

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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27th Annual Bible Bowl

Saturday, September 21

Registration 9:00—9:30

Devotional 9:30—9:45

The Books of Mark and Galatians
New King James Version
(1st-6th grade will only cover the book of Mark.)

Director: Gary Herridge

Scorekeepers and help at the registration desk is needed. See Rick Stanley if you would be willing to help.

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
 Kyle Inman
 Scott Johnson
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**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Chelsea Doonan, Lee Edwards, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp, Tabetha Wagoner

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsay Campbell, Gabbi Cook, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Gayle Dulaney (Scott & Gwen's neighbor), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Alice Hale, Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, John Lowther, Donna Ludwig, Robert Metz, Betty Morris, Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), 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 the family of Bill Smith. He passed away last week. Arrangements are pending at the time of this printing.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

- ♥ Many thanks to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and flowers. Love to all—**Lois Nulter**
- ♥ We appreciate the cards and sweet notes for our anniversary. Love, **Dwain and Kimberlee**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. Each one was special. Love you all, **Sallie Hinzman**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and kind words of encouragement. **Dearll Vincent**

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons are asked to meet today at 5:00.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

We are planning to reach out to the incoming OVU students this fall. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for: the Student Expo. tomorrow, providing transportation and preparing food for college dinners. **There will be a meeting after services this evening in Room 112 for those planning to help at the Student Expo. tomorrow.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

MILDRED GAULT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Mrs. Gault has a new telephone number. Her new number is 304.834.3236. Please update your directory.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Mark your calendar for our fall Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Butterfield October 13-17.

POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill it. The banks are available in the foyers. A representative from Potter's will be here to pick them up November 24.



BAPTISM

We are very happy to announce that Hikari Iwashita was baptized into Christ August 14, 2013, in Japan by her father. We rejoice with Hikari and her family and we are glad to have her back with us at Camden Avenue as she attends her second year at Ohio Valley University.

Be sure to wish her well and welcome her into the family of God at Camden Avenue!



Daily Bible Reading

August 25—Ro 15:22-33, Ps 73-74
August 26—Ro 16, Ps 75-77
August 27—1 Co 1, Ps 78-79
August 28—1 Co 2, Ps 80-84
August 29—1 Co 3, Ps 85-88
August 30—1 Co 4, Ps 89-90
August 31—1 Co 5, Ps 91-94
September 1—1 Co 6, Ps 95-101

Tammy Hatfield update . . .

Tammy continues to have serious health issues.

She underwent surgery last week. She plans to teach school half days...what a trooper. She will begin chemotherapy August 28. Remember her and Tim with prayers and cards.

Their address is: 531 Lockport Ave., New Philadelphia, OH 44663-8603.





DANA'S DIRECTION

“I was a stranger (student) and you took me in”

Going away to college is an extremely important transition in the life of a young person. For many kids raised in Christian homes, it is the first time they will be challenged to be a faithful member of the church without being compelled by their parents. That first Sunday morning in the dorm, nobody will rap on their door and say “get up and get dressed. It’s time for church.”

Unfortunately, this is also a time when many young people fall away from the Lord. When we were living in Knoxville, the churches of Christ had an active Student Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee. They learned that even in a state where the church is very strong, only twenty-some percent of the incoming freshmen who listed membership in the church affiliated with a local congregation while in school.

You would assume that the problem would be alleviated by sending your children to a Christian college. It is true that the atmosphere is much more conducive to Christian living, but there are many students who “fall through the cracks.” They just never develop a relationship with a home congregation. Consequently, they grow weaker in both their faith and commitment.

While the college can do a good job in addressing the spiritual needs of students, the local congregations also play a key role in keeping them faithful to the church. I remember as a young man from a small home congregation, I felt lost in the crowd on the campus of a Christian college. The “College” church was a little better because I was just one of more than a thousand students who were attending. Although my commitment had always been strong, I soon learned that I could miss church and nobody seemed to know or to care.

This all changed when I began attending a congregation that put forth an active effort to reach out to students. I was “adopted” by a family in the congregation. Occasionally, we had devotionals in the members’ houses, or were invited to dinner after Sunday services. I placed membership with the congregation and was active as a song leader, bible class teacher, and the evangelistic efforts of the local congregation. It strengthened my faith and helped me make the transition from a teen to an adult.

We have a real opportunity in Parkersburg to reach out to the young people who are arriving to attend OVU. Our connections to Ohio Valley go back to its very beginnings. Over the past few years, we have not had as many students attending as once did. We would like your help in changing that. Yesterday, a group of volunteers helped students move into their dorms. We have passed out flyers and plan to provide transportation for those wanting to attend our services. All of this will be helpful, **but they key to our success in this efforts is YOU.**

We all need to have a good and loving attitude toward these young people. Remember what it was like when you were away from home for the first time! Make sure to talk to all of our visitors. Open up the door of your heart and of your home. We would love to develop a significant college-age group at Camden Avenue. If we reach out to them, they will come.

