Kanawha City Church of Christ

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December 26, 2023

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

December 31, 2023

Emblem Handout

and Usher:

Tom McNeely

Worship Leader

and Opening Prayer: Alex Guerra

Communion Presider: George Capel

Contribution Count: S & S Dale

Closing Prayer: Chris Morris

Childcare Class: Danene Hartley

Sound Booth & Pete Williams/
PowerPoint: Sara Wood

Usher volunteers needed, please contact Herb Kinder.

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please contact Tom McNeely at 304.346.5212

CONTRIBUTION AND ATTENDANCE

Sunday December 24, 2023

Attendance: 63

Contribution: \$2,100

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lois Morris (Chris Morris's mom) is recovering at home.

Barb Samples in treatment for a rare form of blood cancer.

Justin Hawkins (Tom McNeely's grandnephew), 22, chemo treatments for testicular cancer.

Linda Bailey recovering at Genesis Healthcare in Sissonville. Room 42A

Shelia Lucas, Regina Mayne, Chuck & Shirley Denham, Tom Winnell, Helen Stewart, John Shuman, Charla Cline & Lanny Markland

IMPORTANT DATES

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2023

No evening services

Men's and Ladies' Wednesday

Evening Classes Restart January 3, 2024

Ladies' Inspiration Day

April 27, 2024

Camden Ave CofC Parkersburg

Further information on all meetings can be found on the bulletin board outside of the office.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS



The Men's Bible Class meets at the church building on **Wednesday** nights from **6:30 pm - 7:30 pm** and discusses the previous Sunday's sermon. *The class will not be meeting*

any more this year and will pick up again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

All men are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Morris.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS



The Ladies' Bible Class meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in room 17. The class is studying The Beatitudes by Matt Chandler. The class will not be meeting any more this year and will pick up

again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sheila Dale** or **Danene Hartley.**

If you need free access to RightNow Media, please contact the office.

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CONNECT PROGRAM



We are pleased with the response to our new Connect Program and will start again beginning on **Sunday**, **January 7**, **2024**.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class meets at **9:30 am** and is studying the parables of Jesus. The class is led by **Matt Gallagher**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Matt**.

LADIES' BOOK CLUB



The Book Club's next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **January 23, 2024**, at 6:00 pm at Panera Bread, South Ridge, South Charleston.

The book selection for January's discussion is *Death in Mud Lick* by Eric Eyre.

If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Johnson**.

Everyone is welcome.

FIRST, CONTACT.

In Unclean: Meditations on Purity, Hospitality and Mortality, Richard Beck writes powerfully about Jesus healing a leper in Matthew 8:1-3. "What is intriguing about this story is the sequence. Jesus touches the leper first. Then the command 'Be clean!' is offered. That is, Jesus' first move is into ritual defilement. By first touching the leper, Jesus ... [is] standing in solidarity with the unclean." Beck finds this "striking" because typically we expect purification before contact. But Jesus' actions reverse the pattern: "Contact occurs first."



How fortunate for us, too, that God didn't wait to reach out to us until he had cleansed us of sin. God didn't save us from afar and only then come to live among us. Rather, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, ESV). And continuously, Jesus loves us, comes to us and touches our hearts, even when we are at our worst — straying from God, trapped in sin, unworthy, unclean, unrighteous. For it's not our righteousness or purity that heals and saves us, but Christ's.

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