

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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Service Times

Sunday:

Coffee & Fellowship..... 9:45 am
Adult Bible Class..... 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

LifeGroups

Denham..... 5:30 pm
Reynolds..... 6:00 pm
Morris..... 5:00 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

January 7, 2020

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! I'm praying that God will bless you richly during this 2020! One of the ways that I know you will be blessed is by spending time reading and meditating on God's Word! I hope you will commit to finding a Bible reading plan that works best for you, and spending time in the Scriptures this year! I have shared something similar to this before, but I like sharing some thoughts on this subject as a way of reminder at the beginning of each year. There is great importance and value in reading God's Word, meditating/studying God's Word, and applying God's Word. Our aim is not JUST to read the Bible, but to be TRANSFORMED by the Bible. When we obediently apply God's Word we are training ourselves for godliness (1 Timothy 4:7). Reading is of little value if we are not also meditating on Scripture and applying it. The psalmist said, "I will **meditate** on your precepts and fix me eyes on your ways." - (Psalm 119:15). When we meditate on Scripture, we begin to learn the ways in which God would direct us. Meditation on Scripture - as Donald Whitney puts it, "Letting the Bible brew in the brain." - is vitally important to the Christian. But, how do we meditate on Scripture? Once again, I have shared this before; but it is a favorite method of mine, because it uses Scripture to help us meditate on Scripture. This is a method from Donald Whitney's book, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life.

Ask the Philippians 4:8 Questions of the Text

(Philippians 4:8) says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Donald Whitney developed a meditation method based off this text. Here's what he says:

It occurred to me that the directions given here about meditating on "these things" could provide guidance for meditating on any verse of Scripture, as well as for meditating on "life." As a result (and after consulting several translations of Philippians 4:8), I developed a series of questions based upon "these things."

- What is **true** about this, or what truth does it exemplify?
- What is **honorable** about this?
- What is **just** or right about this?
- What is **pure** about this, or how does it exemplify purity?
- What is **lovely** about this?
- What is **commendable** about this?
- What is **excellent** about this (that is, excels others of this kind)?
- What is **praiseworthy** about this?

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2019

Front Greeter: Renee Morris
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leaders: Jacob Glaspell
Scripture Reading/Prayer: Bill Reynolds
Communion Preside: Carson Henley
Serve East: Alex Derenburger
 Doug Hartley
Serve West: Pete Williams
 Chris Morris
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Matt Barber
PowerPoint: Jane Barber

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	January 8	January 15
Usher:	Bill Reynolds	Richard Wagner
Prayer:	Nick Johnson	Chris Morris
Sound Booth:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Sheila Dale

*If you cannot serve as scheduled,
 please contact Tom McNeely at 304-346-5212.*

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....58
 Worship.....105
 Wednesday.....00

Collection Plate\$1,733.48
 Online\$1,960.00
Total.....**\$3,693.48**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Wendy Johnson and the Johnson family**, on the death of Wendy's mother, **Linda Mullins**
- **Isaiah Collier**, Stephen's cousin, deployed to Iraq also Jan Winnell's son, **Torin Samples**, serving in Syria
- The **Sharp family** on the death of **Kris Sharp**, Jan Winnell's nephew
- The family of **Kim King**, a co-worker of Goldie Jackson, on the sudden death of Kim.
- **Vera Taylor**, recovering from emergency surgery on her toe due to an accident at home
- **Angela Derreberry**, Nick Johnson's niece, surgery today

Joe Riley, George and Annette Breckenridge, Donna McNeely, Janice Richardson, Charlie and Jeanie Weaver, Steve Fox, Charlie & Dora Mynes, Lanny Markland

HAPPY NEW YEAR CONTINUED

So whether meditating on a verse or story in the Bible, or something in your life - circumstances, an event, an experience, an encounter with someone, a part of creation - in fact, when thinking about anything, the Philippians 4:8 questions can be a helpful guide. (Donald Whitney, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pg. 63-64)

I hope we will all be searching and praying for ways to meditate on Scripture so that the words of the Bible don't just run off of us; but rather, through meditation, we might absorb the words of Scripture and be transformed by them. That is the life giving power of the inspired Word of God!

SERVICE FOR LINDA MULLINS

Visitation for Linda Mullins, Wendy Johnson's mother, will be at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home Saturday, January 11 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Funeral service to follow at 4:00pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 7** Prayer Meeting, 6:00 pm
Cancelled for tonight
- January 10-11** Kingdom Forward Student Conference
- January 19** Spaghetti Lunch, support our teen trip to Winterfest
- January 26** Area Wide Youth Night, Pine Grove
- January 28** Ladies Book Club, 7:00 pm
 Moriah's Lighthouse by Serena B. Miller

WINTERFEST

**WINTERFEST is quickly approaching!
 February 14-16**

Winterfest is a weekend retreat in Gatlinburg, TN, geared toward middle and high school teens. The cost is \$50 per adult and \$30 per student. Registration forms are available in the foyer. If you need to register and have not done so already, please see Jacob or Sara.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS

January 19th following services.

The teens will be serving spaghetti, salad, and desserts to help offset the cost of Winterfest. This is by donation. Come hungry and ready to help support our youth as they travel to Gatlinburg and worship our Creator!



LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
 Will not meet on Dec 22 and Dec 29.
- **Chris and Renee Morris**
 5:00-7:00 pm, See Chris or Renee for location.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds**
 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday at various locations

Join a LifeGroup! They are open to everyone; feel free to try them all!



Bethany Boggs	01/18
Jordan Rinard	01/21
Violet Tackett	01/26
Kasey Gentilin	01/27
Paul Cantrell	01/30



Tom & Jan Winnell	01/01
Stephen & Carrie Bush	01/05
Charles & Dora Mynes	01/15
Matt & Jane Barber	01/18

Did we miss a special day? Contact office@kccofo.org