

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER VBS WORK SESSION

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening 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.

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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.

Please let Todd Kirk know if you will be attending.

**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  
 Brian Haught  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
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- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and gifts. **Patrick Davis**
- ♥ **Naomi Carr** wants to say THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers and kindness expressed during her recent illness. A special Thank You to Doug Hinzman and Sharon Herridge for their care on Easter Sunday.



Harvey Caplinger Sr. had surgery at Cleveland Clinic Wednesday.  
 The last word we had, he was doing well.

**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), 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), Melinda Rader, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (Friend of Bob Miller), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

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

We extend our sympathy to Ethan Ash in the passing of his grandfather, Louis Franklin "Fritz" Cooper. He passed away Monday in North Lawrence, OH. Also, to Ruth Fox in the passing of her cousin, Sue Shepherd. Her funeral was Tuesday.



## **MEN'S MEETING**

The Men's Meeting will be today at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

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

## **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.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

## **LOVE & CARE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

Care Group 2 will be conducting the service at Love and Care next Sunday at 2:30 and Thursday evening, May 2 at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## **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. Itineraries are also on the counter.

## **BRIAN HAUGHT**

We rejoice that Brian Haught has accepted the position of deacon. He was reappointed last Sunday evening. We are glad to have Brian, Natalie, Holly, and Ben back with us at Camden Avenue.

## **Daily Bible Reading**

April 21—Lu 14:1-14, Jud 20-21  
April 22—Lu 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2  
April 23—Lu 15, Ruth 3-4  
April 24—Lu 16, 1 Sam 1-3  
April 25—Lu 17:1-19, 1 Sam 4-6  
April 26—Lu 17:20-37, 1 Sam 7-9  
April 27—Lu 18:1-17, 1 Sa 10-12  
April 28—Lu 18:18-43, 1 Sa 13-14

Hope you're accepting the challenge to read the New Testament through this year.

There is a sheet on the counter and on the bulletin board in the rear foyer to sign and commit to the reading.

## **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.

## **GRADUATION PICTURES**

Pictures of 2013 graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by Sunday, May 12.



(Please include graduate's name and school information.)

The graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin.



## Faith, Hope, Love & Church Attendance

While spiritual gifts have ceased and are no longer needed or possessed by Christians today (1 Corinthians 13:8-12), that which is still needed greatly and abiding deeply within all faithful Christians are faith, hope and love (13:13). Have you ever considered how these impact a Christian's life today, including our attendance at Bible class and worship services?

How does your FAITH impact your church attendance? How strong is your faith? How deep is your faith? In whom have you placed your faith? Is your faith in the Almighty God? Is your faith in the resurrected Lord?

Christians are reminded, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe..." (Hebrews 11:6). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to make your faith stronger? To make your faith deeper? To show the Almighty God and resurrected Lord your faith is truly in them? How is your faith expressed by your attendance?

How does your HOPE impact your church attendance? How firm is your hope? How alive is your hope? In whom is your hope founded? Is your hope steadfastly anchored in God and the heavenly abode? Is the resurrected Christ in you, the hope of your glory?

Christians are encouraged, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering...firm to the end" (Hebrews 10:23; 3:6). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to revive your hope? To strengthen the hold of your hope? To ground your hope more firmly and more deeply in your Savior's love? How is your hope expressed by your attendance?

How does your LOVE impact your church attendance? How fervent is your love for the Lord? How committed is your love? Does your love for the Lord engulf your entire being/life?

Christians are commanded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind" (Luke 10:27). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to make your love more fervent? More committed? How is your love expressed by your attendance?

Church attendance is not about you...it's not about the church...it's not about who else is there. Church attendance is, like every other Christian endeavor and Christian responsibility, about one's faith, hope and love in God!

# Love Your Neighbor

(Luke 10:25-37)



“You shall love the \_\_\_\_\_ your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your mind, and your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.” But he wanting to \_\_\_\_\_ himself, said to Jesus, “And \_\_\_\_\_ is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:27-29)

“So which of these three do you think was \_\_\_\_\_ to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed \_\_\_\_\_ on him.” Then Jesus said unto him, “Go and do \_\_\_\_\_.” (Luke 10:36-37)

**Compassion - Not \_\_\_\_\_.** But, whoever has this \_\_\_\_\_ goods, and sees his brother in \_\_\_\_\_, and shuts up his \_\_\_\_\_ from him, how does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in \_\_\_\_\_ or in tongue, but in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.” (I John 3:17-18) **Compassion shows \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Compassion is godly \_\_\_\_\_ - a concern that motivates one into \_\_\_\_\_.** “By this we know \_\_\_\_\_, because He laid down his \_\_\_\_\_ for us. And we also ought to lay down our \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.” (I John 3:16) **Compassion comes with a \_\_\_\_\_.**

Three questions Jesus answered about \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

**#1) Who is my neighbor? Our duty of love is not limited those of our own \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.** “There is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor free, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ or female; for you are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28) **Our duty to love is not limited to those of a similar \_\_\_\_\_ standing.** “And if you do \_\_\_\_\_ to those who do good to you, what \_\_\_\_\_ is that to you? For even \_\_\_\_\_ do the same.... Therefore, be \_\_\_\_\_, just as your Father is also merciful.” (Luke 6:33,36) **Who is my neighbor? Is not based on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, even on \_\_\_\_\_.** **A neighbor is anyone who stands in need of our \_\_\_\_\_.** “Therefore, as we have \_\_\_\_\_, let us do \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men, especially those of the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

