

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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Alex Derenburger  
Paul Estep  
Herb Kinder  
Tom McNeely  
Richard Wagner

## 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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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

I wish I were writing to you under better circumstances. However, due to the recent passing of Stephen's beloved mother, I was asked to write an article this week.

Growing up I was lucky enough to also call my youth minister, Dad. Therefore, even before I was a teenager, I was always around the youth group at church. He had this way of making them all want to come to church, specifically for his teen class on Wednesday. I can remember how much the older teens looked up to him. Whether it was going to Winterfest, driving to a different state to host another congregation's VBS, or simply going out to eat as a group there was always a lesson to be learned. When we see those same people today, they still talk about the good times in that youth group and that was 15 years ago!

When I was offered the youth minister position here at Kanawha City, it would be an understatement to say that I was excited for the opportunity. I've always had a calling to work with youth. This opportunity really got me thinking; how can I instill Jesus into their minds? How can I get them to want to learn about Jesus and constantly strive to be stronger Christians in the world?

I have the opportunity to minister to these kids, some are preteens who aren't yet Christians and who still have the decision to accept Jesus ahead of them. I will be with these kids in their walk and their struggle of being a teenager in the world. Through study of scripture and discovering Christ in their everyday lives, I aim to guide them to center their minds on Him. I want to pray with them constantly and help them to discover that prayer is their lifeline to God. I want them to learn that no matter the situation, our God is bigger and stronger than any struggle they may have. At the same time, when they are at their peak of happiness in the world, I pray that they always remember they are there because of God. My goal is to help them live out a strong Christian life, bring their friends to Jesus, and be involved in the church. These young teens are the leaders in the church tomorrow and it is our job to help them get there. We are the examples that are shaping their future. I ask that you keep our youth group in your prayers as we grow and learn together.

"A Church without Youth is a Church without a future.  
Moreover, Youth without a Church is Youth without a future."  
- Pope Shenouda III of Alexandria

In Christian love,  
Alex Ross

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

February 12, 2017

### MORNING ASSEMBLY

**Front Greeter:** Janeen Masker  
**Usher:** Doug Hartley  
**Worship Leader:** Chris Morris  
**Opening Prayer:** Joe Masker  
**Communion Preside:** Raymond Beadnell  
**Serve East:** Paul Estep  
Herb Kinder  
**Serve West:** Jamison Wilkinson  
Alex Derenburger  
Grayson Johnson  
**Scripture Reading:** Bill Reynolds  
**Closing Prayer:** P & A Estep  
**Contribution Tally:** Pete Williams  
**Sound Booth:** Carson Henley  
Assistant: Duane Scyoc  
**PowerPoint:**  
Assistant:  
**Nursery:** Brenda Hannigan  
Assistant: Lily Wilkinson

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>
Usher:	Tom McNeely	Paul Estep
Song Leader:	Chuck Denham	Raymond Beadnell
Prayer:	Paul Estep	Nick Johnson
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	Joe Masker
Nursery:	Brenda Hannigan	Sue Riley

### Communion Preparation & Garments:

Sheila Dale

### January - 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.....58  
Worship.....88  
Wednesday.....53

**Contribution.....\$2,731.00**

**PHASE 2 Building Fund GOAL.....\$30,000.00**  
**PHASE 2 Donations YTD.....\$9,187.36**

## 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

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Stephen Walker's beloved mother, Carolyn Walker, 57, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 4th.

Please pray for Stephen, Erika, Avery, Macy, and the rest of the family during this most difficult time.

Services will be held at  
Crow-Hussell Funeral Home  
Point Pleasant, WV  
Visitation: 2/9/17, Thursday, 5-8pm  
Funeral: 2/10/17, Friday, 11am

Matthew 5:4  
*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 7 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the church building.

**February 9 - Ladies Night Out**, 7pm at Adelphia downtown. Please note the new time. RSVP to Amanda Talkington or on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

### 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.

**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 7, 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

Steve Williams 2/12  
Lora Williams 2/13  
Grace Wagner 2/14



## 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.**

## WELCOME!

Brian and Taylor Grant placed membership with us last week. Welcome to the family!

Brian and Taylor Grant  
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