

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 - 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

DEACON SELECTION PROCESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly two years since the church completed the most recent elder selection process. During this period, our church has been so blessed and we are so excited about the work being done here at Kanawha City. In 2015, a decision was made to focus on the appointment of elders and to postpone the deacon selection process to a future date. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide information to our members regarding a proposed deacon appointment process. We still believe that there is wisdom in not conducting an elder and deacon selection process simultaneously, and that it is in the best interest of the congregation to focus our time and efforts in strengthening the work of the deacons at this time. The elders are proposing that the four current elders will continue to serve this body for the next two years with the blessing of the members of the congregation.

A great deal of time and energy was put into the elder appointment process in 2015 that resulted in the five elders who have been serving since late 2015. Almost immediately upon completing this process, we were notified by Paul and Julie Davis that they would be leaving to serve another congregation in Ohio. We worked diligently and swiftly to hire a new minister and are very blessed to have Stephen and Erika here serving our congregation now. There have been numerous other challenges that have arisen during this time, and while each of us have very different strengths and weaknesses, we have worked respectfully and lovingly with each other to reach decisions that best serve the body as a whole. As you know, Joe and Janeen Masker moved to Ohio leading to Joe's recent announcement that he was stepping down as an elder. An important component of our plan to deal with their departure is to facilitate growth in our deacons, both spiritually and in number, which will allow the elders to focus on the spiritual needs of our body, rather than the day-to-day operations of the Church.

It is important to each of the elders, that the full body participate in the proposed process, as outlined below. Beginning this Sunday, September 17th, Stephen will begin presenting a series of sermons concerning the role of deacons in the church; as well as, what it means for all Christians to be servants in God's Kingdom. During the month of October of 2017, we will ask for nominations to be submitted by our members with names of individuals who are scripturally qualified to serve as a deacon. Prior to submitting a name for consideration, we ask that the individual making the nomination approach the individual they are planning to nominate to determine their willingness to serve as a deacon.

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If the potential nominee is willing to serve, the individual would be nominated and their name would be provided to the elders. During the month of November, the elders will meet individually with those being considered to review their scriptural qualifications, including their faithfulness in attendance, and to determine what service area they are passionate about and their plans for that area of service. Upon completion of these meetings, the elders will present a list of proposed deacons (likely made up of some current deacons and some new individuals) for the consideration of the whole church. During this time we will ask our members to pray about the names being considered and to talk with and discuss any questions or concerns that you may have with those whose names that are being considered and also with the elders. In the event that no one brings a scriptural reason as to why they should not serve as a deacon, these individuals will begin their service as a deacon on January 1, 2018. While this represents a slight change in the traditional process that has been used over the past few years in Kanawha City, we believe that this will allow us to ensure that we will be successful in identifying qualified individuals who are passionate about serving in specific areas of responsibility. By doing so, each new deacon will be put in a position to be successful in best serving God and the Church.

1 Timothy 3:8-13 (ESV) Qualifications for Deacons: "8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

The elders will be discussing this process with the members of each of their respective LifeGroups to gain feedback regarding this proposal. We are open to any suggestions that you may have for improving this process and will be praying that God will continue to bless this congregation.

In Christian Love, The Elders of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 - Book Club Meeting, 7pm at the home of Sue Riley. The book to read and discuss is *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Everyone is welcome!

September 16 - Beth Moore LIVE Simulcast

September 22nd-23rd - Cedar Point trip for our youth group.

September 28 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.

October 1 - Friends & Family Day, invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to join us for worship service and a fellowship dinner afterwards!

October 8 - Chili Cookoff

October 25 - Trunk or Treat

February 16th-18th - Winterfest 2018

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

September 17, 2017

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Debbie Derenburger
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leader: Carson Henley
Opening Prayer: Joe Riley
Communion Preside: Steve Samples
Serve East: Alex Ross
 Tom Midkiff
Serve West: Richard Wagner
 Jamison Wilkinson
Scripture Reading: Duane Scyoc
Closing Prayer: Paul Cantrell
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Matt Barber
PowerPoint: Linda Hall
Nursery: Lynn Himelrick
 Assistant: Alaina Morris

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 13 September 20
Usher: Richard Wagner Paul Estep
Prayer: Paul Estep Richard Wagner
Sound Booth: Tom McNeely Tom McNeely
Nursery: Danene Hartley Sue Riley

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments: Linda Hall
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep: Sara Wood

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

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....60
 Worship.....101
 Wednesday.....42
Contribution.....\$3,650.00

BUILDING FUND INFORMATION

We recently became aware of some major repairs that need to be made to the roof over several portions of the building. After receiving three bids, the total estimated cost is \$38,820. At the time we signed the contract we made a deposit of \$19,410, which exhausted the total amount of money in the Building Fund YTD. The remaining balance to make these repairs is \$19,410. The elders are finalizing a plan on how to pay for this much needed work. Anyone wishing to donate toward this cost please earmark their check to **Building Fund** and we will continue to update the congregation as we move forward.



Jeff Breeden	9/2
Sara Henley	9/2
Dee Moore	9/2
Betsy Keene	9/3
Tom Hannigan	9/5
Ben Barber	9/9
Jamie Wilkinson	9/9
Lilly Wilkinson	9/9
Libby Ballard	9/10
Barbara Samples	9/12
Ralph Gosnell's 100th Birthday	9/19
Josh Rogers	9/14
Carrie Bush	9/15
Tara Tackett	9/19
Khalil Stephenson	9/22
Lynn Himelrick	9/24
Pete Williams	9/25
Mary Farley	9/29



Steve & Barbara Samples	9/8
Bob & Cindy Stewart	9/20
Fred & Phyllis Songer	9/26

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