

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Tomorrow—Monday Night For The Master

Tuesday—Tuesday Evening Ladies Class

Wednesday—7:00PM Bible Study

Thursday—Warren Apologetics seminar

Friday—Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night



Everyone is invited to the Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night this Friday at 6:00 in the MP Room.

(Come enjoy Herb Wright's delicious soup beans.)

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance.



Don't forget your games.



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
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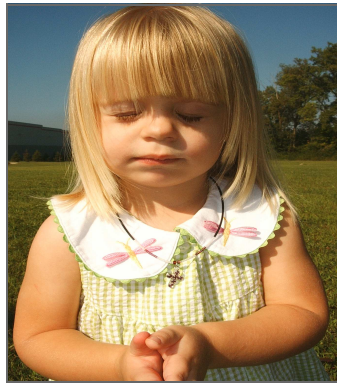
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Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the cards for my second birthday.
Edwin Hoover

We extend our sympathy to Nancy Kimes and family in the passing of her sister, Peggy Morris. Funeral services were held yesterday in Parkersburg.



Prayer Requests

Please remember Harvey Caplinger Sr. in your prayers. He is scheduled for surgery in Cleveland April 17.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Chelsea Doonan, Don Dougherty, Bob and Lillie Fox, Stormi Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, 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, 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.

Church News & Announcements



GUEST SPEAKER THIS EVENING

Matt Cook will be speaking this evening. He will be giving us an update on the Peru mission work. Please be here to listen to Brother Cook.

MEETINGS THIS EVENING

Golden Agers are asked to meet after services in Room 109. Anyone that would like to help with the college dinner meet this evening after services in Room 112.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening. (5:45 dinner, 6:15 devo., and 6:30 work assignments.) Sign-up sheets are in the counter for food items and attendance.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday ladies class will meet this week at 6:00 in the MP Room. The ladies will have a covered dish dinner before class. Patty Sayre will be teaching.

WARREN CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS CENTER SEMINAR

Transportation will leave Thursday evening at 6:15 for the Warren Apologetics seminar at Ritchie County High School. The theme is "Christ, Life, and American Culture." Brother Andy Robison will be speaking on Christ and the Founders. We will return to the building around 10:00PM.

SOUP BEAN DINNER—GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to the soup bean dinner-game night this Friday, April 12 at 6:00 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheets for food and attendance are on the counter. Please bring games.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

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

CPR—AED RECERTIFICATION CLASS

It is time for those who are CPR and AED certified to be recertified. The class will be Monday, April 15 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Please let Marion Goldsmith know if you are planning to attend the class.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Colombo's Restaurant Friday, April 19 at 12:00. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. We must give them an attendance count.

2013 GOAL TO READ NEW TESTAMENT

Our Elders set one of our goals for 2013 to have our members read through the New Testament this year. Forms are on the bulletin boards in the front and rear foyers for you to add your name to commit to this goal. Please check off the box beside your name when you complete.

Raising Your Children to be Christians



From time to time, we discuss the problem of keeping our young people in the church. Our congregations are larger and better organized, and many have active youth programs. We still face the battle of retaining these young people after they become adults.

The solution to this problem must begin in our homes. Let us look at some areas that I feel are important, based upon my own family and past experiences.

Parent's Character

- 1.) **Parents must develop the character of Christ.** They need to have love and compassion for others.
- 2.) **Humility and repentance are essential.** Be able to admit your mistakes.
- 3.) **Always be a good example.** Do and speak as you want your children to do and speak. Be totally honest.

Life Activities

- 1.) **We must make spiritual matters our priorities.** The assemblies of the church must come first before any other activities. Sometimes we have to work, but we should strive to be at all assemblies and Bible classes that we can.
- 2.) **We should not become so involved in sports, school, social, or civic activities that we do not have time for the activities of the church.** Serving and teaching others should be the most important activities of our lives, no matter what occupation we have.
- 3.) **We must provide activities in which our children can be involved to serve and help others.** Preschoolers will enjoy this as much as the teenagers.

Teaching and Guiding

- 1.) **Our children must see that Christ is part of our daily lives.** We should sing, pray, and study the Bible together as a family every day.
- 2.) **We must teach the Bible to our children.** They cannot learn everything they need in two hours of Bible classes each week. Support their Bible class teachers by seeing that they study lessons ahead of time.
- 3.) **Do not spend much time criticizing them for what they are or what they do not do.** Inspire them to do better, and give them alternatives on what is better.

We all fall short in all of these areas. We must determine to do better. Let us not sit around in self-pity because of our failings, but let us take action in faith. We need to pray daily for our children, even in their presence. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). The wise man, Solomon, said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Let us not be like Solomon and know how and not do it, but let us do what we know to do.

“Come to the feast!”

Luke 14:15-24



“A certain man gave a great _____ and invited _____, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, _____ for all things now are ready. But they with one accord began to make _____.” (Luke 14:16-18)

“Then the master said to the servant “Go out into the _____ and the _____, and _____ them to come in, that my house may be _____.” (Luke 14:23)

Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus closely?

Which seats did Jesus say they should take when they went to a feast?

Who did Jesus say they should invite when they had a feast?

Three excuses made by those who turned down the invitation?

“I have bought a _____ and must go and see it.”

“I have bought _____ and I’m going to test them.”

“I have _____ a wife, therefore I _____ come.”

What people rejected God’s invitation (the gospel of Jesus Christ)?

Of whom was it said “They trusted in themselves that they were _____ and _____ others.” (Luke 18:9)

The application of this parable today:

God has invited us to a feast!

“I have come that you might have _____, and have it _____.” (John 10:10)

There are many invited who will not _____.

There are no _____ not to come to Jesus only _____.

