

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.....9:45am  
Worship.....10:45am

### LifeGroups

Hannigan.....5:30pm  
Denham.....5:30pm  
Reynolds.....6:00pm  
Morris.....5:00pm

### Wednesday:

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

## THE EMPTY TOMB

John chapter 20 is an extremely important and fascinating chapter in the Bible. It is in this chapter that we read of how the tomb of Jesus was found empty. It is this empty tomb that we celebrate every first day of the week. This empty tomb is what drives our lives of faith and gives us hope. The tomb is still empty to this day! The question is: are we living like the tomb is empty? What does an empty tomb mean to us? I want to share a thought that I read on this chapter, but first I want to encourage you to stop here and read John 20. I hope this will encourage you as it has done for me.

Love you all, Stephen

### Meditation on John 20:1-29 by Gary Holloway (John: Believing in Jesus)

Out of love for Jesus, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb. She comes to honor the memory of a dead friend. She does not expect to see Jesus alive. When she sees the tomb empty, she is distraught. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" She believes in a dead, now dishonored Jesus, not a resurrected one.

Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb to see if what she says is true. Peter runs into the tomb. He sees it empty, but he still does not believe.

The beloved disciple enters the tomb, sees it empty, and believes. Believes that Jesus has been raised, even though he has yet to see the resurrected Jesus.

Mary, by contrast, still weeps over the dead and now missing Jesus. She does not recognize the resurrected Lord when she sees him, only when she hears him gently call her by name. Then she sees and believes.

She tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." But it seems they do not believe her. Instead, in fear they hide behind locked doors. Only when Jesus enters and they see do they all believe.

All but Thomas. He was not there to see Jesus. So a week later, Jesus appears again to all the disciples. Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses, "My Lord and My God."

Doubting Thomas. Doubting disciples. Doubting Mary.

Do we doubt? Do we really believe Jesus is alive? If so, why do we fear? If so, don't we hear the words of Jesus, "Peace with you!" If Jesus lives, then no power, no pain, no failure, no disappointment, nothing, not even death, can take away our peace.

We believe in the resurrected Jesus we have not seen. We believe because of the testimony of others. We believe because we have seen his love in our lives. We have heard his gentle voice call our name. We have reached out and touched him as he touched us.

And all we can do is fall on our knees and say, "My Lord and my God."

"Jesus, our Teacher, our Lord, our God. Forgive our doubts. Increase our faith. Give us your peace."

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

April 8, 2018

**MORNING ASSEMBLY**

**Front Greeter:** Debbie Derenburger  
**Usher:** Herb Kinder  
**Worship Leader:** Tom Hannigan  
**Opening Prayer:** Joe Riley  
**Communion Preside:** Duane Scyoc  
**Serve East:** Matt Barber  
 Ben Barber  
**Serve West:** Tom McNeely  
 Lucas Barber  
**Scripture Reading:** Alex Derenburger  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Midkiff  
**Contribution Tally:** P & A Estep  
**Sound Booth:** Carson Henley  
**PowerPoint:** Pete Williams  
**Nursery:** Danene Hartley  
 Assistant: Telina Williams

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

	<b>April 4</b>	<b>April 11</b>
Usher:	Tom McNeely	Bill Reynolds
Prayer:	Bob Midkiff	Richard Wagner
Sound Booth:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

**Communion Preparation & Garments:**  
 Grace Wagner

**Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:**  
 Jane Barber

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

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**Attendance**

Bible Class.....	43
Worship.....	152
Wednesday.....	canceled/construction

**Contribution.....** \$4,168.90

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- **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
4/3	2 Sam 22-24	93
4/4	1 Kgs 1-3	94
4/5	1 Kgs 4-7	95
4/6	1 Kgs 8-10	96
4/7	1 Kgs 11-13	97
4/8	1 Kgs 14-16	98
4/9	1 Kgs 17-19	99
4/10	1 Kgs 20-22	100
4/11	2 Kgs 1-3	101

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church family,  
 Thank you so much for the cards, kind words, food, paper supplies, and prayers during my mother's illness and recent passing. They truly were a comfort and much appreciated.  
 In Christian love, Doug & Danene Hartley & family

*The family of Jean Ann Board Hartley will be hosting a reception to celebrate her life at Edgewood Country Club on **April 28, 2018** from **3-6pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and remembrances.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 3 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the church building.
- April 14 - Youth Group Activity**, 3pm Locked & Coded Escape Room. You must RSVP to Amy Kuhns ASAP, so that we can reserve our room, they fill up fast.
- April 24 - Book Club Meeting**, 6pm, at the Southridge Panera Bread. The book we will be reading is: *In the Light of the Garden* by Heather Burch. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- April 26 - Young At Heart Breakfast**, 10am, please RSVP to Joe Riley or sign the sheet in the foyer.
- May 6 - Elders and Deacons Meeting**, after worship services in room 17.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend a short business meeting after services on the following dates:

- April 15th** - 1st reading of refinancing loan terms
- April 22nd** - 2nd reading of terms and vote

**YOUTH EVENTS**

- MONTH OF APRIL** - Recycling Drive, send in newspapers and aluminum cans.
- APRIL 14** - Locked & Coded Escape Room, 3pm, please RSVP to Amy Kuhns ASAP, the rooms fill up fast! (You can't just show up, we must have a reservation.)
- APRIL 29** - Recycling Project and Lesson during Bible School hour
- MAY 18** - SkyZone
- MAY 20** - Children's Lesson and Activity at Danner Meadow Park during LifeGroup
- JUNE 10-13** - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- JUNE 30** - Zoo Trip
- JULY 27** - Faith & Family Night - WV Power Park

**LIFEGROUP INFORMATION**

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**  
 5:30-6:30pm Sunday at the building. Studying the Andy Stanley series, *The N Commands*. 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!**



Matt Barber	4/6
Rebekah Breeden	4/11
Steve Dale	4/20
Tom Winnell	4/22
Bob Midkiff	4/25
Sara Wood	4/26
David Hartley	4/29



Nick & Linda Johnson	4/5
Joe & Sue Riley	4/13
David & Lisa Lytle	4/16
Jarrell & Myrna Parker	4/19
Elwood & RuthAnn Brown	4/25

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

**HUGE shout out to Steve Samples** for overseeing the installation of the new front doors and windows on the building. He spent numerous hours at the building and he and Barb spent a day cleaning up once the installation was complete. Thanks Steve and Barb, you are appreciated! ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