

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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

Happy New Year! I'm praying that God will bless you richly during this 2018! One of the ways that I know you will be blessed is by spending time reading and meditating on God's Word! I hope you will commit to joining us on our journey through the Bible this year! I'm looking forward to the time of personal study and our collective time in sermons and Bible studies from our daily readings!

If you are wondering about what to read, an email has been sent out with a few links to the schedule and other helpful resources. The weekly schedule will also be printed in each week's midweek mailout.

In Sunday's sermon, I spoke on the importance of reading God's Word, meditating/studying God's Word, and applying God's Word. Our aim is not JUST to read the Bible, but to be TRANSFORMED by the Bible. When we obediently apply God's Word we are training ourselves for godliness (1 Timothy 4:7). Reading is of little value if we are not also meditating on Scripture and applying it.

The psalmist said, "I will **meditate** on your precepts and fix me eyes on your ways." - (Psalm 119:15). When we meditate on Scripture, we begin to learn the ways in which God would direct us. Meditation on Scripture - as Donald Whitney puts it, "Letting the Bible brew in the brain." - is vitally important to the Christian. But, how do we meditate on Scripture?

I suggested ten ways in Sunday's sermon, and I will be sending the slides and some notes from those later in the week. However, let me suggest one more idea that wasn't in the sermon. This is another method from Donald Whitney's book, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life.

### Ask the Philippians 4:8 Questions of the Text

Anytime I think of Philippians 4:8, I think of Duane Scyoc's communion comments a few months back. (Philippians 4:8) says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Donald Whitney developed a meditation method based off this text. Here's what he says: *It occurred to me that the directions given here about meditating on "these things" could provide guidance for meditating on any verse of Scripture, as well as for meditating on "life". As a result (and after consulting several translations of Philippians 4:8), I developed a series of questions based upon "these things."*

- What is **true** about this, or what truth does it exemplify?
- What is **honorable** about this?
- What is **just** or right about this?
- What is **pure** about this, or how does it exemplify purity?
- What is **lovely** about this?
- What is **commendable** about this?
- What is **excellent** about this (that is, excels others of this kind)?
- What is **praiseworthy** about this?

So, whether meditating on a verse or story in the Bible, or something in your life - circumstances, an event, an experience, an encounter with someone, a part of creation - in fact, when thinking about **anything**, the Philippians 4:8 questions can be a helpful guide.

(Donald Whitney, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, pg. 63-64)

I hope you will be searching and praying for ways to meditate on Scripture, so that the words of the Bible don't just run off of you; but rather, through meditation, you might absorb the words of Scripture and be transformed by them.

Love you all!  
Stephen

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 7, 2018

MORNING ASSEMBLY

**Front Greeter:** Barbara Samples  
**Usher:** Richard Wagner  
**Worship Leader:** Tom Hannigan  
**Opening Prayer:** Chris Morris  
**Communion Preside:** Carson Henley  
**Serve East:** Jamison Wilkinson  
Lucas Barber  
**Serve West:** Alex Ross  
Doug Hartley  
**Scripture Reading:** Grayson Johnson  
**Closing Prayer:** Chuck Denham  
**Contribution Tally:** H & R Kinder  
**Sound Booth:** Matt Barber  
**PowerPoint:** Linda Hall  
**Nursery:** Donna McNeely  
Assistant: Alaina Morris

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	January 3	January 10
Usher:	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely
Prayer:	Nick Johnson	Richard Wagner
Sound Booth:	Tom McNeely	Paul Estep
Nursery:	Brenda Hannigan	Linda Johnson

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

**Communion Preparation & Garments:** Sheila Dale  
**Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:** Donna

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

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

**Attendance 12/24**  
Bible Class.....42  
Worship.....93  
**Attendance 12/31**  
Bible Class.....36  
Worship.....68  
**Contribution 12/24**.....\$2,990.00  
**Contribution 12/31**.....\$3,716.67

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Those serving our country: **David Hartley, Allen Hartley, Brandon McKinney.**
- Paula Garner**, daughter of Arlene Snyder, has cancer.
- April Stewart**, daughter of Bob and Cindy, grand-daughter 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**

HELP STILL 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.

READ THE BIBLE

Please join along as we read the Bible together this year. The scriptures to read this week are:

January	Readings	Psalms
1	Gen 1-3	1
2	Gen 4-7	2
3	Gen 8-11	3
4	Gen 12-15	4
5	Gen 16-18	5
6	Gen 19-21	6
7	Gen 22-24	7
8	Gen 25-28	8
9	Gen 29-31	9

If you would like to have a printed schedule for the year, there are copies in the foyer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 9 - Prayer Meeting**, 6pm at the building.

**January 25 - Young At Heart Breakfast**, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.

**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. Please don't assume we know you are planning to go... please fill out a registration form!

FOOD PANTRY

If you have a little extra, please give a little extra! 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.*

NEW ADDRESS

Elwood and Ruth Ann Brown  
4921 Chesterfield Ave  
Charleston, WV 25304

BIBLE TRIVIA

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."  
B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."  
C. "Peace be with you."  
D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer: See John 8:11

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!**



Annabelle Rogers	1/11
Melanie Altamirano	1/12
Courtney Terzic	1/15
Jessica Rogers	1/16
Sharon Nichols	1/17
Bethany Boggs	1/18
Shawn Sowards	1/19
Taylor Grant	1/22
Violet Tackett	1/26
Kasey Gentilin	1/27
Paul Cantrell	1/30



Tom & Jan Winnell	1/1
Stephen & Carrie Bush	1/5
Charlie & Dora Mynes	1/15
Matt & Jane Barber	1/18
Gene & Janice Richardson	1/18

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