book I received for graduation. I can't wait to use it for my spiritual growth!

Jackson Collinsworth

| RECORDS | 6-27-21 | 6-28-20 |
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| Bible Study | 125 | 119 |
| AM Worship | 177 | 157 |
| PM Worship | 135 | 127 |
| Wednesday | 139 | 114 |
| Contribution | \$7,724.19 | \$8,357.31 |
| Budget | \$8,000.00 | \$7,864.15 |