

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

CONFESSING SIN

There is an old, morbid adage about being attacked by a bear while part of a group. The saying is, "I don't have to be faster than the bear, I just have to be faster than somebody else." The idea being that everyone else will get away while the slowest person gets attacked by a bear. It's weird and morbid; and hopefully none of us ever have to actually find out what we would do if we were attacked by a bear.

The truth, however, is that we are being attacked everyday by Satan. Satan wants nothing more than to catch us in his grasp and destroy us. (1 Peter 5:8) even says, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Satan is trying to attack us like he is some sort of wild animal. He is trying to devour us. So, how do we escape his grasp? Unfortunately, too often we try to use this same reasoning with getting away from Satan as we joke about using with a bear. We spend far too little time working on our own sins, and far too much time critiquing everyone else's. The attitude that this reflects is that we will somehow get away from Satan's grasp if our sin just isn't as bad as someone else's. So, we begin to hide our own sins and magnify someone else's in hopes that it makes us look better.

Unfortunately, what may work in a bear attack does not work in a Satan attack. As a matter of fact, the opposite is true. The more we hide our own sins and magnify others, the tighter of a grip that Satan gets on us. The truth is that we all sin, and the way to salvation begins on the roads of confession and repentance. But, that requires us to acknowledge our own sins and see their severity. Satan's best attack is to convince us that our sin isn't all that bad. That we can just run away from his attack if we throw someone else in his path.

The fact is we all have sin in our life. To hide it is to just fall into Satan's path. The only way to escape the grasp of Satan is not to hide our sins, but to acknowledge our sins and to repent of them. It is only when we come to terms with our own sins that we can realize that true salvation comes not from running away from the Devil and escaping his attack - because he will always be attacking - true salvation comes from running down the paths of confession and repentance towards the Savior. Salvation comes not from recognizing other's sins and throwing them to the Devil. Salvation comes from recognizing our own sins and laying them at the cross.

Satan's attack is vicious and relentless. If we hide in our sins, we will be found and devoured. But, if we confess our sins and repent of them, Christ will carry us to safety. So, let us pray for ourselves and for each other that we will truthfully recognize our own sins and repent of them. Let's lay our sins at the cross and find salvation in Christ's mercy and grace.

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." - (Proverbs 28:13)

Love you all, Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

May 20, 2018

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Jan Winnell
Usher: Doug Hartley
Worship Leader: Chris Morris
Opening Prayer: Bob Midkiff
Communion Preside: Chuck Denham
Serve East: Alex Derenburger
 Brian Grant
Serve West: Tom Hannigan
 Tanner Hannigan
Scripture Reading: Grayson Johnson
Closing Prayer: Duane Scyoc
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Jamison Wilkinson
PowerPoint: Pete Williams
Nursery: Danene Hartley
 Assistant: Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 16 **May 23**

Usher: Richard Wagner Paul Estep
Prayer: Paul Estep Bob Midkiff
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Tom McNeely

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Linda Johnson
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:
 Debbie Derenburger

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....53
 Worship.....126
 Wednesday.....48
Contribution.....\$2,932.88

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Steve Fox**, CAMC General, health issues. Please, no visitors at this time.
- **Darlana Reynolds** had surgery today, for endometrial cancer. Surgery seems to have went well, praying for a full recovery and complete healing.
- **Betty Dolin**, mother of Sharon Nichols
- **Glenna Shafer**, Betsy Keene's friend
- **Donna Sowards**
- **Vera Taylor**
- **Paula Garner**
- **April Stewart**
- **Duke and Peggy Bayes**
- **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
5/15	Micah 1-4	130
5/16	Micah 5-7	131
5/17	Nahum	132
5/18	Habakkuk	133
5/19	Zephaniah	134
5/20	Job 1-3	135
5/21	Job 4-7	136
5/22	Job 8-11	137
5/23	Job 12-15	138

SMILE CORNER

Dear God,
 I saw the Grand Canyon this summer.
 Nice piece of work!
 Love,
 Kyle (age 9)



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 18 - SkyZone trip** for our youth group, from 5:30-8:00pm. RSVP to Amy Kuhns.
- May 20 - Baby Shower for Sara Henley**, 2-4pm at the church building. Everyone is invited. Contact Ali Ross for more details. Sara is registered at Target and Amazon.
- May 24 - Young At Heart Breakfast**, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley or sign the sheet in the foyer.
- May 29th - Book Club Meeting**, 6pm at the Southridge Panera Bread. The book we will be reading is: *Letters to My Son, Reflections of Urban Appalachia at Mid-Century* by M. Lynne Squires. Everyone is welcome!
- June 5 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the church building.

YOUTH EVENTS

*Mark your calendar and invite some friends!
 It's going to be a FUN summer!*

- MAY 18 - SkyZone**, 5:30-8pm. RSVP ASAP!
- MAY 20 - Children's Lesson and Activity** at Danner Meadow Park during LifeGroup
- JUNE 1-2 - End of School LOCK-IN** 7pm-7am
- JUNE 5 - Board Game Night**, 6pm
- JUNE 9 - VBS work party and BBQ**, 3pm
- JUNE 10-13 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- JUNE 22 - Double Movie Feature**, 6pm
- JUNE 25 - WV Power Game**, 7pm
- JUNE 30 - Zoo Trip**
- JULY 27 - Faith & Family Night - WV Power Park**

VBS PREPARATIONS

We are preparing for VBS 2018! We need your help... please send in camping supplies that we can use for decorations. Please make sure they have your name on them and put them in room 19 (the sandbox room) where they can be locked up until VBS. Thank you!

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**
 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!



Nathan Hannigan	5/3
Tanner Hannigan	5/3
Andrew Gentilin	5/5
Connie Postle	5/5
Alex Derenburger	5/7
Macy Walker	5/10
Brooklyn Lytle	5/11
Steve Samples	5/14
Patrick Javins	5/17
Donna McNeely	5/19
Jane Barber	5/20
Lauren Bush	5/30
Charlie Gentilin	5/31



Ben & Tara Tackett	5/1
Richard & Grace Wagner	5/25

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