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

Wednesday:

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

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Weekly Newsletter of the Kanawha City Church of Christ

Focus on Jesus

A lot of times I wonder if we try too hard to get "church" right instead of simply focusing on Jesus. Do we try so hard to make the experience of going to church perfect, that we forget why we go in the first place? I remember when I was at Lipscomb and trying to find a church to call home, that was all I could think about sometimes. A lot of churches that I went to seemed like they just wanted to look the part and seem like the place to be, but the service itself felt so empty. If we are passionate about simply loving Jesus and following him, won't he take care of the rest?

I vividly remember spending an entire night at Lipscomb researching how the church could get away from this trend. I remember this night so vividly because I stumbled across a spoken word poem that changed my entire outlook and life. It was written by a guy that is the same age as me named Jefferson Bethke. His poem, that I found, was called "Why I hate religion, but love Jesus." Obviously, I was curious and had to watch it. I watched that video at least 30 times that night, over and over. Here is one specific part of it that I love:

"If grace is water, then the church should be an ocean, Cuz it's not a museum for good people, it's a hospital for the broken I no longer have to hide my failures. I don't have to hide my sin, Because my salvation doesn't depend on me, it depends on Him. because when I was Gods enemy and certainly not a fan, God looked down on me and said, "I want that man!"

This poem led to a book that Jeff wrote called Jesus>Religion, which I have read about 5 times since I bought it. Because of his childhood and experiences, he has a very unique perspective on the church. I highly recommend reading it.

I challenge each of us to simply love Jesus as hard as you can, make it your goal to follow Him with each step you take, and let Him take care of the rest. I think the results we see will be incredible! Have a great week.

In Christian love, Alex Ross

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

September 10, 2017

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Front Greeter: Debbie Derenburger
Usher: Tom McNeely
Worship Leader: Carson Henley
Opening Prayer: Chris Morris

Communion Preside: Raymond Beadnell

Serve East: Lucas Barber
Bob Midkiff

Serve West:

Paul Cantrell

Doug Hartley

Scripture Reading:
Closing Prayer:
Contribution Tally:
Sound Booth:
PowerPoint:
Nursery:
Assistant:
Alex Derenburger
Richard Wagner
P & A Estep
Josh Rogers
Pete Williams
Donna McNeely
Telina Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	September 6	September 13	
Usher:	Tom McNeely	Richard Wagner	
Prayer	Nick Johnson	Paul Estep	
Sound Booth	Paul Estep	Tom McNeely	
Nursery:	Linda Johnson	Danene Hartley	

Bible Classes from 7:00-8:00pm

Communion Preparation & Garments:

Linda Hall

Sunday Morning Children's Breakfast Prep:

Sara Wood

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

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

Attendance	
Bible Class	49
Worship	85
Wednesday	40
Contribution	
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Building Fund Donations YTD....\$16,277.36

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Those serving our country: David Hartley, Allen Hartley, Brandon McKinney.
- Doug Midkiff
- Susan Orick's sister, Margaret Scott and father-in-law. Kenneth Orick.
- Tom Winnell
- Cathy Harding
- Lanny Markland
- Jean Ann Hartley, Doug Hartley's mother
- Julie Farley
- Alan Newhouse
- **Katie Cobb**, 13 year old being treated for a recurrence of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME



"Silver for Children" Gleaner Campaign cans are available. If you are interested in taking a can to fill, they are located on the shelving unit near the church office. Please return the cans to Amy or Stephen for safekeeping

until a representative from Potter picks them up in November.

TEXAS HURRICANE HELP

Kanawha City Church of Christ will be accepting donations to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. All donations will be sent to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort earmarked for the Texas flooding.

DISCIPLESHIP MEETING

The participation of eighteen members who stayed after services August 27th is appreciated! A summary of the meeting details were sent out via CCB. Paper copies of the summary are available in the church foyer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5 - Prayer Meeting, 6pm at the church building. Our church desires to be a people who call on the name of the Lord. We meet as one group to pray together on the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to pray out loud if you do not want to. If you haven't been in a while, please come!

September 10 - Sunday morning singing class will resume in the multi-purpose room at 9:45am.

September 12 - Book Club Meeting, 7pm at the home of Sue Riley. The book to read and discuss is *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Everyone is welcome!

September 16 - Beth Moore LIVE Simulcast, 9am at the church building. Don't miss out on this special, LIVE event! Please RSVP to Grace Wagner or Amy Kuhns today!

September 22nd-23rd - Kings Island Trip for our youth group. Meet at the church building at 4:30 Friday evening, spend night in OH, park all day Saturday, then come home Saturday evening. You must RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10th to Amy Kuhns.

September 28 - Young At Heart Breakfast, 10am at Cracker Barrel. Please RSVP to Joe Riley.

October 1 - Friends & Family Day, invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to join us for worship service and a fellowship dinner afterwards!

October 8 - Annual Chili Cookoff

October 25 - Trunk or Treat

Youth Group - Mark your calendars!

October TBA Halloween Fun Activities
November 11th Veterans Day Service Project

January 13th Snow Tubing February 16th-18th Winterfest 2018

SMILE CORNER

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads "In the big inning." Then, Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

• Chuck and Shirley Denham

5:30-6:30pm Sunday in room 17 at the building. Studying a series titled *The Grave Robber*.

• Tom and Brenda Hannigan 5:30-7:30 in their home.

Studving Titus.

Chris and Renee Morris

5:00-7:00pm (1st & 3rd Sundays) in their home. Studying <u>The Best Question Ever</u> 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!



Jeff Breeden	9/2
Sara Henley	9/2
Dee Moore	9/2
Betsy Keene	9/3
Tom Hannigan	9/5
Ben Barber	9/9
Jamie Wilkinson	9/9
Lilly Wilkinson	9/9
Libby Ballard	9/10
Barbara Samples	9/12
Ralph Gosnell's 100th Birthday	y 9/19
Josh Rogers	9/14
Carrie Bush	9/15
Tara Tackett	9/19
Kalil Stephenson	9/22
Lynn Himelrick	9/24
Pete Williams	9/25
Mary Farley	9/29



Steve & Barbara Samples 9/8
Bob & Cindy Stewart 9/20
Fred & Phyllis Songer 9/26

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