To know HIM and to make HIM known



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# **Service Times**

# Sunday:

Adult Bible Study...... 9:45 am Fellowship Breakfast... 10:00 am Worship Service ...... 10:45 am

#### **LifeGroups**

 Hannigan
 5:30 pm

 Denham
 5:30 pm

 Reynolds
 6:00 pm

 Morris
 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ February 5, 2019

Yesterday (2/4) was the two-year anniversary of my mom's passing. So many memories came to mind about my mom throughout the day. Many good memories came to mind, as well as some sad memories. As we stopped by the cemetery yesterday evening, I realized we were going there around the exact same time we were heading to the hospital two years ago. It caused me to relive those moments in my mind. I still remember those hours at the hospital as if they just happened.

Once again the song that was in my head that night came back to mind, "Blessed Be Your Name." The words of this song proved to be incredibly valuable to me as we worked through the ensuing days and weeks. Soon afterwards I wrote a bulletin article about this song. As those words are playing with me again today and proving to be helpful to work through the cluster of emotions, I would like to share these thoughts with you again. Love you all!

Stephen

Matt Redman wrote the lyrics to a song that we sing, "Blessed Be Your Name." Since the first time I sang it, it has been one of my favorites. I want you to consider some of these words with me: "You give and take away - You give and take away - My heart will choose to say - Lord, blessed be Your name." I have always chosen to praise God in His times of giving. It is during those times that I joyfully sing "Blessed be Your name". I gladly sing: "Blessed be Your name - When the sun's shining down on me - When the world's 'all as it should be' - Blessed be Your name."

What a wonderful thing it is to praise God in His times of giving! But, now I am faced with an unpleasant reality. In my world, it is no longer 'all as it should be'. The sudden and unexpected passing of my mother is the greatest personal tragedy I have ever faced. I constantly find myself waiting and hoping that I will soon wake up from this dream. I wonder, can I still sing: "Blessed be Your name - On the road marked with suffering - Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name."

As the night unfolded and the doctor delivered the news to us, we couldn't believe what we were hearing. We were in complete shock. We just couldn't understand how this could happen. Eventually though, the shock wore off. We began to realize that this had actually happened. And as that reality set in, I found these words playing in my head. I don't know why these words came to mind, but they did: "You give and take away - You give and take away - My heart will choose to say - Lord, blessed be Your name."

There is great sorrow in what God has so suddenly taken away. That sorrow will always remain. But, I realize that there is only sorrow in something taken away when there had been joy in the gift of its presence. The God who took my mother away is the same God who gave her as a gift to all who knew her. And for that: "My heart will choose to say - Lord, blessed be Your name!"

# PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

#### **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

February 10, 2019

Front Greeter:
Usher:
Worship Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Communion Preside:
Serve East:
Donna McNeely
Herb Kinder
Chris Morris
Steve Samples
Richard Walker
Lucas Barber
Doug Hartley

Serve West: Alex Derenburger Jamison Wilkinson

Scripture Reading:
Closing Prayer:
Contribution Tally:
Sound Booth:
PowerPoint:
Josh Rogers
Nick Johnson
T & D McNeely
Steve Dale
Carson Henley

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Usher: Chris Morris Bill Reynolds
Prayer: Paul Estep Joe Riley
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Paul Estep

### Communion Preparation & Garments:

Sheila Dale

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

#### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

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Bible ClassWorship	91
Wednesday	_
<b>Contribution</b> \$7,050.0	

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Joe Riley, kidney problems
- Jack Hartley (Doug's dad), health issues; moved to Eastbrook, Room 108, for rehab
- Jane Barber, fainting issue/shoulder recovery
- Tom Winnell, health issues
- Bonnie Preolette (Rachel's aunt), COPD
- **Betsy Keene**, will be travelling and requests prayers for a safe return.
- Charlie & Dora Mynes, Yvonne Villars
   (Stephen's grandmother), Frank Javins
   (home), Lora Williams, Lisa and Diane (Rita's cousins), Tori Guerra, Steve Fox, Paul Estep,
   Mary Spence, April Stewart, Doug Midkiff,
   Julie Farley, Alan Newhouse, Lanny Markland

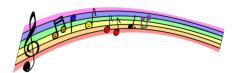
#### **PANTRY NEEDS**

Food requested this week:

Canned fruit, baby food or anything you would like to add to the pantry. Every bit helps!

#### **SINGING CLASS - NEW TIME**

The singing class will still meet in the auditorium but the new start time will be **9:45** a.m.



# **GIVING STATEMENTS**

If you need a copy of your 2018 giving statement, you can request a copy from the office.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**February 26th - Book Club**, Panera Bread, So. Ridge, 6 p.m.

February 28th - Young at Heart Breakfast 10 a.m.

**April 5th-6th -** Youth Rally, Lubeck CofC, Washington, W.Va, "Christian Apologetics." Youth & Adults are all welcome!

### 2019 LADIES' DAYS

Saturday, March 16, 2019

"Adding To Our Faith"

Main Street Church of Christ
Hurricane WV 25526
Speaker: Sheila Butt

Saturday, April 6, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Pine Grove Church of Christ
Scott Depot, WV 25560
Speakers: Joslyn Newell & Morgan Ball

#### **LOVE AND LAUGHTER**

Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet? A: "I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper? A: "I dot my i's on you!"

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend? A: He gave her a ring.

#### LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

• Chuck and Shirley Denham

5:30-6:30 pm Sunday at the building. Serving communion.

• Tom and Brenda Hannigan 5:30-7:30 pm in their home.

Studying *Resolution* by Andy Stanley.

• Chris and Renee Morris

5:00-7:00 pm, See Chris or Renee for location.

Bill and Darlena Reynolds

6:00-8:00 pm Sunday in their home. Studying *The Forgotten God* by Francis Chen.

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



Katey Shelton	02/01
Eli Terzic	02/07
Dora Mynes	02/08
Steve Williams	02/12
Lora Williams	02/13
Grace Wagner	02/14
Mary Spence	02/17
Myrna Parker	02/18
Lensey Williams	02/18
Patti Gardner	02/19
Grayson Johnson	02/19
Hayden Johnson	02/19
Theron Denson	02/21
Chris Morris	02/25
Brian Grant	02/26
Will Kuhns	02/28



Neon & Brian Bowyer 02/14