

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

PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON

This past Sunday I preached from Paul's letter to Philemon. In studying for this sermon I ran across this article used as the introduction to the book in the NIV Life Application Study Bible. I found it to be incredibly powerful, and initially I had planned to read it during the sermon. However, I thought I would share it in this format as a way to follow up on the sermon. I hope it is as much a blessing to you as it is to me.

Love you all!
Stephen

Philemon Introduction - NIV Life Application Study Bible

At the foreman's signal, the giant ball is released, and with dynamite force and a reverberating crash, it meets the wall, snapping bricks like twigs and scattering pieces of mortar. Repeatedly, the powerful pendulum works, and soon the barrier has been reduced to rubble. Then it is carted away so that construction can begin.

Life has many walls and fences that divide, separate, and compartmentalize. Not made of wood or stone, they are personal obstructions, blocking people from each other and from God. But Christ came as the great wall remover, tearing down the sin partition that separates us from God and blasting the barriers that keep us from each other. His death and resurrection opened the way to eternal life to bring all who believe into the family of God (see Ephesians 2:14-18)

Roman, Greek, and Jewish cultures were littered with barriers, as society assigned people to classes and expected them to stay in their place - men and women, slave and free, rich and poor, Jews and Gentiles, Greeks and barbarians, pious and pagan. But with the message of Christ, the walls came down, and Paul could declare, "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." (Colossians 3:11)

This life-changing truth forms the backdrop for the letter of Philemon. One of three personal letters in the Bible, the letter to Philemon is Paul's personal plea for a slave. Onesimus "belonged" to Philemon, a member of the Colossian church and Paul's friend. But Onesimus, the slave, had stolen from his master and had run away. He had run to Rome, where he had met Paul, and there he had responded to the Good News and had come to faith in Christ (verse 10). So Paul wrote to Philemon and reintroduced Onesimus to him, explaining that he was sending him back, not just as a slave but as a brother (verses 11, 12, 16). Tactfully he asked Philemon to accept and forgive his brother (verses 10, 14, 15, 20). The barriers of the past and the new ones erected by Onesimus's desertion and theft should divide them no longer - they are one in Christ.

This small book is a masterpiece of grace and tact and profound demonstration of the power of Christ and true Christian fellowship in action. What barriers stand in your home, neighborhood, and church? What separates you from fellow believers? Race? Status? Wealth? Education? Personality? As with Philemon, God calls you to seek unity, breaking down those walls and embracing your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

December 9, 2018

Front Greeter: Linda Johnson
Usher: Herb Kinder
Worship Leader: Carson Henley
Opening Prayer: Nick Johnson
Communion Preside: Bill Reynolds
Serve East: Ben Barber
 Matt Barber
Serve West: Tanner Hannigan
 Tom Hannigan
Scripture Reading: Joes Riley
Closing Prayer: Chuck Denhan
Contribution Tally: T & D McNeely
Sound Booth: Pete Williams
PowerPoint: Chris Morris
Nursery: Danene Hartley
 Assistant: Alaina Morris

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 5 **December 12**

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

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Darlena Reynolds
Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:
 Grace Wagner

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class.....49
 Worship.....97
 Wednesday.....38
Contribution.....\$5,914.54

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **John and Cyndi Shuman**, various health issues
- **Charlie and Dora Mynes**, health issues
- **Betty Miller**, on death of Dewey Miller, long-time director of Surprise Valley Youth Camp
- **Yvonne Villars**, Stephen Walker's grandmother
- **Lisa and Diane**, Rita Robinson's cousins, health issues.
- **Lora Williams**, recovering from a serious fall and broken leg.
- **Phyllis Ratliff**, Jamie Wilkinson's mother is very ill.
- **Paul Estep** and family in the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Ann Estep.
- Chamberlain Elementary School students from broken homes that are struggling; and also for the teachers who are currently struggling with health problems.
- **Frank Javins, Amanda Talkington, Tori Guerra, Evan Raynes, Linda Mullens, Steve Fox, Ellen Thompson, Lydia Brown, Erica Wade, Mary Spence, Renee Madsen, Peggy Bayes, Silvia Soza, Betty Dolin, Glenna Shaffer, April Stewart, Doug Midkiff, Julie Farley, Alan Newhouse, Lanny Markland**

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
12/3	Heb 5-6	27
12/4	Heb 7-8	28
12/5	Heb 9-10	29
12/6	Heb 11-13	30
12/7	James 1-3	31
12/8	James 4-5	32
12/9	1 Peter 1-2	33
12/10	1 Peter 3-5	34
12/11	2 Peter	35
12/12	1 John 1-2	36

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7 - Christmas Party 5:30 p.m.

January 24, 2019 - Young At Heart Breakfast.
 (None in November and December)

February 15-17 - Winterfest, Gatlinburg, TN

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This coming Friday evening, at 5:30 pm, will be the White Elephant Gift Exchange and Christmas Party. Everyone 12 years of age and older can participate in the exchange. Admission to the exchange is one "White Elephant" gift so wrap up one of your prized possessions from home that has perhaps worn out its welcome.

Activities will be provided for our children during the exchange.

Following the exchange there will be a time of fellowship. Please bring your favorite holiday food: appetizers, cookies, cakes and/or pies to share with everyone. There will be singing and karaoke during our fellowship time.

So wear your best ugly Christmas sweater and join us for a night of holiday cheer.

2019 BUDGET

The elders have reviewed a draft budget for 2019. A PDF copy will be available in the foyer on 12/9/18. The budget will be put forth for congregational approval late December/early January.

Please contact Doug Hartley at 304-741-2708 with any questions.

NEW MEMBER ADDRESSES

Margie Price
 4102 Noyes Avenue SE
 Charleston, WV 25304

Rachel Gund
 218 Dutch Road
 Charleston, WV 25302

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

• **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *Brand New*. Also serving communion each week.

• **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
 5:30-7:30pm in their home.
 Studying *The Bible Project*.

• **Chris and Renee Morris**
 5:00-7:00pm, See Chris or Renee 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!*



Brett Murray	12/1
Alaina Morris	12/4
Bill Reynolds	12/6
Molly Blethen	12/7
Michelle Boggs	12/7
Derek Nichols	12/7
Serenity Stephenson	12/9
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
Eulah Miller	12/13
Ted Brothers	12/19
Rachel Sowards	12/23
Linda Johnson	12/24
Danene Hartley	12/28



Dewey & Amy Kuhns	12/2
JR & Sharon Nichols	12/9
Tom & Donna McNeely	12/12
Bill & Darlena Reynolds	12/19
Steve & Lora Williams	12/24
Frank & Elaine Javins	12/27
Ehren & Wendy Johnson	12/28

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