

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

## ARE YOU A THERMOMETER OR A THERMOSTAT

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat? What's the difference between the two? A thermometer tells the temperature. A thermostat regulates the temperature. A thermometer only has the power to describe the current condition. A thermostat has the power to change the current condition.

I heard this illustration being used on the radio the other morning. I only caught the tail end of the talk, so I am unsure who was talking nor did I hear all that was said. However, I did catch the general idea. That idea was this: As Christians we have two options. We can choose to be a thermometer and simply recognize our situation, but do nothing about it. The other option is to be a thermostat, and choose not to be defined by our circumstances; but rather, resolve to make the changes we can to better our circumstances.

I want to make a similar point. We live in a lost world. We can look all around us and find things that are not pleasing to God. We can find people (ourselves included) that are living in ways they shouldn't be living. We have the option to approach a lost world in two different ways.

The first option is to moan and complain about where things are headed. That is exactly what a "Thermometer Christian" will do. A "Thermometer Christian" will recognize the current situation of the world around them and complain about it. They will inform everyone around them of what the world is coming to, while they sit back and do nothing about it. It's as if they are powerless.

The other option is to recognize the lostness of the world and do something to change it. That is exactly what a "Thermostat Christian" will do. A "Thermostat Christian" is aware of the current condition of the world around them, but will take steps to do something to change it.

When Christ came to this world, He said that He came "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus didn't come just to seek the lost, but also to save them. He didn't come just to tell the world of their situation, but also to change it. Now, Jesus calls us to do the same.

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15), Jesus calls us to "proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." The Gospel is the "good news" that Jesus died to save us from our sins. The Gospel is not that we are lost in sin, but that we have been saved from our sins through Jesus Christ. We can be "Thermometer Christians" and complain about the condition of a world lost to sin. Or, we can be "Thermostat Christians" that share the Gospel of how to be saved from that sin and live under new conditions.

Be a thermostat. Change the world. Share the Gospel.

Love you all! Stephen

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**MORNING ASSEMBLY**

*August 26, 2018*

**Front Greeter:** Donna McNeely  
**Usher:** Tom McNeely  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Morris  
**Opening Prayer:** Nick Johnson  
**Communion Preside:** Carson Henley  
**Serve East:** Herb Kinder  
 Tom Winnell  
**Serve West:** Tom Hannigan  
 Tanner Hannigan  
**Scripture Reading:** Grayson Johnson  
**Closing Prayer:** Josh Rogers  
**Contribution Tally:** C & S Denham  
**Sound Booth:** Jamison Wilkinson  
**PowerPoint:** Duane Scyoc  
**Nursery:** Danene Hartley  
 Assistant: Alaina Morris

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

	<b>August 22</b>	<b>August 29</b>
Usher:	Bill Reynolds	Chris Morris
Prayer:	Bob Midkiff	Bill Reynolds
Sound Booth:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely

**Communion Preparation & Garments:** Sue Riley  
**Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:** August: Volunteer Needed

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

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**Attendance**  
 Bible Class.....57  
 Worship.....101  
 Wednesday.....32  
**Contribution.....\$3,134.25**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- **Linda Mullens**, mother of Wendy Johnson. Hospitalized with heart issues.
- **Max**, the son of Dee Moore's friend, he is 17 years old and has necrotizing pneumonia and now his heart is failing.
- **Elwood & Ruth Ann Brown, John Gibson, Erica Wade, Myrna Parker, Ann Estep, Mary Spence, Renee Madsen, Peggy Bayes, Silvia Soza, Betty Dolin, Glenna Shafer, Vera Taylor, April Stewart, 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:

Date	Readings	Psalm
8/21	2 Chr 28-31	78
8/22	2 Chr 32-34	79
8/23	2 Chr 35-36	80
8/24	Matt 1-2	81
8/25	Matt 3-4	82
8/26	Matt 5-6	83
8/27	Matt 7-8	84
8/28	Matt 9-10	85
8/29	Matt 11-12	86

**RECENT VISITORS**

We welcome our recent visitors:

Amanda Howell and Derrick Berry  
 Alum Creek, WV

Tracy DeRoberts  
 Charleston, WV

Margie Price  
 Charleston, WV



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**August 23 - Young At Heart Breakfast**, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

**August 26 - Family Blessing Sunday** - Join us for a special service honoring our families and youth! This will be a special time for the church to rally around all of our children and bless them. The service will include special songs for the kids, a lesson focused towards the kids, and a time for the elders to pray over all the children and their families. Plan to stay after services for a fellowship dinner.

**August 28 - Book Club**, 6pm at Panera Bread at Southridge. The book to read and discuss is *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. Everyone is welcome.

**September 4 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the church building.

*~The singing class will not meet this summer, but will resume after Labor Day.*

**BIBLE QUIZ**

What was the first plague God brought upon the Egyptians when Pharaoh refused to let the Hebrews leave his land?

- A. Water turned to blood
- B. Dense darkness for three days
- C. Death of all Egyptian firstborn males
- D. Swarms of gnats

*Answer: See Exodus 7:20-21*

**SMILE CORNER**

**Kid:** Today my teacher yelled at me for something I didn't do.

**Mom:** What was that?

**Kid:** My homework!

**Q:** What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?

**A:** Geometry

**LIFEGROUP INFORMATION**

• **Chuck and Shirley Denham**  
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *5 Things God Uses To Grow Your Faith*. Also serving communion each Sunday evening.

• **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**  
 Hannigan Life Group will meet once per month this summer - next meeting 9/9 from 5:30-7:30pm. 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!*



Janice Richardson	8/1
Renee Morris	8/4
Jamison Wilkinson	8/4
Jacob Glaspell	8/5
Linda Hall	8/8
Wylie Wilkinson	8/8
Duane Scyoc	8/11
Avery Walker	8/19
Rose Kinder	8/26
Mersad Terzic	8/27
Micah Stephenson	8/28
Joe Riley	8/29
Brenda Cantrell	8/30
Dena Holstine	8/31



Chuck & Shirley Denham	8/2
Matthew & Bethany Boggs	8/5
Stephen & Erika Walker	8/8
Paul & Brenda Cantrell	8/14
Doug & Danene Hartley	8/15
Chris & Renee Morris	8/24
Mersad & Courtney Terzic	8/24
Pete & Bianca Williams	8/26
Alex & Ali Ross	8/27