

To know HIM and to make HIM known



Heart Beat

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Service Times

Sunday:

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

LifeGroups

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

Wednesday:

Bible Study.....7-8:00pm

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

DIG DEEPER

Last year, we built a swing set for our kids. It wasn't a traditional swing set in that we didn't build one that came from the store with specific directions on how to build it. Instead, we decided to build one into our existing deck. We hung the swings off the bottom of the deck. Then we built a clubhouse with a place for us slide off of another portion of the deck. It was one of the few times that I have built something that ended up looking and working the way I planned for it to look and work.

As part of the building process for the clubhouse portion, I had to sink four posts into the ground. Since these posts were going to serve as the main supports for the clubhouse, I wanted to put them into the ground to make sure they were very stable. So, I dug a hole for each post and placed each one about two feet into the ground and then packed the dirt in tight around them. The project turned out to work really well for the kids; and they seem to get a lot of enjoyment out of their swing set. It even seems to be very safe and stable for them.

If you have ever used post hole diggers, you know that they become more difficult to use the further down you dig. The first breaking of the soil can be tough. Then, the next few inches aren't too bad. However, as you get deeper and deeper it gets harder to grab much dirt to get out of the hole. Anyone that has ever built a fence (or in my case a swing set) knows that it is important for the stability of the structure for the posts to be buried deep into the ground. The deeper into the soil, the less they will wobble and shift. This helps to make the structure strong and secure.

In digging holes to build a fence or support system, it is worth the extra effort to dig deeper in order to become more strong and secure. The same is true when it comes to our spiritual lives. Just like digging a post hole, the initial commitment can be a little bit difficult. Then, if we don't go much deeper, it won't require much effort; but it also won't provide much strength and stability either. If we want to make sure our spiritual lives are strong and secure without much shifting and wavering, then we have to do the extra effort of digging in deeper.

What are some ways we can dig deeper into our spiritual lives? We can spend more time and dig deeper into God's Word. We can spend more time to dig deeper into our prayer life. We can dig deeper in our commitment to serve others. We can dig deeper into the work of the church. We can spend more time with and dig deeper into our worship. The list can go on, but there are plenty of ways to dig deeper. For each person, how you need to dig deeper may be different. If you are unsure what that might be, I would be happy to sit down with you and help you figure it out. Please know that there are many ways to dig deeper into our spiritual lives to find more strength from God. The key is to find the right tool for you, so that you can bury yourself deeper in the strength that God provides.

The important thing to remember is this - if you feel like things aren't very secure in your spiritual life right now and you are starting to feel like you are wavering, don't give up. Don't give up on where you are and think that you aren't where you should be. Before you try something else, roll up your sleeves, muster up a little more effort, and dig a little deeper. It won't be easy, but it may just give you the strength and support you need.

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." - (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Love you all, Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

April 29, 2018

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Debbie Derenburger
Usher: Bill Reynolds
Worship Leader: Tom Hannigan
Opening Prayer: Paul Cantrell
Communion Preside: Steve Samples
Serve East: Lucas Barber
 Doug Hartley
Serve West: Richard Wagner
 Jamison Wilkinson
Scripture Reading: Joe Riley
Closing Prayer: Chuck Denham
Contribution Tally: B & C Stewart
Sound Booth: Pete Williams
PowerPoint: Carson Henley
Nursery: Bianca Williams
 Assistant: Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	<u>April 25</u>	<u>May 2</u>
Usher:	Paul Estep	TBA
Prayer:	Bill Reynolds	TBA
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	TBA

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments: Grace Wagner
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep: Jane Barber

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....51
 Worship.....85
 Wednesday.....32
Contribution.....\$2,493.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Bill Reynolds**, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Darlana Reynolds** has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer and has been referred to a gynecological oncologist for the next step. There's every reason to believe that it has been caught early and surgery may be all that is needed. Prayers appreciated.
- **Betty Dolin**, mother of Sharon Nichols
- **Glenna Shafer**, Betsy Keene's friend
- **Donna Sowards**
- **Vera Taylor**
- **Paula Garner**
- **April Stewart**
- **Duke and Peggy Bayes**
- **Doug Midkiff**
- **Lanny Markland**
- **Julie Farley**
- **Alan Newhouse**

READ THE BIBLE

If you've fallen behind, no worries... start here and continue together! If you would like to have a printed schedule for the year, there are copies in the foyer. The scriptures to read this week:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
4/24	Isa 23-27	114
4/25	Isa 28-30	115
4/26	Isa 31-35	116
4/27	Isa 36-38	117
4/28	Isa 39-41	118
4/29	Isa 42-44	119:1-32
4/30	Isa 45-48	119:33-64
5/1	Isa 49-51	119:65-96
5/2	Isa 52-54	119:97-128

PAINTING

The trim and paneling around the inside of the new windows needs to be painted. If you teach in one of these rooms and plan to paint around the window yourself or are interested in helping paint, please contact Steve Samples ASAP!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24 - Book Club Meeting, 6pm, at the Southridge Panera Bread. The book we will be reading is: *In the Light of the Garden* by Heather Burch. Everyone is welcome to join us.

April 26 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am, please RSVP to Joe Riley or sign the sheet in the foyer.

April 28 - Doug & Danene, along with the Jack Hartley family will be hosting a reception to celebrate the life of Jean Ann Board Hartley at Edgewood Country Club on **April 28** from **3-6pm**. Friends, family, and all who loved and cared for her are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and remembrances.

April 29 - Kanawha Valley Unity Service, 10am-12pm at WVSU, Wallace Hall. Speaker, Michael Ross and Worship Leader, Brian Knost. There will also be regular services at Kanawha City Church of Christ.

May 1 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the church building. Everyone welcome!

May 6 - Elders and Deacons Meeting, after worship services in room 17.

May 20 - Baby Shower for Sara Henley, 2-4pm at the church building. Everyone is invited. Contact Ali Ross for more details.

YOUTH EVENTS

MONTH OF APRIL - Recycling Drive, please send in newspapers and aluminum cans.

APRIL 29 - Recycling Project and Lesson during Bible School hour

MAY 18 - SkyZone

MAY 20 - Children's Lesson and Activity at Danner Meadow Park during LifeGroup

JUNE 10-13 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 30 - Zoo Trip

JULY 27 - Faith & Family Night - WV Power Park

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham** 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *Playing God*. Also serving communion each Sunday evening.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan** 5:30-7:30 in their home. Studying *The Bible Project*.
- **Chris and Renee Morris** 5:00-7:00pm, See Chris for location. Studying *The Bible Project*.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds** 6:00-8:00pm Sunday in their home. Studying *The Bible Project*.

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

Contact the group leaders for more information!



Matt Barber	4/6
Rebekah Breeden	4/11
Steve Dale	4/20
Tom Winnell	4/22
Bob Midkiff	4/25
Sara Wood	4/26
David Hartley	4/29



Nick & Linda Johnson	4/5
Joe & Sue Riley	4/13
David & Lisa Lytle	4/16
Jarrell & Myrna Parker	4/19
Elwood & Ruth Ann Brown	4/25

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