

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

GOD'S CHILDREN

Recently I was re-reading a book that I have made reference to on several occasions. It is Dr. Harold Shank's, Children Mean the World to God. The chapter I was reading is entitled, "God's Answer for Helplessness". Just the title of this chapter has encouraged me to return to a right mindset in light of all that is happening around us.

There are currently many hot-button issues in the news; and at the core of seemingly all of them, are hurting children. We have seen in the news hundreds of young girls tell their story of a trusted doctor sexually abusing them. We have seen multiple school shootings that have led to the deaths of several children and injury of many more. Many children have been physically hurt; and so many more have been mentally, emotionally, and spiritually wounded. Even in our own state, we have state employees and government locked in a stalemate over fair pay, benefits, and treatment of state employees. Even with this issue, no matter with which side you might agree, the unfortunate truth is that children are coming out on the losing end.

With all of these issues, and so many more, I am constantly asking, "What is the answer? What can we do? What's the solution?" There are countless opinions on all of these as to what laws need to be put into place or what practices need to be implemented. But, will any of these fix the problem?

Maybe it is time we shift our focus. We have our own answers for the helplessness; but what is God's answer? The truth is - our laws and practices might alleviate the symptoms; but God calls His church to help cure the disease. Consider this excerpt from Dr. Shank's book:

"Different institutions make up our society. Government makes laws against hurting children. Education provides materials to train us to live together in harmony. Industry makes products to protect children. Medicine finds ways to repair the damage violence does to children.

None of those institutions deal with the real issue. Governments pass laws, but they cannot change hearts. Education provides insight, but it can't remake the soul. Industry offers a better product, but it will not change character. Medicine repairs the physical heart, but it cannot repair the spiritual heart. Only one institution in society is charged with telling people about sin and the cross. Only one institution in society is prepared to deal with the fundamental issues causing violence to children. Only the church can point the way to change human hearts."

Just prior to this excerpt, Dr. Shank says: *"The church is not a place to isolate us from the cries of hurting children, but a center from which God sends out rescue teams."* Well, it is time for God's rescue team to deploy. It is time for the church to stand up and protect God's children. It is time for the church to stop passing out bandaids and start administering the cure. It is time for the church to show a world of broken children that they can be made whole in Jesus. It is time for the church to preach a message of the awfulness of sin and the need for confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." - (James 1:27)

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." - (Colossians 1:13-14)

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." - (Acts 4:12)

It is time for the world to know that the solution is not in man-made laws and practices. The solution is in God-given mercy and grace!

Love you all! Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

March 4, 2018

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Linda Johnson
Usher: Richard Wagner
Worship Leader: Carson Henley
Opening Prayer: Bill Reynolds
Communion Preside: Joe Riley
Serve East: Tom McNeely
 Bob Midkiff
Serve West: Doug Hartley
 Jamison Wilkinson
Scripture Reading: Steve Samples
Closing Prayer: Paul Cantrell
Contribution Tally: H & R Kinder
Sound Booth: Matt Barber
PowerPoint: Pete Williams
Nursery: Donna McNeely
 Assistant: Lilly Wilkinson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	February 28	March 7
Usher:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely
Prayer:	Bill Reynolds	Richard Wagner
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	Paul Estep
Nursery:	Danene Hartley	Brenda Hannigan

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments: Shirley Denham

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

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance

Bible Class.....	52
Worship.....	89
Wednesday.....	45

Contribution..... \$2,918.50

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Julie Davis and family** in the loss of Julie's mother, Cathy Harding.
- **Doug Hartley and family** in the loss of Doug's mother, Jean Ann Hartley.
- **The Barber family** in the loss of Tina Mullins.
- **Donna Sowards**
- **Paula Garner**
- **April Stewart**
- **Duke and Peggy Bayes**
- **Ralph Hammitt and Nancy Duncan**
- **Doug Midkiff**
- **Lanny Markland**
- **Julie Farley**
- **Alan Newhouse**

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27 - Book Club Meeting, 6:00pm at the Southridge Panera Bread. The book to read is "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Make plans to join us. Everyone is welcome.

March 4 - Elders and Deacons Meeting, after worship services in room 17.

March 6 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the church building.

March 18 - Guest Speaker, Jacob Glaspell. Fellowship dinner following worship service.

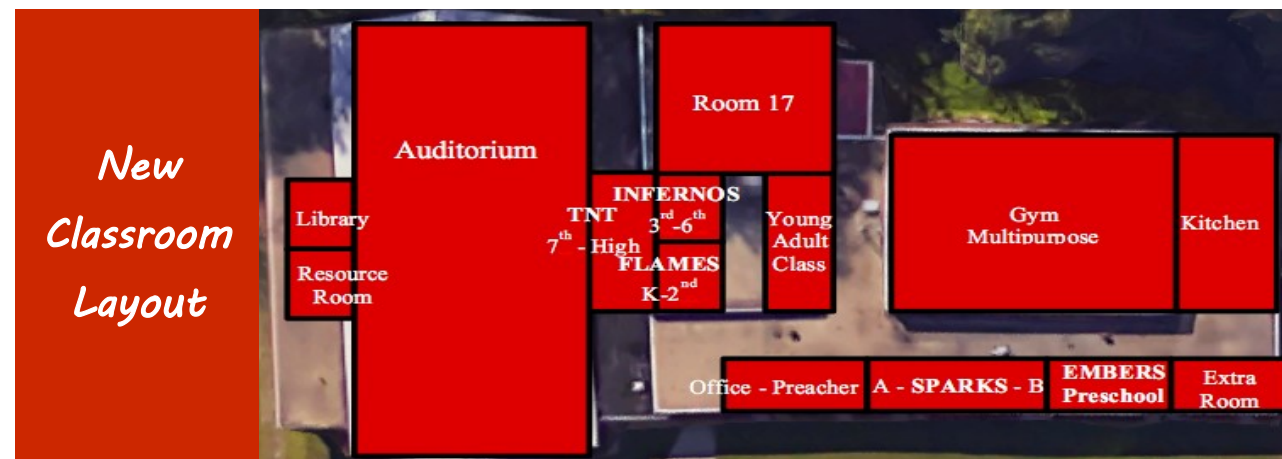
March 22 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.

March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast, 9:30-11:30am. More details to come.

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
2/28	Deut 17-20	59
3/1	Deut 21-23	60
3/2	Deut 24-27	61
3/3	Deut 28-29	62
3/4	Deut 30-31	63
3/5	Deut 32-34	64
3/6	Josh 1-4	65
3/7	Josh 5-8	66



LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham** 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *The N Commands*. Also serving communion each Sunday evening.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan** 5:30-7:30 in their home. 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!

Contact the group leaders for more information!



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| Ehren Johnson | 3/1 |
| Telina Williams | 3/1 |
| Matthew Kuhns | 3/5 |
| JR Nichols | 3/6 |
| Darlena Reynolds | 3/9 |
| Carson Henley | 3/12 |
| Kais Terzic | 3/15 |
| Wendy Johnson | 3/18 |
| Diana Boggs | 3/20 |
| Ann Estep | 3/20 |
| Paul Estep | 3/20 |
| Amy Kuhns | 3/21 |
| Marian Kinder | 3/25 |
| Wesley Gibson | 3/26 |
| Ron Javins | 3/27 |
| Debbie Derenburger | 3/28 |
| Erika Walker | 3/28 |
| Kara McNeely | 3/29 |
| Ben Tackett | 3/31 |



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| Paul & Ann Estep | 3/2 |
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Did I miss a special day? Contact office@kccofc.org