

KISSINGER'S CHURCH
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Kissinger's Caller

Calling all people to Jesus Christ

WHAT DID JESUS LOOK LIKE?

Everyone knows what Jesus looks like. He is the most painted figure in all of Western art, recognized everywhere as having long hair and a beard, a long robe with long sleeves (often white) and a mantle (often blue).

Jesus is so familiar that he can be recognized on pancakes or pieces of toast.

But did he really look like this?

Probably not.

Jesus' lineage

From the accounts in the New Testament, we gather that several times Jesus slipped away into the crowd and could not be found (Luke 4:30). Matthew 1:1-17 also traces the lineage of Jesus from Adam and Abraham down to his parents, Joseph and Mary. Why is this important? He looked similar to the other Jews living in Israel at the time and thus there was little to distinguish Him from the rest of the crowd. Another fact that sheds light upon what Jesus looked like was his profession. Carpenters worked long hours without the aid of modern power tools meaning that Jesus probably had a muscular build with strong rough hands.

Was Jesus Beautiful?

The Old Testament prophesied in Isaiah 53 that Jesus would not have any external features or beauty that would attract or draw people to Him. Isaiah adds that Jesus would grow up like a plant out of dry ground with no form of kingly majesty.

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In short, Jesus looked like an average person with no distinguishing characteristics. The crowds that followed Jesus didn't follow Him because he looked like a rock star or a model. Instead they followed Him because of His words, teachings and doctrine. Jesus' teachings were not like the leaders of the time, rather He spoke with authority (Matthew 7:28-29).

What Did Jesus Look Like on the Cross?

Additionally, the Bible says in Isaiah 52 and 53 that near the time of crucifixion Jesus endured immense torture both physically and mentally. Isaiah 53:4-5 says that Jesus carried our grief and sorrows and that He was whipped, wounded and bruised for our sins. Imagine what Jesus looked like after going through all of that torture. Imagine the look on His face when the nails were placed in His hands. Imagine the look on His face when the crown of thorns was placed on His head. Imagine the look on His face when He forgave Peter. Imagine the love on Jesus' face when He sees you, over 2,000 years later, and forgives you for all you have done.

What Does Jesus Look Like in Heaven?

The book of Revelation describes what Jesus looks like after ascending to heaven with a glorified body. In two main places, Revelation 1 and 19, John sees Jesus in vision and writes down the following description. Jesus looks like the "Son of Man" who is clothed with a garment going down to His feet and a golden sash around His chest (Revelation 1:13). His head and hair are white like snow (Rev 1:14) and His eyes are like flames of fire (Rev 1:14; 2:18; 19:12). John sees Jesus holding seven stars in His right hand (Rev 1:16) and His feet look like highly polished brass from a furnace (Rev 1:15, 2:18). Jesus' face also shines like the sun in its brilliance (Rev 1:16).

Revelation 19 also paints the picture of Jesus coming back to earth crowned with many crowns and sitting upon a white horse having a name written upon Him which no man knew (Rev 19:11-12). The vision continues, adding that Jesus will rule with a rod of iron having the name "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords" written on His robe and thigh (Rev 19:16). Revelation also says that the voice of Jesus is like a trumpet and the sound of many waters (Rev 1:10,15; 19:6).

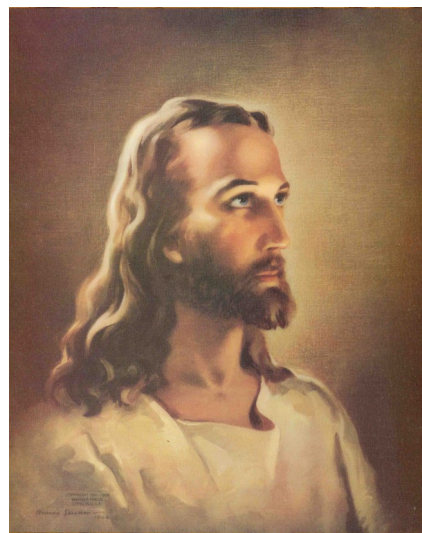
Jesus in Daniel's Visions

It is interesting to note that Daniel describes Jesus with nearly identical characteristics. Daniel 10:5-6 describes Jesus in the following way:

- Dressed in linen (Daniel 10:5)
- Pure golden sash around waist (Daniel 10:5)
- Body looked like Beryl (Daniel 10:6)
- Face like flashes of lightning (Daniel 10:6)
- Eyes like flaming torches (Daniel 10:6)
- Arms and feet like polished bronze (Daniel 10:6)
- Voice like the sound of a multitude (Daniel 10:6)

It's in the Bible, John 1:1,14, NIV. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... . The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Why was it necessary for Jesus to take on human nature? It was necessary to make atonement for our sins. *It's in the Bible*, Hebrews 2:14-15, 17, NIV. "Since the children have flesh and blood, he [Jesus] too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. . . . For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people."



CHIPMUNK NEWS

EXCITING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays at 9:00
AM**

- ◇ Dave Kauffman is teaching **“STORIES FROM THE BIBLE”**
- ◇ Bryan Seyler is teaching **“Church Traditions and Biblical Truths ”**
- ◇ Pauline Seyler will be teaching classes for children ages 5 thru 12



Friends,

One of the hardest questions for me to answer is, “why do bad things happen to good people”? Sometimes, it seems like a lot of good things happen to bad people!

David commented on this, “For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.” Psalm 73:3

Even Jeremiah chimed in, “LORD, you always give me justice when I bring a case before you. So, let me bring you this complaint: Why are the wicked so prosperous? Why are evil people so happy? Jeremiah 12:1

It would be good for us to just focus on our lives and let God judge the rest. But, take note of God’s unfailing love for us, regardless of our circumstances. From Psalm 71:

(Vs.1) O LORD, I have come to you for protection; don’t let me be disgraced.

(Vs.10-11) For my enemies are whispering against me. They are plotting together to kill me. They say, “God has abandoned him. Let’s go and get him, for no one will help him now.

(Vs.14) But I will keep on hoping for your help; I will praise you more and more.

(Vs. 20-21) You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. You will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again.

So, don’t lose hope during a trial in your life, put your complete trust in the God who loves you!

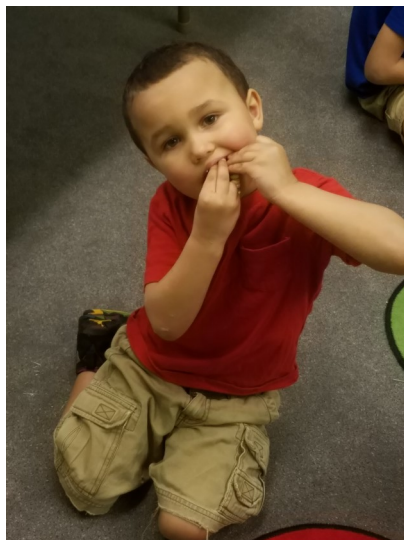
Blessings,

YOUTH MINISTRIES

“Relationships are the source of all ministry. Building relationships in our youth ministry (and elsewhere) is less about what brings us together and more about what connects us.” - April Bytof

Easter Egg Hunt

The youth participated in an Easter egg hunt and visit with Lola the bunny; Emily's pet bunny. Emily and Sarah scattered the eggs for the children's egg hunt. Each child was given a giant chocolate bunny courtesy of the Kurtz's.



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T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Have you already ordered your Church T-shirt? Did you want to order a T-shirt and never got around to it? Don't worry! We have you covered. T-shirts have arrived and are available for sale at a cost of only \$15 each. All sizes available. Get yours now!



