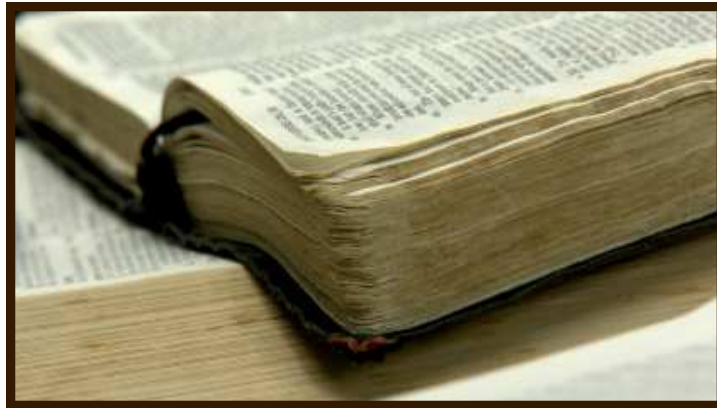


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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The Holy Bible

Though the cover is worn,
And the pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of tears;
Yet more precious than gold
Is this Book worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my fears.
This old Book is my guide.
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my way;
And each promise I find,
Soothes and gladdens the mind,
As I read it and heed it each day.
To this Book I will cling,
Of its worth I will sing,
Though great losses and crosses be mine;
For I cannot despair,
Though surrounded by care,
While possessing this blessing Divine.

Selected

Will you accept the challenge the Elders have set and read the New Testament?
Don't forget to add your name to the sheet on the counter or on the bulletin board in the
rear foyer to commit to reading the New Testament through in 2013.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
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Prayer Requests

Remember our church family in your prayers.

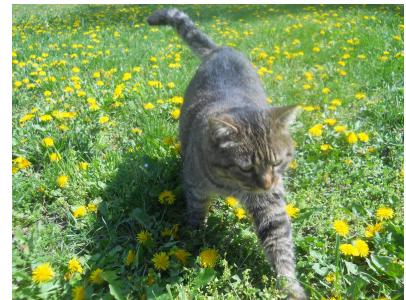
Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Chelsea Doonan, Don Dougherty, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Akers (Don & Brenda Dougherty's neighbor), Patricia Blackman (Family friend to Mary Daniel), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet, and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), John Huxley (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), Donna Ludwig, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Sue Sheppard (Ruth Fox's cousin), David Smith (Friend of Bob Miller), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.

Harvey Caplinger Sr. is scheduled for surgery in Cleveland April 17.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for all the nice birthday cards that reminded me that I SHOULD be officially retired by now. **Mike Wade**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards I received. Each of you are such a blessing and I appreciate you taking the time to send a card. **Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thanks for the prayers, cards and visits at the funeral home. Special thanks to Mary Nesselroad for the food, Jay and Nina, Eric and Amy for the beautiful flowers at the time of my sister's passing, Peggy Morris. In Christian Love, **Nancy Kimes and family**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards I received. **Alex Saunders**
- ♥ We enjoyed all the anniversary cards we recently received. Thank you so much! Love, **Stan and Debi Inman**

A special THANKS to Margaret Dawkins and Bonnie Sams for providing beautiful spring flowers for the church office.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages.

CPR—AED RECERTIFICATION CLASS

The CRP—AED recertification class will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room. See Marion Goldsmith for details.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Colombo's Restaurant Friday, April 19 at noon. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. We need an attendance count.

MEN'S MEETING

The Men's Meeting will be next Sunday, April 21 at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER/VBS WORK SESSION

MNFTM will meet next week, April 22 in the MP Room. (5:45 dinner, 6:15 devotional, and 6:30 work assignments) Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance. As part of MNFTM, we will have a planning and work session for Vacation Bible School. If you will be teaching, or are willing to help, please attend. Let Todd Kirk know if you will be attending.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The sign-up sheet is on the counter for the monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 in the MP Room. All men are invited.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking their annual spring trip to the Amish Country Thursday, May 2. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to go. More details will follow.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

The Post Office food drive will be Saturday, May 11. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you are willing to help. For details see Josh Barclay or John Life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOOVERS', NEW HOMEOWNERS!

Cody, Kristi, Edwin, and Leah's new address is: 1207 Rayon Drive Parkersburg, WV 26101 Telephone: 304.834.3205 (Congratulations!)

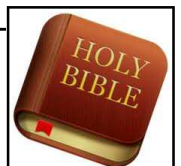


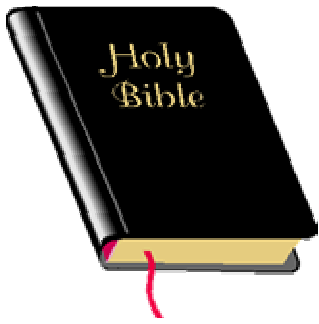
Cartridge Recycling

We are still recycling inkjet cartridges and donating the money to the Christian youth camps. There is a list of the cartridges they accept with the collection boxes in the office and by the card table in the rear of the auditorium.
(They do not accept toner/laser cartridges.)

