

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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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

SERVING GOD WITH JOY

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’” - (Isaiah 6:8)

I spent last week in Beckley at Surprise Valley Youth Camp. Our theme for the week was: “Here am I! Send me.” based off of the passage from Isaiah. This is a verse that many of us know quite well. We have often times even sang of this verse. It is a wonderful passage that recounts Isaiah’s experience as he was commissioned as a prophet and his excitement towards fulfilling that calling.

Isaiah was excited to fulfill his calling, but he wasn’t always like that. Just a few verses earlier he had proclaimed: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” - (Isaiah 6:5). Isaiah saw himself as lost and unclean. What was it that changed Isaiah’s demeanor?

Isaiah 6:1 says, “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...” Leading up to verse 5, Isaiah had seen and experienced God. His vision of God had made him keenly aware of how lost and unclean he was. This led him to say, “Woe is me!” Then, something happened in Isaiah 6:6-7 that changed everything: “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’”

Isaiah moved from “Woe is me!” to “Here I am! Send me.” because he had experienced the grace of God in the cleansing of his sin! Once Isaiah had seen God and been made aware of His cleansing power, Isaiah was able to serve God with excitement. Sometimes it can be difficult to be obedient to God’s commands or be excited to serve in the ways He calls us. It will remain difficult if we just try to push through and be obedient just because we know we are supposed to. Let me suggest that we try approaching obedience and service in the same way as Isaiah.

First, when we experience those times when we are struggling to stay faithful, then we need to step back for a moment. Find a way to see and experience God. We can see and experience God’s presence all around us. The seraphim said in Isaiah 6:3, “...the whole earth is full of his glory!” If we will only look, we can see God all around us. Second, remember what God has done for us. We have experienced the cleansing grace of God. Romans 5:8 says, “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

I believe we will increase our excitement for serving God, and therefore make it easier to serve, if we will learn to respond to God’s goodness and grace rather than simply responding to His commands. So, let us find ways to experience God’s presence and be reminded of His grace. Then, respond by obediently and joyfully serving the God of mercy and grace.

“Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.” - (1 Samuel 12:24)

Love you all! Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

July 29 **Aug 5**
Front Greeter: S Riley D McNeely
Usher: B Reynolds R Wagner
Worship Leader: T Hannigan C Morris
Opening Prayer: C Henley B Reynolds
Communion Preside: S Samples C Denham
Serve East: T Winnell T McNeely
 A Derenburger L Barber
Serve West: T McNeely J Wilkinson
 R Wagner P Williams
Scripture Reading: J Rogers J Riley
Closing Prayer: C Morris B Midkiff
Contribution Tally: B/C Stewart H/R Kinder
Sound Booth: M Barber C Henley
PowerPoint: P Williams L Hall
Nursery: G Jackson B Williams
Assistant: L Wilkinson A Morris

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 25 **Aug 1**
Usher: Tom McNeely Tom McNeely
Prayer: Richard Wagner Joe Riley
Sound Booth: Paul Estep Tom McNeely

Communion Preparation & Garments:

July: Linda Hall
August: Sue Riley

Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:

July: Donna McNeely
August: Volunteer Needed

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....53
 Worship.....92
 Wednesday.....36
Contribution.....\$3,134.53

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Elwood & Ruth Ann Brown**, Elwood is home recovering after a stroke/blood clot. Ruth Ann is having surgery this week.
- **John Gibson, Erica Wade, Myrna Parker, Ann Estep, Mary Spence, Renee Madsen, Peggy Bayes, Silvia Soza, Betty Dolin, Glenna Shafer, Vera Taylor, Paula Garner, April Stewart, Doug Midkiff, Lanny Markland, Julie Farley, Alan Newhouse**

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
7/24	Neh 7-9	50
7/25	Neh 10-11	51
7/26	Neh 12-13	52
7/27	Esth 1-5	53
7/28	Esth 6-10	54
7/29	Dan 1-3	55
7/30	Dan 4-6	56
7/31	Dan 7-9	57
8/1	Dan 10-12	58

JULY FOOD DRIVE

The Kanawha City CofC Youth Group invites you to help us collect items for our food pantry. Our food pantry is critically low and anything you bring in will help greatly! See the youth group bulletin board for details.

NEW CHURCH SIGN

It is with much love that the Hall family donated the new sign in front of the church building. If you haven't seen it, please take the time to notice how nice it is. Rod and Linda's three daughters chose the wording for the plaque that is on the side of the sign:

***A Life That Touches Others Goes On Forever
 In Memory Of Dr. Rodney L. Hall
 Romans 6:4***

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 24 - Book Club Meeting, 6pm at Panera at Southridge. The book to read and discuss is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Everyone is welcome!

July 26 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel, please RSVP to Joe Riley or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

August 7 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the church building.

~The singing class will not meet this summer, but will resume after Labor Day.

YOUTH EVENTS

Mark your calendar and invite some friends!

July 25 - Food Pantry Work Day, 3pm

July 27 - Faith & Family Night @ WV Power Park, 6pm Concert, 7:05 WV Power game.

August 3 - Little Mermaid at the Clay Center

August 7 - Locked & Coded, time TBD

August 10 - Board Game/Movie Night, 6pm

August 15 - Skyzone, 5pm

August 18 - Back To School Bash, time TBD

HVAC PROJECT

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of replacing and repairing our HVAC units at the church building, please make a note in the memo line of your check. Please see one of the elders if you have any questions.

GOAL: \$25,000
 DONATIONS TO DATE: \$18,515
 AMOUNT NEEDED: \$ 6,485

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I will be on vacation next week, so there will not be a weekly newsletter. If any important announcements need to be made, an email will be sent out.

Amy Kuhns, Church Secretary

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *Ask It*. Also serving communion each Sunday evening.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
 Hannigan Life Group will meet once per month this summer - next meeting 8/12 from 5:30-7:30pm. 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!



Janice Richardson	8/1
Renee Morris	8/4
Jamison Wilkinson	8/4
Jacob Glaspell	8/5
Linda Hall	8/8
Wylie Wilkinson	8/8
Duane Scyoc	8/11
Avery Walker	8/19
Rose Kinder	8/26
Mersad Terzic	8/27
Micah Stephenson	8/28
Joe Riley	8/29
Brenda Cantrell	8/30
Dena Holstine	8/31



Chuck & Shirley Denham	8/2
Matthew & Bethany Boggs	8/5
Stephen & Erika Walker	8/8
Paul & Brenda Cantrell	8/14
Doug & Danene Hartley	8/15
Chris & Renee Morris	8/24
Mersad & Courtney Terzic	8/24
Pete & Bianca Williams	8/26
Alex & Ali Ross	8/27

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