

To know HIM and to make HIM known



Heart Beat

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

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Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:45 am
Worship.....10:45 am

Hannigan LifeGroup.....5:30 pm
Hall LifeGroup.....6:00 pm
Reynolds LifeGroup.....6:00 pm
Morris LifeGroup.....
5:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

Wednesday:

Services.....6:45 pm
Bible Study.....7-8:00pm

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THANK YOU FOR THE NOISE!

I figure most of you noticed that we had a bunch of kids at church this past Sunday. We had an attendance of 102, and that was largely due to our great number of kids. But, as is often times the case, when there are a lot of kids - there is a lot of noise! Noise can be distracting sometimes. When we are in a worship service, we expect things to be fairly quiet. We expect to be able to hear the prayers, sing the songs, focus on communion, and listen to the preacher without much distraction. Sunday, there was some distraction. Even I got distracted at some points by the noise. Kids will make noise. A lot of kids will make a lot of noise!

As a parent, I am beginning to realize how difficult it is to try to get a child to service, just to fight with him through the whole service. Then, you go home and feel like you didn't get anything out of the service. Sometimes we might question, "Why should I even bother bringing my child to church if he/she is just going to be a distraction, and I don't get anything out of the service?" Or maybe, "Why should I go to church, if I'm not going to be able to focus through the noise and distractions?" For those who felt as though they missed something because they were distracted by the noise, or were distracted trying to silence the noise, I would like to offer up a prayer.

Dear God,

Holy! Holy! Holy! Is your name! We bow humbly before you in prayer, asking that you help our hearts and minds to be focused on you. Father, help us to have minds that are focused on the things that really matter in your kingdom. Help us to bring glory to your name by the words that we speak and the way that we live our lives.

Father, as we progress through our worship services, let us take pause to thank you for the distractions. We want to thank you for the noise that distracts us. We want to thank you for the little ones that are distracting us. We want to thank you for the parents, grandparent, guardians, and volunteers that bring these little ones to distract us. And Father, as we try to regain our focus through these distractions, help us to realize that they are not really distractions at all. Help us to realize your message from Mark 10 where you told us, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God... whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Father, help us not to become distracted by the words and works of men. We know that our agendas can be distracting. But rather... help us to see that you are teaching us a lesson about our faith through the hearts of children. Father, thank you for the children! Mark tells us that, after your Son taught about the value of children in your kingdom, "...he took them in his arms and blessed them..."

Father, thank you for blessing your children then... and we pray that you continue to bless them today. Help us to be a blessing to our children - and help us never to forget what a great blessing they are to us! Help us always to be a church that welcomes children with open and loving arms!

Father, thank you for the noise! For in that noise, we see You!

In Jesus name! AMEN

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

April 17, 2016

MORNING ASSEMBLY

- Front Greeter: Brenda Hannigan
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leader: Tom Hannigan
Opening Prayer: Paul Cantrell
Communion Preside: Joe Masker
Serve East: Joe Riley, Raymond Beadnell
Serve West: Nick Johnson, Doug Hartley
Scripture Reading: Grayson Johnson
Closing Prayer: Chris Morris
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Pete Williams
PowerPoint: Duane Scyoc
Nursery: Bianca Williams, Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- April 13 April 20
Usher: Paul Estep Tom McNeely
Song Leader: Chuck Denham Raymond Beadnell
Prayer: Joe Masker Chuck Denham
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Paul Estep
Nursery: Danene Hartley Sue Riley

Communion Preparation & Garments: Sheila Dale

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

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

Attendance: Sunday School.....64
Worship.....102
Wednesday.....39

Contribution This Week.....\$2,340.50
Building Fund Donations YTD.....\$11,536
Building Fund GOAL.....\$60,000

