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We are in need of
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Please pray for the WATER students
as they prepare for their summer in
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Preparing for Life & Ministry

The Humanity of Jesus

Foundational to the story of the Gospel is the simultaneous divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ. As the perfect sacrifice for our sins, He had to be both fully human and fully God. We often focus on the divinity of Jesus, as we should, for He was divine. However, the humanity of Jesus was very real as well. In this paper, I will briefly discuss the humanity of Jesus as shown in John by His physical needs, need for communion with the Father, and deep human emotion.

One of the most evident reasons to believe that Jesus was fully human is His physical needs. The Gospel of John records this in several places, one being John 4. While on a journey with His disciples, Jesus was tired. He stayed at Jacob's well while His disciples went into the town to buy food. As He sat beside the well, a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and He asked her to give Him a drink. From this story, we come to find that Jesus experienced fatigue, hunger, and thirst, as all humans do. God has no need for anything, but Jesus needed rest and restoration from His journey. He also became thirsty when He was on the cross and drank wine vinegar from a sponge, according to John 19:28-29. The physical needs of Jesus while He was on earth point directly to His humanity.

Another aspect of Jesus' humanity is evidenced by His need for solitude. Many times in the Gospel of John Jesus went off alone to think solitude, He communed with His and wisdom. John writes of ers left for Passover to go up to may be different reasons for about thirty hours, or three to would have had ample time on with His Father and refresh Him-try. Perhaps the Father was He was to do at the festival. In withdrawing from the crowds make Him king. During these finding peace and rest in His Father. Just as we need alone time for personal reflection and prayer, Jesus needed solitude to stay connected to His Father.

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and pray. In these times of Father, receiving guidance Jesus waiting until His broth-Jerusalem. Though there this, Jesus would have had five days, of walking. He this lonely walk to commune self for more public minis-speaking to Him about what John 6:15, it records Jesus when they were trying to times, He was most likely

Jesus also experienced very deep and real human emotion. When He chased the moneychangers out of the temple in John 2, He was angry at the desecration of and irreverence for the temple. His Father's home was being treated as something to take lightly. It was robbing the Gentiles of the only part of the temple they were allowed. He also experienced deep grief and sorrow at the death of His friend, Lazarus, in John 11. Though He knew that Lazarus would soon be raised up, He wept and felt deeply for His own loss and that of His friends, Mary and Martha. The human emotion that He experienced are just another part of John that showcase the humanity of Jesus.

Jesus was God, but there was a part of Him that was most certainly human. If there was not, He would not be the divine-humanity essential to our salvation. Jesus overcame all the struggles and temptations that humanity experiences while remaining blameless. Therefore, His sacrifice has meaning. We can trust Him. The belief in the humanity of Jesus is foundational to the Gospel message. Through His physical needs for food, water, rest, and solitude, and through the human emotion and feeling we see in His life, we can begin to understand the principle of His humanity and strengthen our belief.

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upcoming events



WATER
June 24—August 1, 2024



Family Week August 5-9, 2024

Daily Schedule

8:15	Youth Devotional	
8:40-12:00	Character Training & Child Care	
8:45-9:40	A Theological Framework for Family Discipleship—Adults	<i>Jonathan Kinner, Brookville, OH</i>
	Who Are You?—Youth	<i>Gordon Amstutz, Bamberg, SC</i>
9:50 - 10:45	Who Are You?—Men & Women	<i>Gordon & Gwen Amstutz, Bamberg, SC</i>
	Choir—Youth	
10:55 - 11:50	Principles for Becoming Bereans—Youth & Adults	<i>Jonathan Kinner, Brookville, OH</i>
11:50 - 12:00	Announcements	
12:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:55	Take My Life and Let It Be—Youth	<i>Samuel Heatwole, Harrisonville, PA</i>
	Children's Activities	
2:00-2:30	Choir—Youth	
2:30-5:15	Family Time	
5:15	Chapel	
6:15	Supper	
7:15	Group Recreation	



births

Kyle & Tiffany (Yoder) Hartzler
Lincoln Elliot

Kevin & Michelle Kauffman
Lena Grace

weddings

Eric Martin & Brenna Zimmerman
May 4, 2024

Demetrius Byler & Julianna Skrivseth
June 1, 2024

2025 European Anabaptist Tour

October 17—29, 2025

This is an opportunity to study Anabaptist history with a study tour to Switzerland, Germany, and Holland. You will visit numerous sites where Anabaptists lived, hid, worshiped, were imprisoned, or died, tour numerous museums and castles, and stay in a private home. You'll see the Swiss Alps and Dutch windmills, experience a canal boat tour through Amsterdam, visit a flower auction, and much more. Numerous native speakers and guides will contribute to this tour directed by Myron & Mary Jantzi.

Contact the office to register now! There will be more details coming later.



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support the work

Student Aid Fund
provides discounts for pastors (and those supporting their children), school teachers, long-term mission staff, and those with financial need

Upcoming Projects

- Upgrade in the Men's Dorm
-flooring and paint
-approximate costs are \$12,000
- Apartment & ladies' lounge furniture

recurring donations

We rely on contributions from churches, individuals, and businesses to provide 35% of our annual budget! Just 30 donors contributing \$1/day adds over \$10,000 to the budget!



Graduation



David High | Marcus Zehr | Adam Peters

New Faculty!



Mark & Caroline Yoder
Hartville, OH



Linford & Lynnette Weaver
Manheim, PA