

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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TODAY

Lads to Leaders Recognition after Bible classes (MP Room)
Love and Care service at 2:30
Deacon's Meeting at 5:00

MONDAY

Love and Care sing at 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at 7:00PM

THURSDAY

Golden Agers Amish Country trip
Love and Care service at 7:00PM

FRIDAY

K-5th grade devotional at the Herridge's home at 6:00PM
Friday Night Sing at Lynn Street congregation

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
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**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), 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.



- ♥ Thank you to Joyce Wright for preparing the communion bread for this month.
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. **Bob Miller**

If you would be willing to babysit Kylie Wadlington, please see Carla or contact her at 304.488.3659.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice that Bruce and Kelly Brown, and their daughter, Mary placed membership with us. Their address is: 85 Appaloosa Road, Leroy, WV 25252. Telephone: 304.273.2119. They will be in Care Group 1. We welcome them to Camden Avenue.

LLL RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to our Lads to Leaders recognition in the MP Room today after worship and Bible classes. Bring your favorite finger foods for lunch.

LOVE & CARE SERVICE

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

DEACON'S MEETING

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

LOVE & CARE SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. The residents enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking their annual spring trip to the Amish Country this Thursday, May 2. The sign-up sheet and itineraries are on the counter.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday, May 5 in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week, May 6 in the MP Room. (5:45 dinner, 6:15 devotional, and 6:30 work assignments) Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance and food items.

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.

DOUG HINZMAN'S BIRTHDAY(S)

Doug's birthday is May 19. It was accidentally on the church calendar twice...Guess one a year is enough?!



Transportation to Dana's Gospel Meeting, April 29...

We plan to support the Gospel Meeting that Dana will be holding at the Millstone, WV congregation in Calhoun county.

Transportation will leave here at 5:15 tomorrow evening, April 29 to be there by 7:00.

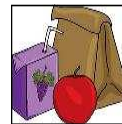
Plan to go with us and enjoy the ride through the country and encourage the brethren there.

Daily Bible Reading



April 28—Lu 18:18-43, 1 Sa 13-14
April 29—Lu 19:1-27, 1 Sa 15-16
April 30—Lu 19:28-48, 1 Sa 17
May 1—Lu 20:1-26, 1 Sa 18-19
May 2—Lu 20:27-47, 1 Sa 20-22
May 3—Lu 21:1-24, 1 Sa 23-24
May 4—Lu 21:25-38, 1 Sa 25-26
May 5—Lu 22:1-23, 1 Sa 27-29

There is a sheet on the counter and on the bulletin board in the rear foyer to sign and commit to the reading the New Testaments through this year.



LADIES LUNCH

The Ladies lunch will be Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 at Fort Boreman Park (Underwood shelter). This will be a brown bag lunch.

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.

“The Teenage Years”



The teen years are usually seen as a time for young people to find themselves. They are the years of experimentation. They are the rebellious years. Thankfully, however, many teens do not view their teenage years this way. My experience with teenagers has been a very positive one. Nearly all the teenagers I have had the opportunity to know well have been outstanding young people. There have been a few exceptions, but they were just that, exceptions. I refuse to let those bad experiences sour my attitude toward all young people.

I'm optimistic when I see the talent and drive of today's youth. They understand the importance of hard work and commitment. They realize that short term sacrifices will result in long term rewards. They manage to juggle the demands of school, work, and extracurricular activities quite well. Those I know best have strong views regarding the direction our nation has taken in recent years, and the need to get back on course. They are committed to building a better nation upon a strong moral and ethical foundation. They believe they can make a difference. They can and will!

If your experiences do not mirror my own it may be because, unlike you, the teenagers I have known have come from a unique background. They are the products of Christian homes where God is respected and obedience expected. It does make a difference. Solomon urged: *“Remember now the Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them”* (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Those who obey Christ in their teen years are putting themselves on a path that will spare them much harm and result in much good for the rest of their lives. They understand that the laws of God were designed for their welfare.

If I had one wish for young people of this nation, it would be that they all would have the opportunity to grow up in a Christian home, to know God, and to follow Jesus early in life. I realize that a wish like that doesn't just happen. I may not be able to impact every home in America, but I can impact my own home, and you can impact yours. We owe it to our kids.

The Lips of a Priest

Malachi 2.7-9

I. The lips of a priest should keep knowledge (v2.7)

- A. Christians should have the -- _____.
- B. Acts 8.35 – Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this scripture, preached Jesus to him.
- C. Titus 2.1-10 – Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.
- D. If you do not spend time in God's word, _____?
- E. If you once spent time with Him in word and prayer, but no longer do, _____?

II. People should seek the law from his (priest) mouth (v2.7).

- A. Priests were to be _____ & _____ to the people.
- B. If there was a question about God or His law, a _____ is where you might turn.
- C. Are we _____? (I Pet 3.15)
 - 1. Rich young ruler (Mt 19.16) – Good teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?
 - 2. Lk 24.45 – and He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the scriptures.
- D. The right answers given _____ bear fruit for God.

III. He is a messenger of the lord.

- A. It should be plain by now that are also God's messengers.
 - 1. _____ was _____ from God through Christ (Acts 10.36)
 - 2. _____ inspired truth of God (I Cor 2.12-13)
 - 3. Holy men of God _____ as the Spirit moved (2 Pet 1.20-21)
 - 4. The word is _____ (Jn 17.17)

IV. The failings of the priesthood (2.8-9).

- A. Departed _____ (Heb 3.12). – Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- B. Caused _____ (I Cor 8.7-10). – But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak (v.9)

Paul Nygard will be speaking today in Dana's absence.

