

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

IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

What a great way to start the work week, and the first day of work after being on vacation! It was about seven o'clock in the morning when I got in my car and started it to head to work. I turned on the ignition, and a light remained on that normally goes off... the tire pressure light. I got out of the car to check the tires, and the rear tire on the driver's side is almost completely flat. I examined the tire to find a nail pressed flush against the tread. What a way to start the week!

The nail has punctured the tire in a way that is keeping most of the air in the tire and only allowing a slow leak. It is my intention to replace the tire with the spare until I can get the tire repaired or replaced. However, I debated whether I really needed to go to all of the trouble of changing the tire just to get it fixed. The air is leaking at such a slow rate that I could probably make it to the mechanic without any problems. Do I risk having it go completely flat while I am driving in order to save a few extra minutes spent changing the tire? Will the risk be worth the reward? Do I feel lucky? It seems like a rather high risk for very little reward. I'm just going to change the tire before driving it to the mechanic to be fixed.

The thought process I went through with my tire issue is one we often go through in our spiritual lives. It goes something like this: "I'm not risking much here. It seems pretty safe. There's nothing that could possibly go wrong. I have it all under control. I can take a few steps closer the edge without falling off." In our spiritual lives we often try to determine how close we can come to the danger without putting ourselves in danger. How close can we come to sin without actually sinning?

To try to make it to the mechanic without changing the tire provided very little reward and a much higher risk. To try to get close to sin without sinning is to have great risk with no reward. There is no extra reward for getting close to sin without sinning. Our goal in life is not to walk along the edge and live life as close to the edge without falling off. Our goal in life should be to walk closer to God each day. We shouldn't aim to be the riskiest Christians. We should aim to be the most humble and devout Christ followers. Every step we take should bring us closer to the Father and further away from the sin.

Let us stop asking, "What is the most we can do and not get burned?" And let's start asking, "What more can we do to look more like Jesus?" One direction leads to great risk with no reward. The other direction leads to little risk of earthly things, but great reward of eternal things.

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." - (1 John 1:6-7)

Love you all!
Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

August 12, 2018

- Front Greeter: Donna McNeely
- Usher: Herb Kinder
- Worship Leader: Chris Morris
- Opening Prayer: Steve Samples
- Communion Preside: Duane Scyoc
- Serve East: Doug Hartley
Tom Winnell
- Serve West: Josh Rogers
Bob Midkiff
- Scripture Reading: Alex Derenburger
- Closing Prayer: Paul Cantrell
- Contribution Tally: P & A Estep
- Sound Booth: Matt Barber
- PowerPoint: Carson Henley
- Nursery: Erika Walker
Assistant: Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 8 August 15

- Usher: Richard Wagner Paul Estep
- Prayer: Steve Samples Tom McNeely
- 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 7/29/18	
Bible Class.....	66
Worship.....	104
Wednesday.....	48
Contribution.....	\$4,063.20
Attendance 8/5/18	
Bible Class.....	54
Worship.....	102
Wednesday.....	51
Contribution.....	\$4,901.86

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Tom and Jan Winnell**, Tom's mother, Stella Winnell, passed away on August 4th.
- **Matt and Bethany Boggs and family**, Matt's mother, Renee Boggs, passed away on August 2nd.
- Betsy Keene's son-in-law, **Matt Plants and his family**. Matt's parents were in a car wreck and his father, Chester, was killed.
- **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, Paula Garner, 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
8/7	Mal 3-4	64
8/8	1 Chr 1-10	65
8/9	1 Chr 11-14	66
8/10	1 Chr 15-17	67
8/11	1 Chr 18-21	68
8/12	1 Chr 22-24	69
8/13	1 Chr 25-29	70
8/14	2 Chr 1-4	71
8/15	2 Chr 5-8	72

HVAC PROJECT

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of replacing and repairing our HVAC units at the church building, please make a note in the memo line of your check. Please see one of the elders if you have any questions.

GOAL:	\$25,000
DONATIONS TO DATE:	\$19,230
AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$ 5,770

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 7 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the church building.
- August 21 - Book Club**, 6pm at Panera Bread at Southridge. The book to read and discuss is *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. Everyone is welcome.
- 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.

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

YOUTH EVENTS

- 8/10 – Don't be BOARD! @6pm-10pm**
(All Ages Welcome) Come join us for board games and movies on Friday. There's no need to be bored when there's going to be this much excitement! Bring your favorite snack and come join in each other's company.
- 8/15 – SkyZone Faith Night @5:30pm**
(6th-12th Grades)
- 8/18 – Walk for Hope @8am-noon / Community Outreach Event after the walk.**
(6th-12th Grades)

More information on the bulletin board in the hallway.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Backpack Drive - Be a sponsor for \$6/backpack (we are pre-purchasing in bulk to save money), includes the backpack, folders, pencils, and a Bible. You can sponsor as many backpacks as you would like. See Jacob, Stephen, or Amy to make a sponsorship or donation.
Sponsor a teen in the Walk for Hope - Our youth group will participate in the *Walk for Hope*, which is a walk to raise money and awareness for opioid addiction in WV. Shane and Amanda Fox organize this event at the Capitol. If you would like to sponsor one of our teens for this event, please see Jacob.

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *Ask It*. 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

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