Daily Bible Reading

April 14—Luke 11:1-28, Jud 3-4
April 15—Lu 11:29-54, Jud 5-6
April 16—Lu 12:1-21, Jud 7-8
April 17—Lu 12:22-40, Jud 9-10
April 18—Lu 12:41-59, Jud 11-13
April 19—Lu 13:1-17, Jud 14-16
April 20—Lu 13:18-35, Jud 17-19
April 21—Lu 14:1-14, Jud 20-21





HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?

The Bible claims to be the word of God. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of references to that fact in Scripture. The apostle Paul wrote that “all scripture is given by the inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16). It was also Paul who commended the church at Thessalonica because they received the word of God not “as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God” (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Are the claims justified? Everything we know about the Bible would indicate that they are.

First, if there is a God, and there is, then it is certainly in keeping with His character to expect Him to communicate His will to His creation in some form. He has done so through the Bible. The first occurrence of God providing written directions for His people came in the deliverance of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:17). In time He revealed His complete will in what we commonly refer to as the Bible.

The Bible is exactly the kind of book we expect from a Divine being. It is accurate. When it touches on the areas of biology, science, history, and geography it demonstrates knowledge far beyond what was commonly known (Job 26:7; Isaiah 40:22). It is utterly impartial in the delineation of human character. It not only speaks of David as a man after God’s own heart, but also shows his human weakness in his sin with Bathsheba.

One is also struck by the unity of the Bible. Although written over a period of some 1,600 years by at least 40 authors of various social economic and educational backgrounds, a “golden thread” runs through the text. Jesus fills its pages (Luke 24:44). Further, prophecy offers conclusive proof of its divine origin. Who, but God, can declare the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10)?

There is no doubt. The Bible is God’s word. We must study it prayerfully, believe it fully, obey it completely, and live it daily. No one will ever regret living as the Bible teaches us to live, but millions will regret not having done so (John 12:48). Are you ready to begin?

Copied

Our Elders set one of the goals for 2013 to have our members read through the New Testament this year. Forms are available on the counter and on the bulletin board in the rear foyer for you to add your name to commit to this goal.

Please check off the box beside your name when you complete. ~Dana Slingluff



Evertt Huffard

Vice President/Dean
Harding School of Theology

Brother Huffard will be speaking to us this morning.

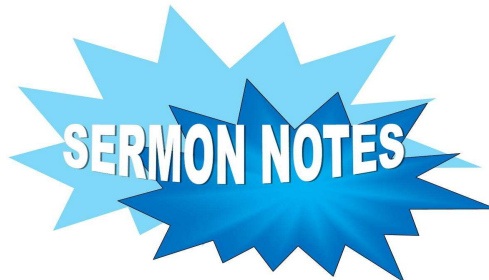
He will be the keynote speaker at the OVU Lectureship this evening.

Dr. Evertt Huffard is VP/Dean and Professor at Harding School of Theology in Memphis, TN. He has been teaching leadership and missions for several years. In 1997 he received the Distinguished Teacher Award from Harding University. He also served as an elder at the Church of Christ at White Station.

His cross-cultural experiences began as a teenager when his parents moved to Jerusalem, Jordan in 1963. He returned to the USA in 1967 and after graduating from Lubbock Christian University (A.A.), Harding University (B.A.), and Harding School of Theology (M.A. and M.Th.) he served in Nazareth, Israel and taught Bible at the Galilee Christian High School. He completed a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1985 with a focus on the Muslim-Christian encounter. He has ten years of urban experience in Los Angeles and Memphis. He lectures on leadership, missions, biblical archaeology, and the Muslim-Christian encounter.

For a couple of decades he has served as a consultant for church leaders and mission teams. From 2003-2007 he consulted/participated in leadership retreats and seminars in 18 churches in AR, CA, FL, GA, KS, IN, MO, MT, NC, OR, TN, and TX as well as Canada and Switzerland. He has assisted with leadership development for mission teams to Africa, Australia, Middle East, South America and Europe. He has also hosted over 25 tour groups to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

Evertt and his wife, Ileene, have three children and seven grandsons.



The 55th Annual OVU Lectureship brochures/schedules are available in the foyers for you to take.

Who At The Door Is Standing

~P. Nygard



What a beautiful song and message this is! It stirs my soul when we sing this, and it makes me conscience of the Lord's tremendous love and patience. Think about these words from the second stanza:

"All thro' the dark hours dreary, knocking again is He; Jesus art Thou not weary, waiting so long for me?"

Many people wait so long before submitting to Jesus and becoming Christians. Thankfully He is so patient. We, as Christians, often procrastinate in our coming back to the Lord when we have sinned. Christians and non-Christians lay awake at night and our consciences prick us. That's what the song is talking about, during the dreary hours, Jesus is "knocking" on our hearts and hoping we will reconcile with Him. Consider the thoughts of David as he expresses the heaviness he feels in his heart: (Psalm32:4) "For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer." We've all felt that way at some point haven't we?