Dana begins a Gospel Meeting at the Millstone, WV congregation today through Wednesday.

We pray for his safe travels and that the brethren will be strengthened.

Don't Blow Out My Candle

~Source Unknown



Probably all of us are familiar with the children's song, "This Little Light Of Mine." Many have specific memories of enthusiastically singing it as a child. The song teaches the importance of our Christian example and how we need to demonstrate Christ to our communities through the way we live our lives.

In particular, one verse of the song says, "Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine..." The danger of allowing the Devil to "blow out" our light is very real. Through enticing temptations, Satan can in a moment, destroy our influence in the eyes of our community. Through sexual temptation, alcohol, drugs, dishonesty, and greed, our Christian light can be "blown out." That's not to say we are helpless from then on out. It is to say, however, that re-lighting your candle so that it shines brightly before your neighbors and peers is often difficult. It's like trying to start a fire with a lighter that is almost out of fuel. The sparks may eventually take hold and get a fire going, but it probably will take time. Yes, the Devil can through worldly devices, "blow out our candle."

But that's not the half of it! Not only can the Devil use worldly devices to destroy our example, he can use my very own brethren to accomplish the same thing. Allow the Devil to get a grip in the lives of some members of the Lord's church, and just see what damage he can do!

Let the Devil get a hold of some brethren and see what harm they can cause through gossip. Many faithful children of God have been ruined in a community because of some scandalous gossip that was perpetuated by their own brethren. Please, don't blow out your brother's candle!

The Devil sometimes gets a hold of some brethren and uses them to cause discontent within a congregation. When this happens, brethren are often so blinded by this spirit of discontentment, that they can see no good. Consequently, brethren who are working as hard and diligent as they know how for the cause of Christ become discouraged and disheartened. Please, don't blow out your brother's candle!

Submitted by Paul Nygard

The Third Annual Spring Apologetics Lectures **THE HISTORICAL JESUS**

May 9 at the Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV

"Jesus of Nazareth (The Christ), As Set Forth in the New Testament, Is an Actual, Historical Person"

"Jesus of Nazareth (The Christ), As Set Forth in the New Testament, Is Not an Actual, Historical Person"

"The Case for the Christ of the New Testament"

Question and Answer Session

Speakers: Dr. Ralph Gilmore, Dr. Robert M. Price, Dick Sztanyo, and Roy Abraham Varghese

Lunch provided. Seminar is free. (Registration 9:00-9:30, Program 9:30-4:00)

Reservations required by MAY 1.

DETAILS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BOTH FOYERS.

A THINK STORY



A little boy once asked his dad what a “Christian” was. The dad replied that a Christian is a person who loves and obeys God. He loves his friends and neighbors and expresses his appreciation for other Christians. He even loves his enemies and prays for them that they might be blessed. He prays often and blesses God’s holy name in reverent worship. He is kind, considerate, gentle, courteous in his speech and in his selfless attitude. He lives a life that is pure and holy and is a Christian through and through.

The little boy thought for a moment and then asked another question “Daddy, have I ever seen one?”

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Todd Kirk



CALLING ALL YOUTH

- 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

What’s your passion in life? What is it that you love to talk about? Most of us have that special something, or maybe several things, that really get us going. Maybe it’s your family or friends. Or maybe you have a hobby that you are ready to talk about at the drop of a hat. Whatever it is, you can’t stop telling people about how much fun you had and why they should join you next time. Your special interest is something that affects who you are and how you live. It also tells the world a lot about YOU!

So, does the world around you recognize that you have been with Jesus? Do you talk about Him? Do you spend time with Jesus through Bible study and prayer?

When we spend time with Him, it changes our lives. People will recognize that, and want to know what our secret is! Why don’t we try to make sure that the thing we love the most and that we are most passionate about is our Lord. Jeremiah 20:9 tells us that our passion will be “like a burning fire within our bones.” Keep your fire burning!

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, May 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
 PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Barry Mills
 Close—Ethan Ash
 6:00 PM—Bill Lemley
 Close—Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Tim Proffitt
 PM—Kevin Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Hoover
 PM—Russ Alton
 Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM— Jim Galloway



NEW ROOF

Thanks to our building insurance company we are getting new roofing on our educational wings of the building. Last June when the derecho storm hit this area, damage was done to the shingles. Some patching was done at that time to get us through to now. Luckily, we only have to pay the deductible. We ask your patience with the mess and equipment in the way during this time.

Thank you.
Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, Doug Hershman, and Dwain Shears.

Facts and Figures

April 21, 2013
 AM Service.....295
 Bible Study.....226
 PM Service.....218
 Wednesday.....230
 Contribution\$5906.25

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

Area Gospel Meetings/Events

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.

May 2

Everyone is invited to a concert by The OVU A Cappella Singers at 7:00PM in Roberts Chapel at OVU . Free and open to the public.

May 11

Ladies Day at the Hopewell congregation
 Speaker: Mary Aebi Daugherty

Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC
 May 5
 HUNGERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Friday Night Sing



The sing will be at the Lynn Street congregation this week at 7:00.