

To know HIM and to make HIM known



# Heart Beat

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Tom McNeely, Richard Wagner, and  
Pete Williams

## 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

## WE HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT

In 1988, a Polish railway worker named Jan Grzebski was hit by a train. Somehow he managed to survive; but he fell into a coma. While it was reported that the coma was the result of the accident, it was actually a result of a brain tumor. Even though doctors did not expect him to survive, aging allowed the tumor to shrink and pressure to be relieved from the brain stem. He regained some consciousness in 1992, and completely came out of his coma in 2007. For 19 years he was in a coma.

Before passing away in 2008, Grzebski spoke of how things were different. When he finally awoke in 2007, it was whole new world. When he fell into the coma he had 4 children. When he awoke, he had eleven grandchildren. He spoke particularly about the changes in Poland. In 1988, Poland was a communist state. He noted that back then meat was rationed and there were huge lines at nearly every gas station. He said, "...there was only tea and vinegar in the shops."

In 2007, he awoke to a free nation where he said there were "...people on the streets with cell phones and there are so many goods in the shops it makes my head spin." He went on to say, "What amazes me is all these people who walk around with their mobile phones and never stop moaning. I've got nothing to complain about." - ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan\\_Grzebski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Grzebski))

These people had freedom and food and wealth greater than Poland had experienced for decades. But when Grzebski awoke from his coma he found people that only seemed to want to complain about what they did not have.

This time of year we try to remain mindful of the blessings we do have. But we can sometimes fall into the trap of focusing on all the things we want that we don't have. Someone has said, "If you don't get into the habit of thanking God for what you DO have, you'll soon become ungrateful because of what you DON'T have."

As the Christmas season is upon us and many in the world pause to think upon the birth of Jesus, let us be mindful of just how blessed we are because of Christ's willingness to come to this earth and be the sacrifice for our sins. Let's put our focus on what we DO have in Christ. Because in Christ, we have everything we need. We have nothing to complain about. All we can do is praise God continually for giving us life through His Son.

"I will bless the LORD at **all times**; his praise shall **continually** be in my mouth." - (Psalm 34:1)

Love you all! Stephen

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**MORNING ASSEMBLY**

December 16, 2018

**Front Greeter:** Linda Johnson  
**Usher:** Doug Hartley  
**Worship Leader:** Carson Henley  
**Opening Prayer:** Chris Morris  
**Communion Preside:** Richard Walker  
**Serve East:** Richard Wagner  
 Alex Derenburger  
 Jamison Wilkinson  
 Lucas Barber  
**Serve West:**  
**Scripture Reading:** Josh Rogers  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Midkiff  
**Contribution Tally:** C & S Denham  
**Sound Booth:** Steve Dale  
**PowerPoint:** Linda Hall  
**Nursery:** Rita Robinson  
 Assistant: Trinity Stephenson

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**December 12 December 19**

**Usher:** Richard Wagner Paul Estep  
**Prayer:** Joe Riley Bill Reynolds  
**Sound Booth:** Paul Estep Tom McNeely

**Communion Preparation & Garments:**

Darlana Reynolds

**Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:**

Grace Wagner

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

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**Attendance**  
 Bible Class.....62  
 Worship.....98  
 Wednesday.....31  
**Contribution.....\$3,168.90**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- **John and Cyndi Shuman**, various health issues
- **Tom Winnell** - health issues
- **Charlie and Dora Mynes**, health issues
- **Betty Miller**, on death of Dewey Miller, long-time director of Surprise Valley Youth Camp
- **Yvonne Villars**, Stephen Walker's grandmother
- **Lisa and Diane**, Rita Robinson's cousins, health issues.
- **Lora Williams**, recovering from a serious fall and broken leg.
- **Phyllis Ratliff**, Jamie Wilkinson's mother is very ill.
- **Paul Estep** and family in the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Ann Estep.
- Chamberlain Elementary School students from broken homes that are struggling; and also for the teachers who are currently struggling with health problems.
- **Frank Javins (has been in hospital now for 2 months), Amanda Talkington, Tori Guerra, Evan Raynes, Linda Mullens, Steve Fox, Ellen Thompson, Lydia Brown, Erica Wade, Mary Spence, Peggy Bayes, Silvia Soza, Betty Dolin, Glenna Shafer, April Stewart, Doug Midkiff, Julie Farley, Alan Newhouse, Lanny Markland**

**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
12/11	2 Peter	35
12/12	1 John 1-2	36
12/13	1 John 3-4	37
12/14	1 Jn 5, 2-3 Jn	38
12/15	Jude	39
12/16	Rev 1-3	40
12/17	Rev 4-6	41
12/18	Rev 7-9	42
12/19	Rev 10-11	43

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 8, 2019 - Prayer Meeting** at building. All are welcome!

**January 24, 2019 - Young At Heart Breakfast.** (None in December)

**February 15-17 - Winterfest**, Gatlinburg, TN

**WINTERFEST**

**WINTERFEST is coming quickly!**

Winterfest is a weekend retreat going on for 31 years now and geared toward middle and high school teens. This year's theme is "In Praise of the One Who Thought of Making Snow."

The cost is \$30. Registration forms are available in the foyer or from the church secretary.

Mark your calendars! February 15th through 17th.

**2019 BUDGET**

The elders have reviewed a draft budget for 2019. A PDF copy will be available in the foyer on 12/9/18. The budget will be put forth for congregational approval late December/early January.

Please contact Doug Hartley at 304-741-2708 with any questions.

**NEW MEMBER ADDRESS**

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**LIFEGROUP INFORMATION**

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**  
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *Brand New*. Also serving communion each week.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**  
 5:30-7:30pm in their home. Studying *The Bible Project*.
- **Chris and Renee Morris**  
 5:00-7:00pm, See Chris or Renee 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!*



Brett Murray	12/1
Alaina Morris	12/4
Bill Reynolds	12/6
Molly Blethen	12/7
Michelle Boggs	12/7
Derek Nichols	12/7
Serenity Stephenson	12/9
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
Eulah Miller	12/13
Ted Brothers	12/19
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@kccofc.org.