Here is the response the Lord wants in the third stanza: *"Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide; tho' He rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide."*

The Lord wants to abide with all people. Of course, He can't abide with all people as they won't all submit their will and ways to Him. That is the thrust of the song. He is waiting so long. He is standing at the doorway of our heart, patiently waiting for us to open it. The refrain of the song ends with this statement: *"If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee."* "If" is a big word and it will keep people separated from the Lord. However, if we do His will, He will be with us forever. He will be with us through the good times and the times when we don't know how we can continue. He will be there on Judgment Day and tell God that we are His and to welcome us home.

Have you let Jesus in? Is He still patiently waiting outside the door of your heart? When will you let Him in or allow Him back into your life? Don't make Him wait long as we may not be here to answer the door tomorrow.

Youth Rally

at the
North End Church of Christ

Friday, April 19 (6:30-8:30)

Saturday, April 20 (9:00-3:45)

A collaborative effort with the Grand
Central congregation.



Grand Central Rally

Grades 3-6

North End Rally

Grades 7-12 and Adults

Registration forms and details are available on the "Youth" bulletin board by the office. **Sign-up sheets are on the counter.**

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- All 6th-12th grade students are invited to the devotional in the MP Room next Sunday, April 21 after AM worship and Bible classes.
- K-5th grade devotional at the Herridge's home Friday, May 3 at 6:00PM.
- Saturday, May 11 our youth will be helping with the Postal Food Drive.



Sign-up sheets are on the counter for each of these.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A man filling out a job application came to this question, “Have you ever been arrested?” His answer was “No.” The next question, which was meant for those who had answered “Yes”, asked, “Why?” The man answered the question truthfully, by declaring, “Never got caught!”

Clearly, there are many in our world who have never been arrested simply because they have never gotten caught. Of course, those who do wrong WILL one day get caught when they stand before God. If we want to come out on the right side of things one day, we must do right.

Solomon declared, “Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.....But it will not be well with the wicked; neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.” (Ecclesiastes 8:11,12)

Solomon also said, “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- May 1—*Ted & Rebecca Miller
- May 2—Calvin Martin
- May 3—Kristi Hoover
- May 5—Linda Blair, Belinda Buckley
- May 7—Don Gaston, Jim Hinzman, Madonna Smith, *John & Karen Life
- May 10—Dwain Shears
- May 11—Austin Hennen, Herb Wright
- May 12—Kiley Goldsmith, Jenny Ware, *Chris & Terri Cox
- May 13—Michael Ludwig, Paul Nygard
- May 14—Braden Hesselrode, Bill Pralley, *Bob & Gala Miller
- May 15—Dave Nulter, Brady Sheppard, William “Bill” Smith
- May 16—Leonard Haid
- May 19—Doug Hinzman
- May 20—Jay Chevront, Rick Stanley, Brenan Yoho
- May 21—*Jon & Brandi Hescht
- May 22—Kira Miller
- May 23—Cindy Huxley, *Don & Sharon Midkiff
- May 26—*Delmas & Naomi Carr
- May 27—Kaelyn Alexander
- May 28—Sarah Hinzman
- May 29—John Rockhold III

William “Bill” Smith
C/O WV Veteran’s Nursing Facility
One Freedoms Way
Clarksburg, WV 26301

*Anniversary

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Opportunities To Serve
Sunday, April 21

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
 PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders
 Close - Jon Hescht
 6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner
 Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem
 PM - Bob Miller

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Kody Inman
 PM - Scott Johnson
 Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



Area Gospel Meetings/Events

April 14-17

55th Annual OVU Lectureship Series (Flyers in the foyers.)

April 14-17

Pennsboro congregation
 Speaker: Eddie Melott

April 21-26

Chapel Hill congregation in Gallipolis, OH
 Speaker: Andy Robison

April 21-25

West Ripley congregation
 Speaker: Peter Ray Cole

May 2

Senior Saint Day
 North End congregation
 To register call the building at 304.422.0489.

Ladies Inspiration Days

April 20—Bridgeport congregation
 Speakers: Sally Shank and Tracy Crites

Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Points TO Ponder

**Proud Men End In Shame,
 But the Humble Become Wise!**

**It is better to live for Christ. . .
 Than to wish you had.**

**The Lawn Crew for this week
 is the Dean crew.**



They include Mark Dean, Dwain Shears, Chris Tallman, and Donovan Walton.

Facts and Figures

April 7, 2013

AM Service.....302
 Bible Study.....239
 PM Service.....217
 Wednesday.....222

Contribution\$9485.10

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....1
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....0
 Placed Membership....5

54TH ANNUAL STEPPING STONES CONVENTION

All Stepping Stones members are invited to the 54th Annual Stepping Stones Convention Saturday, April 27 at OVU. Registration: 8:00-8:30AM. Cost: \$15.00, includes breakfast and lunch. Call Susan Cockerham 304.482.8540 for registration form and information. Registration due by April 25.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

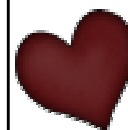
Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Lubeck congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

April 21
CHURCHES OF CHRIST