**#2) How are we to love our neighbor? Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.** “Let each of you \_\_\_\_\_ out not only for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the interests of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Philippians 2:4)

**#3) What does this have to do with my relationship to God? Our love for God is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have for one another.** “If someone says, “I love \_\_\_\_\_,” and \_\_\_\_\_ his brother, he is a \_\_\_\_\_.” (I John 4:20) “And if there is any other commandment, all are summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.’ Love does no \_\_\_\_\_ to a neighbor, therefore \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.” (Romans 13:9-10) “In as much as you did it unto one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of these My \_\_\_\_\_, you did it to \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 25:40)



## Twenty Seconds of Courage

~P. Nygard

Every now and then a song or a movie comes along that just makes you feel good inside. In the movie, *We Bought a Zoo*, a scene is played out between a young man named Dylan and his father Benjamin. Dylan, who is confused about his feelings for a young lady says, "I like her. It's like you embarrass yourself if you say something, and you embarrass yourself if you don't"

Benjamin grins at his son in that way fathers have, takes a deep breath, and replies, "*You know, sometimes all you need is twenty seconds of insane courage. Just literally twenty seconds of embarrassing bravery, and I promise you...something great will come of it.*"

There are times in our lives that all we need is a little moment of insane courage in order to do great things for God. Caleb displayed great inner strength when he faced the weakness of the people and said of the Promised Land, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are able to overcome it." (Num 13.30, 14) Daniel and later his friends were able to gather their courage in the face of an angry King Nebuchadnezzar when the king asked, "and who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" (Dan 3.16-18) Peter and John showed their trust and devotion to Jesus in the face of the high priest and other rulers of the Jews when they boldly declared the power of Jesus Christ to the people, even in the face of certain punishment or death. (Acts 3.12-26)

Finding that moment of insane courage that is needed to face down evil, to turn away from sinful actions, to stand up to your friends and family if need be, or to rise up and say, "I am ready to be a faithful servant of the Lord. What is stopping me from being baptized?", can be terrifying.

Take courage, *we are not alone!* God will strengthen us. The apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Php 4.13) Christ will strengthen you too. All you need is literally twenty seconds of insane courage, and I promise you...something great will come of it.



- All 6th-12th grade students are invited to the devotional in the MP Room **today** 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.**

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## LLL RECOGNITION

Next Sunday, April 28 after morning services everyone is invited to our Lads to Leaders recognition in the MP Room. Bring your favorite finger foods for lunch. We will acknowledge all of the hard work our children have done for the LLL this past year.

**Todd Kirk**



**START THE COUNT  
DOWN!**

Vacation Bible School  
will be  
June 9–12.

Mark the date and plan to  
attend.

**Bring a friend to VBS!**

(VBS work session tomorrow evening  
in the MP Room with MNFTM.)

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

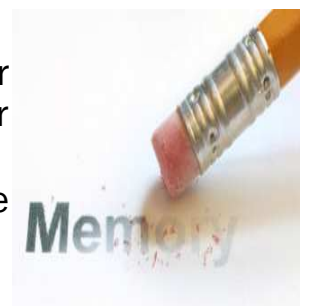
Memory is powerful. It blesses us, reproves us, and defines us. It can bring a smile or a tear. It can make us feel good or make us feel small.

Memory helps us to understand others, because we can recall our own experiences and identify with them. Memory is essential to have the ability to put ourselves in others shoes.

Some things we remember, we wish we could forget. Unfortunately, some memories remind us of our sorrows and our failures. We remember some things only with regret and remorse. At other times we wish we could remember fully the things we have forgotten. Tastes and smells of holidays, the beauty of a sunset, a first date, or a house full of children are memories that bring the warm glow of love. We wish we could live them again, even for a little while.

Have you forgotten what it means to have your sins forgiven, or your lives changes, your destinies changed? Do you want to have your relationship to God reconciled? **I hope so!**

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



**Opportunities To Serve**  
**Sunday, April 28**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk**

**SONG LEADERS**

AM - Rick Stanley  
 PM—Jim Galloway

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Gary Herridge  
 Close - Ryan Gaston  
 6:00 PM - Delmas Carr  
 Close - Keith Smith

**SCRIPTURE**

AM - Bill Camp  
 PM - Cody Young

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Bob Smith  
 PM - Leonard Haid  
 Braden Hesselrode

**PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray**

**Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave here Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the South Logan (Ohio) congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY" each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



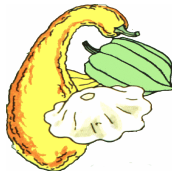
**UPCOMING TOPIC**  
 April 28  
 A MEMBER OF THE BODY

Let's **BEET** the devil



and

**SQUASH** poor attendance.



**TURNIP** at every service.



If you have been missing Bible study on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening you are missing a wonderful opportunity to study more about God and His word.

Why not come and join in the study?  
 We need you!

**Area Gospel Meetings/Events**

**April 21-26**

Chapel Hill congregation in Gallipolis, OH  
 Speaker: Andy Robison

**April 21-25**

West Ripley congregation  
 Speaker: Peter Ray Cole

**May 12-17**

Congregation at Rt 23/Water St. & Kyle Ave. in Salem, WV  
 Speaker: Phil Gear

**May 2**

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

**Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.**

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

They include  
 Josh Barclay,  
 Jon Hescht, Kyle  
 Inman, and  
 Daniel Nygard.



**Facts and Figures**

April 14, 2013

AM Service.....311  
 Bible Study.....244  
 PM Service.....224  
 Wednesday.....235

Contribution .....\$7719.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013**

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

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

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

**Wednesday**

Bible Study.....7:00PM