Two of those who were called were preoccupied with _____
_____. One who was called was more concerned about _____.

“Who ever loves _____ or _____ more than Me is not worthy of Me.”
(Matthew 10:37)

There are many who would come if we would _____ them.



Hurt People Can Hurt People

When I was a teenager, I had a dog that was hit by a car. His hip was broken in the accident. Obviously, he was in a lot of pain. So when I picked him up to take him to the vet, do you know what he did? *He bit me!* I was only trying to be kind and help, but he bit me.

Same song, second verse...

Have you ever tried to reach out to someone who was obviously in pain in an effort to help them? When you have done so, have you ever been “bitten” by those you were trying to help? If so, I wouldn’t be at all surprised. You see, I’ve come to realize that hurt people hurt people.

So here are two challenges.

Don’t let your fear of being “bitten” keep you from doing good for others. Seldom does doing good and helping another come without cost.

And two when you’re hurting, and someone tries to reach out to you and offer you help, resist the urge to “bite” and graciously accept their help, understanding that they are seeking your good.

Remember, being a Christian is much more than having the right answers to biblical questions. It’s also making oneself available to be used by Jesus to reach out to a hurting world with a healing message. Let’s be sure we share the love of Christ with our words and our deeds.

“By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

Submitted by Paul Nygard



Daily Bible Reading

- April 7—Lu 8:19-39, Jos 13-14
- April 8—Lu 8:40-56, Jos 15-16
- April 9—Lu 9:1-27, Jos 17-18
- April 10—Lu 9:28-45, Jos 19-20
- April 11—Lu 9:46-62, Jos 21-22
- April 12—Lu 10:1-20, Jos 23-24
- April 13—Lu 10:21-42, Jud 1-2
- April 14—Lu 11:1-28, Jud 3-4

Our church pantry is in need of: peanut butter, jelly, gravy, applesauce, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce/pasta, canned carrots and potatoes, saltine crackers, and boxed macaroni and cheese.
Items may be left in the library or office.

Please leave your coupons in the library for the coupon exchange.
Feel free to take any that you can use.

If you would like to join the area traveling youth group and worship at the Barlow-Vincent congregation this evening, please see Paul Saunders this morning.

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 are available on the bulletin board by the office.

Details are on the “Youth” bulletin board by the office.

April 21—6th-12th grade devo. in MP Room after AM worship and Bible classes. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank each person for your support of our recent trip for Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes. There are many different ways you have supported this effort. No matter what your contribution was, it was greatly appreciated.

We are very proud of the growth that our children experience through participating in the many events—they put a lot of hard work into preparing. Each year we see our children expand their roles in becoming future Christian leaders. This would not be possible without the support from so many of you and your generosity with donations of money and time.

Watch for upcoming information about our get together to recognize their accomplishments. We hope you will come and share with us.

Bill Mills and Todd Kirk

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

One of the many acknowledged true stories about Abraham Lincoln relates to a day when Lincoln went down to the slave block in Washington, D.C. during the war. He saw a girl being sold. He took money out of his pocket and bought her. Then he said to her, “Young lady, you are free.”

She said, “Please, sir, what does that mean?”

Lincoln said, “It means you are free.”

She asked, “Does that mean I can say whatever I want to say?”

He answered, “Yes, you can say whatever you want to say.”

She asked, “Does that mean I can be whatever I want to be?”

He replied, “Yes, it means you can be whatever you want to be.”

She asked, “Does that mean I can go wherever I want to go?”

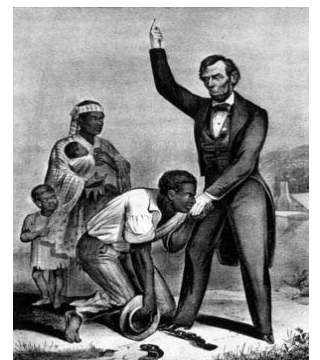
He said, “Yes, you can go wherever you want to go.”

And the girl with tears streaming down her face said, “Then I will go with you.”

Who should we follow? Who, like Lincoln, has offered to save our lives?

Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” Luke 9:23-24)

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 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
 PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan
 Close - Bill Mills
 6:00 PM - Ethan Ash
 Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Hall
 PM - Braden Hesselrode

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Donald Midkiff
 PM - Michael Fleak
 Daniel Nygard

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

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

They include
 Josh Barclay,
 Delmas Carr,
 Evan Fleak, and
 Todd Kirk.



Facts and Figures

March 31, 2013

AM Service.....297
 Bible Study.....208
 PM Service.....191
 Wednesday.....222
 Contribution\$6508.75

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

April 8-11

Mineral Wells congregation
 Speaker: Bob Noland

April 8-12

Creighton Ridge congregation
 Various speakers

April 14-17

55th Annual OVU Lectureship Series

April 21-26

Chapel Hill congregation in Gallipolis, OH
 Speaker: Andy Robison

April 21-25

West Ripley congregation
 Speaker: Peter Ray Cole

April 12-13

Stark County Men's Retreat

*** Speakers include Dana Slingluff and Harold Shank ***

April 13

Senior Christian Day
 Congregation at Virginia Avenue & Second Street-Chester, WV

April 13

Golden Ageds Day
 New Concord congregation

May 2

Senior Saint Day
 North End congregation

To register call the building at 304.422.0489.

May 4

Belpre congregation have invited us to join them on a trip to Bob's Market in Mason, WV. Details on the bulletin boards.

Ladies Inspiration Days

April 13—Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Day at Grand Central

April 20—Bridgeport congregation

Speakers: Sally Shank and Tracy Crites

Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
 Your presence has been a blessing!*

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 6:15 this Friday for the sing at the Harmar Hill congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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



UPCOMING TOPIC
 April 14
JUST A CHRISTIAN