

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

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

Wednesday:

Services.....6:45 pm
Bible Study.....7-8:00pm

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ANSWERED PRAYERS

We have all probably experienced it at one time or another. We spend countless hours in prayer over an issue in our life. We ask God to take care of this or that. We beg and we plead with God that He will answer our prayers and that His will, will be done. Eventually, it seems like it is just time to give up hope that God will give us the answer that we desire. It seems that God is answering our prayers with a resounding "No!" In that moment, someone comes into our life that serves as the answer to our prayer.

Most of us have probably experienced this to some degree. In our search to find a congregation to serve in the Kanawha Valley area, Erika and I were almost to the point of giving up hope. It had seemed that God just wasn't going to open up that opportunity. It seemed like God was closing all of these doors, so that we would remain in our work in Vienna. However, after over a year of searching and many closed doors, God opened the door here at Kanawha City. This congregation, the people here at this church, and YOU were the answer to our prayers.

I had someone tell me recently that they were in a similar, but opposite situation. The company that they went to work for had been praying for the right person to fill their position. This person had been told that they were the answered prayer of this company.

This really got me to thinking, people can be the answer to prayers. I have had countless occasions where I have prayed and another person has been the answer to that prayer. We have a tendency to pray that God will answer our prayers. We know that God answers our prayers. 1 John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." Sometimes the answer to our prayer comes in the form of another person.

I am grateful for the people that have been the answer to my prayers. However, I have never given much consideration from the opposite point of view. What a humbling thought to think that God might use me to be the answer to someone else's prayer. That by putting me in someone else's life, I might be an answered prayer that shines a light on the One who answers all prayers.

I would like to challenge you this week. Continue to ask God to answer your prayers. However, I want to challenge you to spend time asking God to open up opportunities for you to be the answer to someone else's prayer. Do this, not for any glory of your own; but that you might bring glory to God by allowing Him to use you in someone else's life. YOU might be an answered prayer!

Thanks to all of you for constantly being an answer to our prayers!

Love you all, Stephen

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 22, 2017

MORNING ASSEMBLY

- Front Greeter: Brenda Hannigan
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leader: Tom Hannigan
Opening Prayer: Bill Reynolds
Communion Preside: Chuck Denham
Serve East: Tom McNeely, Matt Barber
Serve West: Joe Riley, Paul Estep
Scripture Reading: Alex Derenburger
Closing Prayer: Bob Midkiff
Contribution Tally: C & S Denham
Sound Booth: Steve Dale
Assistant: Carson Henley
PowerPoint: Duane Scyoc
Assistant:
Nursery: Goldie Jackson
Assistant: Lilly Wilkinson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Usher: Bill Reynolds, Tom McNeely
Song Leader: Raymond Beadnell, Chuck Denham
Prayer: Chris Morris, Joe Masker
Sound Booth: Paul Estep, Tom McNeely
Nursery: Sue Riley, Danene Hartley

Communion Preparation & Garments: Donna McNeely
January - Sunday Morning Breakfast Prep: Grace Wagner

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

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Attendance (Bible Class, Worship, Wednesday) and Contribution (\$2,969.00). Includes PHASE 2 Building Fund GOAL and PHASE 2 Donations YTD.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Edna McNeely, Tom's mother.
The family of Thelma Gardner
Perry Holder

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



David Hartley
Allen Hartley
Brandon McKinney

CANAAN VALLEY RENTAL

Three 4-bedroom houses are available for our church weekend at Canaan Valley, which is scheduled for October 5-8, 2017. If you are interested in reserving a house, please contact Shirley Denham for details as soon as possible!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. They do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships, and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. Our KCCofC supporters (11 households) who shopped at Kroger between 9-1-2016 and 11-30-2016 have contributed to a \$270.68 total donation from Kroger to our church. If you have not linked your Kroger Plus card to our NPO# 82374, please do. It's easy! Simply log on to www.krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-853-3033 and a customer service representative can help you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 17 - Ladies Night Out, 6pm at Rio De Grill in Kanawha City. Please RSVP to Amanda Talkington.

January 22 - Discipleship Meeting, at noon in room 17. The discipleship team will meet Sunday, immediately following morning services. Pizza and dessert will be provided. If you are interested in the area of discipleship (teaching, learning, and spiritual growth), please attend! Also, if you can provide childcare for preschoolers and babies during the meeting, which should conclude by 1:30pm, please let Bill or Darlena Reynolds know.

January 24 - Book Club, 7pm in room 17 at the church building. The book to read and discuss is: The Last Chinese Chef by Nicole Mones. Everyone is welcome.

January 26 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10:00am at Cracker Barrel.

February 17-19, 2017 - WINTERFEST TIME TO REGISTER! The 2017 theme is "IDENTITY." Winterfest is a weekend retreat in Gatlinburg, TN that has been going on for 29 years now. This retreat is geared toward middle and high school teens to teach and encourage them in their walk with God. Registration deadline is January 31st! Please don't wait until the last minute to register! Early registration helps so much with planning!

BIBLE TRIVIA

When Jesus healed ten lepers, how many came back to thank him?
• 1 • 2 • 5 • All 10
Read Luke 17:12-16 for the answer.

SMILE CORNER

When the Smith family moved into their new house, a visiting grandparent asked five-year-old Tommy how he liked the new place. "It's great," he said. "I have my own room, Alex has his own room, and Jamie has her own room. Poor mom is still stuck in the same room with dad though."

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- Chuck and Shirley Denham: 5:30-6:30pm Sunday in room 17 at the building. Studying Patterns of Evidence, a study about the Exodus.
Tom and Brenda Hannigan: 5:30-7:30pm Sunday in their home. Studying Simplify.
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 the church auditorium. Studying a video based Bible study entitled I am N.

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

BIRTHDAYS

- Taylor Grant 1/22
Mary Brothers 1/24
Violet Tackett 1/26



FOOD PANTRY

The youth group is sponsoring a food drive in January! There is a collection cart outside of the teen room! Please help them earn a prize by bringing in non-perishable food items for our food pantry!

January is a great time to send in SOUPS! Any kind of soup! Some favorites are: Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Beef Stew, Tomato, etc. The food pantry at our church feeds those in our congregation and community.

Other items that are needed in our pantry: Canned Meats, Peanut Butter, Jelly/ Jam, and Canned Fruits.