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- The Family of Bill Gardner
Thelma Gardner has moved to Bellaire of Devonshire Assisted Living, 5 Bexley Drive, Room 150, Scott Depot, WV 25560.
Betsy Keene has had some health related issues.
Mr. Loftis, father of Elaine Javins
Dee Moore had heart bypass surgery on 4/4/16, she had 4 bypasses.
Lisa Hayes and her husband, Ronnie.
Lisa Moore's brother-in-law, Tom, is recovering from a very serious fall from a ladder.
Perry Holder

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



David Hartley
Allen Hartley
Torin & Carly Samples
Brandon McKinney

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 14 - Ladies Night Out, 6pm at Plaza Maya in Kanawha City. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the foyer or to Amy Kuhns.
April 20 - Educational Meeting at 5:30pm for ALL teachers and ALL parents of nursery age children to teenage children! PLEASE plan on attending! Pizza will be provided!
April 23 - Ladies & Girls Afternoon Tea, "FILL MY CUP" 2:00pm at the church building. Please join us as we celebrate our shared faith in God and learn how to "Fill Our Cup" with His word. Bring a friend and your favorite afternoon tea specialty dish. If you have a teapot and or teacups, or a special blend of tea that you would like to share, please feel free to bring them. RSVP to Barb Samples at 776-5067. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.
April 26 - Book Club meeting, 7:00pm at the home of Pat Hose. The book we are reading is "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.
April 28 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10:00am at Cracker Barrel.

BUILDING FUND

Dear Kanawha City Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Most of you are probably aware by now that as elder I have been given responsibility for our church building and grounds. I also share responsibility for our worship ministry with Tom Hannigan. During our recent congregational meeting, I had the opportunity to enumerate a list of work to be done to make our building safer, more secure, and more energy efficient. All of the upgrades have the additional benefit of beautifying our building and grounds and increasing our curb appeal as well. Since all of the repairs / improvements cost money and cannot be covered by our general church budget, I announced the kickoff of our building fund to pay for these upgrades: Repave the parking lots, replace the Multi-purpose room roof, replace the windows on the front of the building and the West end kitchen window, replace the metal doors on the rear of the building, make repairs to our pedestrian bridge connecting the East parking lot with our main campus, install fencing and gates at the rear of the building to limit access to the rear of the building. We will be making improvements to our landscaping as well to improve our curb appeal.
I am pleased to say that since I announced our goal of raising \$60,000 by June 1st, we have received a number of generous donations for the building fund. As of today, April 12th, we have reached \$11,536! More than 18% of our total has been reached. That is almost 50% of the cost of repaving our parking lot!
We have a ways to go and I want to encourage each of you to give prayerful consideration to making a donation to this worthwhile cause.
One other thing, soon I will be announcing a spring clean up, fix up, paint up day. Our building is in need of some TLC. We have a number of classrooms which we can be proud of, and of course the improvements to our auditorium and foyer make those spaces very inviting. I want us to give our best effort to making our whole building a place that reflects our good stewardship of what God has provided.
Thank you for all you do.

In His Service, Joe Masker

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- Linda Hall, Chuck & Shirley Denham 6:00-7:00pm Sunday, Room 17 at the building. Studying a video series titled "The Case for Faith."
Tom and Brenda Hannigan 5:30-7:30pm Sunday Studying a series "Thriving in Babylon."
Chris and Renee Morris 5:30-7:30pm (1st & 3rd Sundays) Studying "Forgotten God" with Francis Chan. This study examines how God desires for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.
Bill and Darlena Reynolds 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Studying "When Helping Hurts." There is a study guide to use along with the Right Now Media videos.

LifeGroups are open to everyone, come anytime! Feel free to try them all!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Steve Dale 4/20
Jarrell & Myrna Parker 4/19

PANTRY ITEMS

If you are able, please help us restock the food pantry. The suggested items to bring this week:

- Peanut Butter
Jelly
Mac and Cheese



You can place your donations in the cabinet near the church office.

NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website!!! It's user friendly and updated regularly! www.kanawhacitychurch.com