SUNDAY AM	November 17, 2024	November 24, 2024
ANNOUNCE	Roy Clark	Roy Clark
SONGLEADER	Mark Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan
READING	Roy Clark	Jarritt Flinn
PRAYER	Ed O'Dell	Mark Vaughan
COMMUNION	Mark Vaughan	Roy Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	John Stephens	John Stephens
ASSIST COMMUNION	Mike Bungard	Mike Bungard
USHER	Adam Carpenter	John Carter
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Dwain Shears	Mark Vaughan
READING	John Carter	Josiah Clark
PRAYER	Josiah Clark	Tyler Vaughan
COMMUNION	Ed O'Dell	Mike Carpenter
Wednesday	**November 20, 2024**	**November 27, 2024**
Invitation	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
Song Leader	Tyler Vaughan	Josiah Clark

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How to be Saved

Hear: Romans 10:14
Believe: Hebrews 11:6
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Sunday October 27, 2024

Bible Study	**29**
Morning Worship	**44**
Evening Worship	**20**
Offering	**$1229.00**
Wednesday	**18**
Attendance Goal	**60**
2024 Baptisms	**1**
2024 Restorations	**0**

Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Class	**9:30AM**
Sunday Morning Worship	**10:30AM**
Sunday Evening Worship	**6:00PM**
Wednesday Bible Class	**7:00PM**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, November 24: Traveling Youth group Newport church of Christ 6:30pm

Thursday, November 28: Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1: Monthly Song Service

Monday, December 2: Elders Meeting

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Welcome to Our Worship
Sunday Morning Message: Doug Wells
Sunday Evening Message: Mark Vaughan

The Empty Pew

Preachers have a distinctive view of the congregation as he stands before them and delivers the message from God's word. As he teaches the lesson, he subconsciously assesses the audience, and immediately knows if the attendance for that day is good or is lacking. As human nature would have it, members have the habit of sitting in the same place for each service they attend. If the congregation is small, the preacher has probably memorized each member's or family's designated pew. So, when those pews are empty, especially for several services, it is a matter of concern for the following reasons:

Is someone sick? Do they need prayer, comfort, or ministered to? "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15a). Are they suffering from loss or tragedy? Do they need God's comfort that can be given through us (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)? Are they at odds with a fellow member? Jesus taught us conflict resolution, even if it needs mediation (Matthew 18:15-20). Is the new convert struggling with their commitment to God? Mature Christians should encourage them (Romans 15:1). Have they been offended by truthful presentation of the scriptures which convict the world of sin (John 16:8)? Have they willfully missed worship while pursuing pleasure? This is idolatry, is sinful and requires repentance (Hebrews 10:24-27). Have they become distracted by life? Work and family obligations can lead us on the gradual road to unfaithfulness (Colossians 3:1-2).

These are just a few of the things that can concern the preacher (or elder) as they observe the empty pew.

Jay Launius

Maud Church of Christ

Maud, TX

Prayer Requests

- † Janet Knotts' ultrasound on her thyroid came back stable with no growth. Praise God for the good news!
- † Delbert White's niece Tonda Cottril has asked for prayers for a medical condition.
- † Danny Carpenter Sr. will be having radiation treatments. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- † Please pray for Ruth Ann Lemon. Her heart test came out normal. She is still waiting for breathing test results.
- † Connie Lynch is still weak and struggling. Please keep her in your prayers and her family as they help to take care of her.
- † Donnie Hendershot had his last radiation treatment Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers for a swift recovery
- † Please remember Paul Facemire's aunt Sharon with her heart condition.
- † Delbert White has recently had eye surgery. Please pray for a swift recovery.
- † Ronda Facemire's sister Carla's husband had skin surgery and is waiting for the biopsy results.
- † Robin Kessinger has been suffering from heart trouble. This is Dan Kessinger's brother.
- † Cheyenne Lockhart, a friend of Jennifer Parsons, has recently found out she has a brain tumor & is having issues with her insurance. Please keep her and her child in your prayers as they navigate this difficult situation.
- † Bob Rhodes, Devin's father, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in his liver. Please pray for him and his family.
- † Elmer & Lula Parker, friends of Gina Vaughan, are experiencing a lot of health problems—please keep them in your prayers.
- † Joy Smith, a friend of Karen Metz, has broken her elbow. Please keep her in your prayers for a swift recovery.

Birthdays

Sam Phillips—November 18th

Anniversaries

Doug & Connie Stephens—November 17th



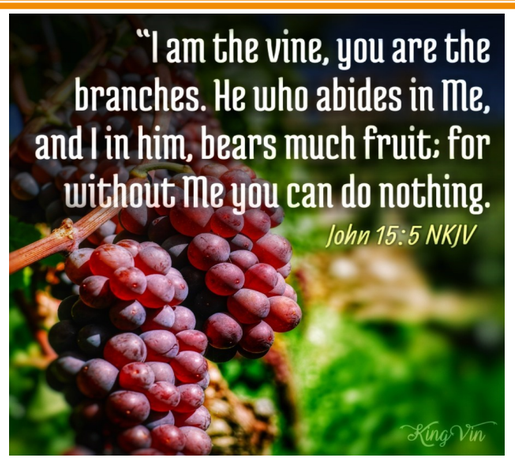
Kanawha Elementary School



The school has asked if we would like to help with Christmas/ holiday items (presents or cash to purchase gifts). They also have a need for items at the school. Sweat pants, undergarments and misc. items.

AREA EVENTS

- † **Gospel Meeting:** Chester church of Christ, Chester WV. Speaker: Hiram Kemp, nightly 7:00pm
- † **Gospel Meeting:** Harmar Hill church of Christ, Marietta, OH. Speaker: Roger Rush, nightly 7:00pm
- † **Gospel Meeting:** Spencer Church of Christ, Spencer WV. November 17-21, nightly at 7:00 pm. Speaker: Charles C Pugh.



Guest Speaker: Doug Wells

Guest Speaker: Mark Vaughan