

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.....5:30 pm  
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

## FROM COWARD TO COURAGEOUS

“Are you a man, or a mouse?” is the way they used to say it, back in the day. Will you act with courage, or shrink back like a coward? In the *Wizard of Oz*, the cowardly lion needed an infusion of courage. He went to a wizard to get it.

We are often concerned with fending off fear and acting in the face of it. It is a struggle all sane people have, even if they do not admit it. How do the cowardly become courageous?

Consider the apostles of Jesus...

All of them, save John, apparently, were cowards at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus. They all ran away and were later found huddled and shaking in their boots behind locked doors. A locked door may remove a threat, but it does nothing to alleviate fear. Peter went so far as to deny he even knew Jesus three times in order to evade trouble during the Lord's trials.

They were cowards. That is not harsh, just the facts. I do not claim we would have done any better than them given the same set of facts. But how do the cowardly become courageous?

Look at Acts chapter 4. By Acts 4, it has been done – these men have found their courage. They are boldly and publicly proclaiming the good news of Jesus, despite the threats. Peter and John do so before their worst enemies – the Sanhedrin! When asked how they dared to continue to preach Christ in Jerusalem, they answer clearly and boldly and apparently without fear. How? How do the cowardly become courageous?

A couple of hints: Acts 4:8 – “*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...*” There is no room for fear in a person filled with the Holy Spirit. Recall what the Scripture says – “Perfect love casts out fear.”

Then, Acts 4:13 – after hearing what Peter said, the enemies realized something. These men had been with Jesus. They looked like Jesus, they acted like Jesus, they responded like Jesus. And of course, the name of Jesus was constantly on their lips, and they were consistently testifying to the truth of Jesus. No room for fear in that equation!

Filled with the Holy Spirit. Devoted to Jesus Christ. It's how cowards become courageous! You don't need a medal stamped “Courage!” You don't need some macho pep-talk. You don't even need a weapon. All you need is the Spirit within and a relationship with Jesus that shows to everyone without.

(Written by Mark Mason, Preacher at the 36th Street Church of Christ - Vienna, WV)

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## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

December 10, 2017

### MORNING ASSEMBLY

**Front Greeter:** Emily Scyoc  
**Usher:** Herb Kinder  
**Worship Leader:** Carson Henley  
**Opening Prayer:** Steve Samples  
**Communion Preside:** Chuck Denham  
**Serve East:** Josh Rogers  
 Doug Hartley  
**Serve West:** Richard Wagner  
 Lucas Barber  
**Scripture Reading:** Joe Riley  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Midkiff  
**Contribution Tally:** P & A Estep  
**Sound Booth:** Pete Williams  
**PowerPoint:** Alex Ross  
**Nursery:** Danene Hartley  
 Assistant: Lilly Wilkinson

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

	<u>December 6</u>	<u>December 13</u>
Usher:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely
Prayer:	Bob Midkiff	Joe Riley
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	Paul Estep
Nursery:	Brenda Hannigan	Linda Johnson

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

### Communion Preparation & Garments:

Phyllis Songer

### Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:

Donna McNeely

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

## ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

### Attendance

Bible Class.....	47
Worship.....	105
Wednesday.....	45

**Contribution.....**\$5,187.09

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Those serving our country: **David Hartley, Allen Hartley, Brandon McKinney.**
- April Stewart**, daughter of Bob and Cindy, granddaughter of Helen.
- Duke and Peggy Bayes**, brother-in-law and sister of Donna Sowards.
- Ralph Hammitt and Nancy Duncan**
- Joe and Janeen Masker**
- Doug Midkiff**
- Tom Winnell**
- Cathy Harding**, mother of Julie Davis.
- Lanny Markland**
- Jean Ann Hartley**, Doug Hartley's mother.
- Julie Farley**
- Alan Newhouse**
- Autumn Cole**, young lady battling leukemia for the second time. Autumn had a bone marrow transplant last Tuesday. Please pray for a successful recovery. #fightlikeautumn

## HELP NEEDED



Nursery attendants and ushers are needed for Sunday morning services and Wednesday evening services. Please contact Tom McNeely or Amy Kuhns if you can help out.

## POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME

Last call for change cans... please bring them to the church building by Wednesday, December 6th. They will be picked up Thursday, December 7th.

## NUTS, TRAIL MIX & MORE

Nuts, trail mix, and other items are in the church library and are going fast! Please see Shirley Denham if you would like to purchase some. The sale of these items benefits Stepping Stones of OVU.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 5 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the building.

**December 9 - Breakfast with Santa**, 9am at the church building. Everyone is welcome!

**December 10 - Christmas Sing**, 5:30pm in the all-purpose room. Hosted by the Hannigan LifeGroup. Bring finger foods, desserts, and a friend.

**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.)*

**February 16-18, 2018 - Winterfest**, Gatlinburg, TN. Online registration open and the deadline to register is January 8th. Please visit CCB and the link is on the front page. We must have everyone registered in order to make travel accommodations. If you have any questions or need a paper registration form to fill out, please see Alex Ross or Amy Kuhns.

*There will **not** be a  
 Young At Heart Breakfast in December.*

## FOOD DRIVE



Our youth group is sponsoring a food drive this holiday season. They have a goal of 750 cans to hit by Christmas and they earn a prize. Please help our teens as they try to help those in need.

Some of the most needed items are:

*Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce,  
 Canned/Powered Milk, Mac and Cheese,  
 Instant Potatoes, Flavored Noodles/Rice,  
 Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Beef Stew.*

## 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!**



Alaina Morris	12/4
Bill Reynolds	12/6
Michelle Boggs	12/7
Serenity Stephenson	12/9
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
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*