

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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## Service Times

### Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:45 am  
Worship.....10:45 am

Hannigan LifeGroup.....5:30 pm  
Denham LifeGroup.....5:30 pm  
Reynolds LifeGroup.....6:00 pm  
Morris LifeGroup.....  
5:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

### Wednesday:

Services.....6:45 pm  
Bible Study.....7-8:00pm

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## BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Let me begin by saying "Thank you!" for your love and support during the loss of my mother. Your messages, gifts, presence, and your love have helped to bring comfort to our family. We consider ourselves blessed to be a part of this family at Kanawha City.

Matt Redman wrote the lyrics to a song that we sing, "Blessed Be Your Name". Since the first time I sang it, it has been one of my favorites. Over the past week I have been playing part of that song over and over again in my head:

*You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name*

I have always chosen to praise God in His times of giving. It is during those times that I joyfully sing "Blessed be Your name". I gladly sing:

*Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's 'all as it should be', Blessed be Your name*

What a wonderful thing it is to praise God in His times of giving! But, now I am faced with an unpleasant reality. In my world, it is no longer 'all as it should be'. The sudden and unexpected passing of my mother is the greatest personal tragedy I have ever faced. I constantly find myself waiting and hoping that I will soon wake up from this dream. I wonder, can I still sing:

*Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name*

As the night unfolded and the doctor delivered the news to us, we couldn't believe what we were hearing. We were in complete shock. We just couldn't understand how this could happen. Eventually though, the shock wore off. We began to realize that this had actually happened, and as that reality set in, I found these words playing in my head. I don't know why these words came to mind, but they did:

*You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name*

There is great sorrow in what God has so suddenly taken away. That sorrow will always remain. But, I realize that there is only sorrow in something taken away, when there had been joy in the gift of it's presence. The God who took my mother away, is the same God who gave her as a gift to all who knew her for the past 57 years. And for that:

*My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name*

Love you all, Stephen

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

February 19, 2017

### MORNING ASSEMBLY

**Front Greeter:** Janeen Masker  
**Usher:** Tom McNeely  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Morris  
**Opening Prayer:** Steve Samples  
**Communion Preside:** Joe Riley  
**Serve East:** Richard Wagner  
Matt Barber  
**Serve West:** Herb Kinder  
Chuck Denham  
**Scripture Reading:** Raymond Beadnell  
**Closing Prayer:** Richard Wagner  
**Contribution Tally:** T & D McNeely  
**Sound Booth:** Pete Williams  
Assistant:  
**PowerPoint:** Jamison Wilkinson  
Assistant:  
**Nursery:** Danene Hartley  
Assistant: Telina Williams

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 22</u>
Usher:	Paul Estep	Bill Reynolds
Song Leader:	Raymond Beadnell	Chuck Denham
Prayer:	Nick Johnson	Joe Masker
Sound Booth:	Joe Masker	Paul Estep
Nursery:	Sue Riley	Danene Hartley

### Communion Preparation & Garments:

Sheila Dale

### February - Sunday Morning Breakfast Prep:

Jane Barber

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

## ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

### Attendance:

Bible Class.....	61
Worship.....	95
Wednesday.....	38

**Contribution.....\$3,832.61**

**PHASE 2 Building Fund GOAL.....\$30,000.00**  
**PHASE 2 Donations YTD.....\$9,257.36**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- The Walker Family
- Robin Kidd, Rita Robinson's sister
- The family of Thelma Gardner
- Perry Holder

## THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



David Hartley  
Allen Hartley  
Brandon McKinney

## A VALENTINE PRAYER

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then, I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.

~Author unknown



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February 17-19, 2017 - WINTERFEST

**February 19 - Chamberlain Elementary School Staff Appreciation Day & Fellowship Dinner** We have invited the staff of Chamberlain Elementary School (and their families) to join us for worship services on Sunday morning, February 19th. We will recognize and honor them for the important work they do with the children in our community. A fellowship dinner in their honor will be served immediately after services. If you have any questions, please see Janeen Masker or Brenda Hannigan. There is a 'needs' list on CCB, please sign up to bring something.

**February 23 - Young At Heart Breakfast**, 10am at Cracker Barrel.

**February 28 - Book Club**, 6pm at Panera Bread, Southridge. The book to read and discuss is *The Summer Before The War* by Helen Simonson. Everyone is welcome!

## CANAAN VALLEY RENTAL

Three 4-bedroom houses are available for our church weekend at Canaan Valley, which is scheduled for October 5-8, 2017.

If you are interested in reserving a house, please contact Shirley Denham for details as soon as possible!

## CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT FOR TAXES

If you itemize contributions on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a written receipt from the church to substantiate your contributions. If you need a copy of your 2016 giving statement, please contact Amy at 304-925-7435 or amy@kccofc.org.

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

## LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**  
5:30-6:30pm Sunday in room 17 at the building. Studying *Patterns of Evidence*, a study about the Exodus.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**  
5:30-7:30pm Sunday in their home. Studying *Simplify*.
- **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 *Not A Fan* by Kyle Idleman.

**LifeGroups are open to everyone, come anytime!**  
**Feel free to try them all!**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Spence	2/17
Myrna Parker	2/18
Lensey Williams	2/18
Patti Gardner	2/19
Grayson Johnson	2/19
Hayden Johnson	2/19
Theron Denson	2/21



Alex & Debbie Derenburger 2/19



## FOOD PANTRY

**The youth group is sponsoring a food drive!** There is a collection cart outside of the teen room! Please help them collect non-perishable food items for our food pantry! The food pantry at our church feeds those in our congregation and community

**February's items to send in are:**  
**Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, and Jelly.**

