

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:45 am
Worship.....10:45 am

LifeGroups

Hannigan - No Summer meetings
Denham.....5:30 pm
Reynolds.....6:00 pm
Morris.....
5:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

Wednesday:

Bible Study.....7-8:00pm

Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

As a family, we have probably done more this year to celebrate Halloween than we ever have. Erika and I don't really enjoy Halloween. However, Avery is at an age where he LOVES everything about it. That has made this season more enjoyable for all of us. He is very excited for today! He is actually more excited about wearing his costume (Leonardo from the Ninja Turtles) than he is to get candy!

Last night, we carved his Jack-O-Lantern. Erika drew a Frankenstein face on his pumpkin and Avery and I carved it out. We all enjoyed it; and it looked really good when it was finished. However, the process was VERY messy. We had pumpkin seeds and guts EVERYWHERE. Somehow, I even ended up cleaning some off our walls! Macy even helped with this part, as she ate some that had gotten within her reach. EVERYTHING was messy!

I remember hearing a devotional thought about how we are like pumpkins. It talked about how the way a pumpkin is carved is just like how God takes us and shapes us into who He would have us to be. It was a really good thought!

The part that really stuck out to me was about the cleaning out of the guts. The point was that God takes us and cleans out all that is bad and messy in us and replaces those things with his light to shine through. It's a beautiful thought! However, I saw that from a different perspective last night.

When we were done carving the pumpkin, the pumpkin was clean and had a light that shown brightly from the inside. I thought about what a wonderful thing it is that God has carved us and cleaned us to make us who He wants us to be. Then, I looked at myself. I was a mess! I had pumpkin guts all over me! To get the pumpkin to be what I wanted it to be, I had to get messy. I had to wear all of the yucky stuff that once was a part of that pumpkin. That's when I was reminded of something very humbling. For me to be clean and what God wanted me to be, God had to get messy! God had to get all of my yucky, filthy mess all over Him.

I am blessed to live as the person that God has carved me to be. However, God had to come in the form of man and get messy for me to be enjoy this blessing. As we enjoy the hope we share in this Christian life, let us never forget that Christ had to take on our mess to give us that hope.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." - (1 Peter 2:24)

Love you all, Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

November 5, 2017

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Darlena Reynolds
Usher: Richard Wagner
Worship Leader: Tom Hannigan
Opening Prayer: Bob Midkiff
Communion Preside: Duane Scyoc
Serve East: Herb Kinder
 Jamison Wilkinson
Serve West: Tom McNeely
 Doug Hartley
Scripture Reading: Steve Samples
Closing Prayer: Carson Henley
Contribution Tally: H & R Kinder
Sound Booth: Matt Barber
PowerPoint: Linda Hall
Nursery: Donna McNeely
 Assistant: Alaina Morris

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	November 1	November 8
Usher:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely
Prayer:	Tom McNeely	Bill Reynolds
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	Paul Estep
Nursery:	Linda Johnson	Danene Hartley

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Donna McNeely
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:
 Donna Sowards

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

CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Worship.....84
Contribution.....\$5,746.80

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Those serving our country: **David Hartley, Allen Hartley, Brandon McKinney.**
- **Joe Masker**, recovering from a fall.
- **Doug Midkiff**
- **Tom Winnell**
- **Cathy Harding**
- **Lanny Markland**
- **Jean Ann Hartley**, Doug Hartley's mother
- **Julie Farley**
- **Alan Newhouse**
- **Autumn Cole** is a sophomore nursing student at Marshall University and is battling leukemia for the second time. Autumn is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant.

TRUE JOY

There is something sad in anyone's running from church to church trying to get an injection of "the joy of the Lord." Joy is not found in singing a particular kind of music or getting with the right kind of group or even in exercising the charismatic gifts of the Spirit, good as all those may be.

Joy is found in obedience. When the power that is in Jesus reaches into our work and play and redeems them, there will be joy where once there was mourning. To overlook that is to miss the meaning of the incarnation.

—Richard J. Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

SMILE CORNER

When my sister was about 3, my mom overheard her talking with a neighborhood friend.

"My dad works for an insurance agency!" proclaimed the other girl.

Clearly pleased with her status as a pastor's kid, my sister responded haughtily, "Well, my dad works for God!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the building.
November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
December 3 - Holiday Fellowship Dinner following morning worship services. Please join us and feel free to invite some friends and neighbors!
December 5 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the building.
December 9 - Breakfast with Santa, 9am at the church building. Everyone is welcome!
December 12 - Book Club Meeting, 7pm at the home of Linda Johnson. This will be our Book Club Christmas Exchange (Bring a book to give as a gift and take a gift book home). The book we are reading is *Honeysuckle Holiday* by Kathleen M. Jacobs. As always, everyone is welcome to join us. (Due to the holidays our November and December meetings are combined.)

There will not be a Young At Heart Breakfast in November and December due to the holidays.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Where was Daniel living when officials of King Darius conspired to have Daniel thrown into the lions' den? Why was Daniel living there?

- Egypt; he wanted to see the pyramids built by his ancestors, the Hebrew slaves
- Jerusalem; he was serving as a priest in the temple
- Samaria; he was visiting his friend Micah
- Babylon; he was one of the Israelites who'd been taken into exile there

Answer: See Daniel 1:1-6 and 6:13.



LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday, contact Shirley for location. Studying a series titled *Right In The Eye*, by Andy Stanley.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
 5:30-7:30 in their home. Studying Titus.
- **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 their home. Studying "Living Generously," on RightNow Media.

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



Nick Johnson	10/1
Raymond Beadnell	10/2
Leigha Breeden	10/3
Adele Javins	10/12
Ralph Hammitt	10/13
Matt Harmon	10/14
Frank Javins	10/24
Sue Riley	10/25
Sean Cantrell	10/30
Dewey Kuhns	10/30



Sara Wood & Wesley Gibson	10/26
Tom & Brenda Hannigan	10/29

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