

To know HIM and to make HIM known



Heart Beat

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

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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

GOD IS GREATER THAN THE UPS AND DOWNS

Have you ever thought about how, in the grand scheme of things, the things that bother us are rather insignificant? Everything in life seems to be a matter of perspective, doesn't it?

I love the story that is told about Tug McGraw. McGraw was a pitcher for the New York Mets and the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. He had a wonderful philosophy on pitching. It was what he called his "frozen snowball" theory. He explained, "If I come in to pitch with the bases loaded and heavy hitter Willie Stargell (Hall of Fame 1st Baseman with the Pittsburgh Pirates) is at bat, there's no reason I want to throw the ball. But, eventually I have to pitch. So, I remind myself that in a few billion years the earth will become a frozen snowball hurtling through space, and nobody's going to care what Willie Stargell did with the bases loaded!"

What a tremendous perspective! Bases loaded with Hall of Famer Willie Stargell at bat - that is a huge dilemma for any pitcher - in that moment. When life comes to an end, what happened in that moment will have no importance in the grand scheme of things. The fact is - our perspective often determines how important we view something to be. If we were to change our perspective on something, we may see it as being more or less important than we previously did.

As we are finishing up the book of Genesis this week, we are finding out the rest of the story in the life of Joseph. Joseph's life is a whole series of ups and downs. While the high points in his life are pretty great, the low points were far worse than any normal human being would want to endure. I'm not going to take the time to summarize the whole story for you, after all you should have completed it by the end of today. However, as you read through these last chapters of Genesis and see the things Joseph endures and where he ends up; I want you to consider this statement Joseph makes at the end of the book: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done..." - (Genesis 50:20a).

Sometimes the things that tend to harm us the most are the things God is intending for a greater purpose later in life. My prayer is that God will help us to keep our eyes on him and his purposes through all the highs and lows of life. As someone once said, "God is greater than the ups and downs!"

Love you all!
Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 21, 2018

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Barbara Samples
Usher: Doug Hartley
Worship Leader: Tom Hannigan
Opening Prayer: Carson Henley
Communion Preside: Joe Riley
Serve East: Steve Samples
 Richard Wagner
Serve West: Paul Cantrell
 Pete Williams
Scripture Reading: Alex Ross
Closing Prayer: Chris Morris
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Steve Dale
PowerPoint: Jamison Wilkinson
Nursery: Erika Walker
 Assistant: Lilly Wilkinson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 17 **January 24**

Usher: Richard Wagner Bill Reynolds
Prayer: Bill Reynolds Joe Riley
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Paul Estep
Nursery: Sue Riley Danene Hartley

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments: Sheila Dale

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.....51
 Worship.....86
 Wednesday.....29
Contribution.....\$2,289.27

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Lois Morris**, mother of Chris Morris. She fell several weeks ago and suffered a concussion and cranial bleeding. She is home recovering.
- **Paula Garner**, daughter of Arlene Snyder, has cancer.
- **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**
- **Cathy Harding**, mother of Julie Davis.
- **Lanny Markland**
- **Jean Ann Hartley**, Doug Hartley's mother.
- **Julie Farley**
- **Alan Newhouse**
- **Autumn Cole**

PLEASE HELP OUT!

- Nursery attendants and ushers are needed for Sunday morning services and Wednesday evening services. Please contact Tom McNeely.
- Grace Wagner needs help with Sunday morning breakfast preparation for the children's classes. Please consider signing up to help for one month. She makes it really easy, all you have to do is bag and deliver!

READ THE BIBLE

Please join along as we read the Bible together this year. The scriptures to read this week:

Date	Readings	Psalm
1/16	Gen 48-50	16
1/17	Ex 1-3	17
1/18	Ex 4-6	18
1/19	Ex 7-9	19
1/20	Ex 10-12	20
1/21	Ex 13-15	21
1/22	Ex 16-18	22
1/23	Ex 19-21	23

If you would like to have a printed schedule for the year, there are copies in the foyer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 25 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.
February 6 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the church building.
February 16-18, 2018 - Winterfest, Gatlinburg, TN. Details will be sent to those that are registered.

FOOD PANTRY

If you have a little extra, please give a little extra! 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.

FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS

Friday, February 2, 2018
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 5480 Big Tyler Road
 Cross Lanes, WV 25313
 Dentists, hygienists, and assistants will be available to provide screenings and treatment for children in need, at no cost. West Virginia children without dental insurance are eligible for treatment (xrays, cleaning, limited restorative). For more information, visit: www.capitalcitygkas.com

NUTS ON SALE



The nuts are still on sale in the library. They are now \$2.00 off of the original price. If you are interested, please see Shirley Denham or Ann Estep. This is a fundraiser for OVU Stepping Stones, your support is appreciated!

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham** 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan** 5:30-7:30 in their home.
- **Chris and Renee Morris** 5:00-7:00pm (1st & 3rd Sundays) in their home.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds** 6:00-8:00pm Sunday in their home.

Now is the perfect time to join a LifeGroup! They are open to everyone, feel free to try them all!

Contact the group leaders for more information!



Annabelle Rogers	1/11
Melanie Altamirano	1/12
Courtney Terzic	1/15
Jessica Rogers	1/16
Sharon Nichols	1/17
Bethany Boggs	1/18
Shawn Sowards	1/19
Taylor Grant	1/22
Violet Tackett	1/26
Kasey Gentilin	1/27
Paul Cantrell	1/30



Tom & Jan Winnell	1/1
Stephen & Carrie Bush	1/5
Charlie & Dora Mynes	1/15
Matt & Jane Barber	1/18
Gene & Janice Richardson	1/18

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