

To know HIM and to make HIM known



Heart Beat

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

Minister:

Stephen Walker 304-925-7435
stephen@kccofc.org

Youth Minister:

Alex Ross alexandermross8@gmail.com

Elders:

Tom Hannigan 304-965-7435
Chris Morris 304-344-1817
Bill Reynolds 304-744-0012
Joe Riley 304-346-4476

Deacons:

Alex Derenburger
Paul Estep
Herb Kinder
Tom McNeely
Richard Wagner

Service Times

Sunday:

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

LifeGroups

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

Wednesday:

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

FINDING THE GOOD

Among many other things, one gift I received for my birthday was a book entitled: *Capital Gains: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff*. This book was written by Chip Gaines who is one of the stars of the HGTV show Fixer Upper. There are not many shows that I like to watch on HGTV, but this is one of them.

On this show, Chip and his wife, Joanna, work together to restore old houses into people's dream homes. One of the many things I love about this show are the hosts and how much they seem to care about each other, their family, their businesses, their employees, and their faith. So, when I saw that Chip had written a book, I figured it would be worth reading. So far, it has been a very easy and a very worthwhile read!

One of the chapters in his book is entitled "Fear-less." In it, Chip describes his thoughts and his approach to fear and how it impacts our lives. I found the following quote to be especially insightful:

"I'm convinced that seeing the bad in the world and in people isn't difficult or wise or insightful - it's lazy. Finding the good in every scenario typically takes a lot more work. But the rewards of peace and joy and hope are so worth the effort." - (Chip Gaines, *Capital Gains: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff*)

Let's be honest about it, there is a lot of bad in the world. There are a lot of bad things and a lot of bad people in the world. That's pretty easy to see. However, God didn't call us to find the bad in the world and the bad in people. Instead, we have been called to find the good. Chip is right, that takes a lot of work. "But the rewards of peace and joy and hope are so worth the effort."

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." - (Philippians 2:1-4)

"But I saw to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." - (Luke 6:27-31)

Love others... even when they don't deserve to be loved. Think of others more highly than yourselves. Do good... even when it's not easy. Together, let's do the hard work of finding God's light in a world that seems so dark! Let's enjoy "the rewards of peace and joy and hope"!

Love you all, Stephen

Kanawha City Church of Christ

5101 Chesterfield Avenue, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 925-7435
kanawhacitychurch.org

Help us save money
on paper and postage...
request this newsletter to
be emailed to you!
office@kccofc.org

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

December 17, 2017

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Emily Scyoc
Usher: Tom McNeely
Worship Leader: Carson Henley
Opening Prayer: Chuck Denham
Communion Preside: Paul Estep
Serve East: Alex Ross
 Paul Cantrell
Serve West: Matt Barber
 Bill Reynolds
Scripture Reading: Steve Samples
Closing Prayer: Josh Rogers
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Steve Dale
PowerPoint: Jamison Wilkinson
Nursery: Brenda Hannigan
 Assistant: Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	December 13	December 20
Usher:	Tom McNeely	Richard Wagner
Prayer:	Joe Riley	Bill Reynolds
Sound Booth:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely
Nursery:	Linda Johnson	Sue Riley

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments: Phyllis Songer
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep: Donna McNeely

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance


Bible Class.....	48
Worship.....	89
Wednesday.....	37

Contribution.....\$2,873.58

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Those serving our country: **David Hartley, Allen Hartley, Brandon McKinney.**
- **April Stewart**, daughter of Bob and Cindy, granddaughter of Helen.
- **Duke and Peggy Bayes**, brother-in-law and sister of Donna Sowards.
- **Ralph Hammitt and Nancy Duncan**
- **Joe and Janeen Masker**
- **Doug Midkiff**
- **Tom Winnell**
- **Cathy Harding**, mother of Julie Davis.
- **Lanny Markland**
- **Jean Ann Hartley**, Doug Hartley's mother.
- **Julie Farley**
- **Alan Newhouse**
- **Autumn Cole**, young lady battling leukemia for the second time. Autumn had a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for a successful recovery. #fightlikeautumn

HELP STILL NEEDED

 Nursery attendants and ushers are needed for Sunday morning services and Wednesday evening services. Please contact Tom McNeely or Amy Kuhns if you can help out.

NUTS, TRAIL MIX & MORE

Nuts, trail mix, and other items are in the church library and are going fast! Please see Shirley Denham if you would like to purchase some. The sale of these items benefits Stepping Stones of OVU.

SMILE CORNER

Q: How does Santa sing the alphabet?
 A: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
 Oh!, Oh!, Oh!,
 P Q R S T U V W X Y Z!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 12 - Book Club Meeting, 7pm at the home of Linda Johnson. This will be our Book Club Christmas Exchange (Bring a book to give as a gift and take a gift book home). The book we are reading is *Honeysuckle Holiday* by Kathleen M. Jacobs. As always, everyone is welcome to join us. *(Due to the holidays our November and December meetings are combined.)*

January 9 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the building.

January 25 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.

February 16-18, 2018 - Winterfest, Gatlinburg, TN. Online registration open and the deadline to register is January 8th. Please visit CCB and the link is on the front page. We must have everyone registered in order to make travel accommodations. If you have any questions or need a paper registration form to fill out, please see Alex Ross or Amy Kuhns.

There will not be a Young At Heart Breakfast in December.

FOOD DRIVE



Our youth group is sponsoring a food drive this holiday season. They have a goal of 750 cans to hit by Christmas and they earn a prize. Please help our teens as they try to help those in need.

Some of the most needed items are:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned/Powered Milk, Mac and Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Flavored Noodles/Rice, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Beef Stew.

ISAIAH 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
5:30-6:30pm Sunday, contact Shirley for location. Studying a series titled *Right In The Eye*, by Andy Stanley.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
5:30-7:30 in their home. Studying Titus.
- **Chris and Renee Morris**
5:00-7:00pm (1st & 3rd Sundays) in their home. Studying *The Best Question Ever* by Andy Stanley.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds**
6:00-8:00pm Sunday in their home. Studying "Living Generously," on RightNow Media.

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



Alaina Morris	12/4
Bill Reynolds	12/6
Michelle Boggs	12/7
Serenity Stephenson	12/9
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
Rachel Sowards	12/23
Linda Johnson	12/24
Danene Hartley	12/28



Dewey & Amy Kuhns	12/2
JR & Sharon Nichols	12/9
Tom & Donna McNeely	12/12
Bill & Darlena Reynolds	12/19
Steve & Lora Williams	12/24
Frank & Elaine Javins	12/27
Ehren & Wendy Johnson	12/28

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