"It takes courage to let go of the familiar and embrace the new"



As you may have noticed over the last couple of months, changes are being made to our monthly newsletter. As with any change, things are a work in progress. Throughout future newsletters we'd like to continue to include items that have traditionally been a part of the newsletter while also adding more information about the happenings of our church. If you have an event at the church to advertise, please let the office know We'd love to include it! We would also love to include pictures and reports of events that have happened so all are aware of everything happening here in our church.

We're also looking for someone in the church to interview other members about themselves and their faith journey to include a "spotlight" on a member each month. Let's get to know each other. If interested contact the church office.

If you wish to contribute any items to the newsletter, please **make your submission no later than the 15th of the month prior to publication.** Items can be emailed to kissingerschurch@yahoo.com or you can call the office at 610-372-5606.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CREAMY BROCCOLI SALAD

Ingredients

- 8 slices of bacon
- 1 pound fresh broccoli, cut into florets
- 1/2 small red onion, chopped
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tbsp. white wine vinegar

Instructions

Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon slices on paper towels; crumble when cooled.

Mix bacon, broccoli, onion, and mozzarella cheese in a bowl.

Whisk mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar in a small bowl until sugar dissolves and dressing is smooth; pour over broccoli mixture. Toss to coat.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPEAKER LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00AM
Pao's Restaurant (Shillington)
Speaker - Senior Life of Exeter Twp.
RSVP to Andee Swoyer



JOHN DENVER CONCERT

May 5th - 4:00pm
FREE! All Ages welcome!
Refreshments sold at intermission
All proceeds given to CASA of Berks Co.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

May 18th a Chicken Barbecue sale
Meals will include ½ chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll and butter at a cost \$8.50 per meal.
If you wish to order a meal, please sign up at the kitchen window. Deadline is May 11th.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 14th
Sign up at the kitchen window to bring a potluck dish.
All are welcome!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date

Saturday, May 18th

12:00 - 5:00PM

More details to come

JUNE SPEAKER LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00AM

Pao's Restaurant (Shillington)

Speaker - Pam Gockley, author and counselor
on Bullying

RSVP to Andee Swoyer

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Save the Date—Saturday, June 9th

More information to come



FAITH NIGHT AT THE FIGHTIN' PHILS

June 13th at 7:

Pastor Dave will be singing the National Anthem and one lucky congregation member will be throwing out the first pitch. Plus—Fireworks!

Cost - \$10 for a reserved seat with our group

If you wish to join us, please sign up at the kitchen window. Payment can be made to Kissinger's Church and submitting in the offering box.

May 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Bible Study 1pm Jennifer Angstadt Walton Horn | 2 Listen, Learn, and Lunch 11am—Paolo's | 3 | 4 Bible Study @ Barb Adams' 10:30am Ron Misiaszek |
| 5 John Denver Concert—4pm Kissinger's Kare Meeting *communion Robin Griffin | 6 | 7 | 8 Bible Study 1pm | 9 | 10 | 11 Bible Study @ Barb Adams' 10:30am Jackie Reinwald |
| 12 Fellowship Luncheon after service Jill Walker | 13 Lois Angstadt Mary Slisher | 14 Council Mtg 6:45pm | 15 Bible Study 1pm Prayer Chain Mtg.—6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. —6pm | 16 Pat Misiaszek | 17 Elisa Santos | 18 Bible Study @ Barb Adams' 10:30am Women's Retreat 1-5pm (lunch at 12) Chicken BBQ— eat-in or take- out (pre-orders only) |
| 19 | 20 Rita Tallent | 21 Rose Nave Michael Katz | 22 Bible Study 1pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Bible Study @ Barb Adams' 10:30am |
| 26 Margarete Painter | 27 Special Events mtg. = 6pm GDC mtg.— 6:30pm Helen Ray | 28 Women's Support Group— 6:30pm | 29 Bible Study 1pm | 30 Jeff Kring Liz Spangler | 31 | |

*Denotes birthday