Remember the words that Jesus indicated would be said in the Day of Judgment. **“I was a stranger, and you took me in.”** When it was asked “when did we see you (in that condition), Jesus responded, **“inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”** (Matthew 25:34-40)



SERMON NOTES: "Winning God's Approval"

(II Timothy 2:14-19)

"Be _____ to present yourself _____ to God, a _____ who does not need to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15)

Winning God's Approval is not just _____, it is _____. "We must all appear before the _____ seat of _____." (II Cor. 5:10) "For God will bring every _____ into judgment, including every _____ thing, whether _____ or _____." (Eccle. 12:14)

*** To be approved by God requires _____ effort. Diligence is the _____ and _____ application to an undertaking; steady _____.** Jesus said that serving Him requires _____. "_____ to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you will seek to enter and will _____ be able." (Luke 13:24)

Salvation requires _____. "He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a _____ of those who diligently _____ Him. (Heb. 11:6) "Giving all _____ add to your faith virtue." (II Peter 1:5)

**** To be approved by God, We must be a _____.** "For we are His _____ created in Christ Jesus for good _____ which God prepared _____ that we should _____ in them." (Eph. 2:10) **Jesus' life was an example of _____.** Jesus did _____ work. "I must work the works of _____ who _____ Me while it is _____, the night is coming when no one can _____." (John 9:4) **God has given us _____ to do. These involve meeting _____ needs. God's primary work is the _____ of souls.** "Go and make _____ of all the nations _____ them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit _____ them to observe all things I have _____ you." (Matthew 28:19-20) **We must work diligently.** "Be _____, immovable, always _____ in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in _____ in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58)

***** To be approved by God, We must _____ His _____.** "A _____ that who does not need to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15) **Knowing God's word requires _____.** "These were more _____ than those in Thessalonica, in that they _____ the word with all _____, and _____ the Scriptures, to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11) **As God's workers, the only tool we have is the _____.** "Be _____ to give an _____ to everyone who _____ you a reason for the _____ that is in you, with _____ and in _____." (I Peter 3:15) "A _____ of the Lord must not _____ but be _____ to all, able to _____, _____, in _____ correcting those who are in opposition - so they may know the _____." (II Tim. 2:24-25)



School has started and it's time for our new classes to begin as well.

Beginning on the 8th of September we will begin our study of Exodus – Deuteronomy with *The Call of Moses*. Our teachers are hard at work preparing their classes. Please encourage them. We have embarked upon a challenging study and our teachers have stepped up admirably. THANK YOU!

Parents, “move up or promotion” day will be on 8 September as well. Moving forward, promotion day will be at the start of the next session following the beginning of school. They should generally be around the same time. For our youngest children (those in cradle role), things are a little different. When your youngster turns two, they can move into the 2-3 year old class at the beginning of the *next session* following their birthday.

Ladies, here is a special note for you.

The Tuesday evening ladies class will begin again on September 10th at 7:00pm downstairs. The lessons will come from a 2010 issue of *Christian Woman magazine*. They are titled, "*To Everything There Is a Season*." Each lesson will focus on different seasons of life. This would be an excellent study for women of all ages, including our teenagers. All are encouraged to come. Mothers who feel like they can't attend because they have young children in tow are also encouraged. We may not be able to provide babysitting, but we can accommodate all children! Refreshments will be available.

Our first teacher will be Kelly Brown. Thank you Kelly! We look forward to seeing many eager faces! We don't want anyone to miss out on this good time of study and fellowship with our sisters.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

(Rom 1.16)

Thank You!

A special thank you to **Paul Inman** for his hard work in preparing the new church directories.

He spent several days and long evenings at the building working on the directories.

Thank you to **Felicia Barclay** for taking the photographs.

If you have not received your directory, see **Jeff Taberner** or **Doug Hershman**.

Care Group lists are available in the foyers.



Fall Foliage/American Theater Trip

On Thursday, September 26 our Golden Agers will be taking a trip to Elkins to view the fall foliage and attend a 3:00 show at The American Mountain Theater. (This is a Branson type show.) We will be eating lunch at the Railyard Restaurant.

Cost of the trip will be \$50.00 each. This will cover fuel, lunch, and the show. We will be leaving the building at 8:00AM and returning around 8:00PM.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Did you know

God doesn't care how many Facebook friends we have!

—His concern is that we are Jesus' friend [John 14:15]

God doesn't care how many Twitter followers we have.

—He only cares that we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23)

God doesn't care about the minutes on our cell phone plans.

—He cares about the minutes we spend talking to Him (I Thes. 5:17)

God doesn't care about the important celebrities and athletes we know.

—His primary concern is that we know Him and His truth. (I Tim. 2:3-4)

God doesn't care about the size of our homes or how much money we have.

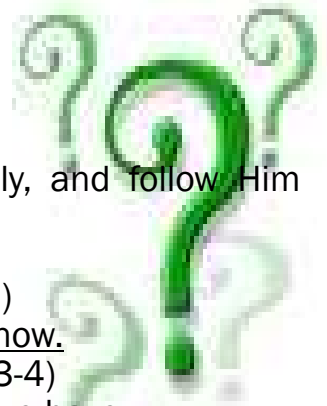
—He wants us to realize that material things don't last, so we need to lay up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21)

God doesn't care about the color of our skin.

—He cares about the content of our character. (Gal. 5:22-23)

God doesn't care about a lot of the things that we care about! But God does care about us! He cares so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. It seems to me that God has the right idea!

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, September 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught
PM—Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Paul Nygard
Close—Doug Hinzman
6:00 PM—Kyle Inman
Close—Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM—Phil Deem
PM—Dave Nulter

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Len Haid
Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



14th Annual WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN LECTURESHIP

PILOTING PERILOUS TIMES

A study of Second Timothy

Hosted by Pennsboro Church of Christ

September 15—18

Various speakers (15 outstanding gospel preachers
from six states)

Flyers on bulletin boards in both foyers

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



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

Facts and Figures

August 18 2013

AM Service.....300
Bible Study.....229
PM Service.....214
Wednesday.....236
Contribution\$7851.77

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....3
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....4
Placed Membership...13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

LADIES INSPIRTATION DAYS

Saturday, September 14

Little Hocking congregation

Registration 8:30

9:00 with lunch at noon.

Theme: "Serve and Protect"

Speaker: Patty Sayre

Saturday, September 28

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

Registration 9:00-9:30

Lunch will be provided by the Ambassadors of The
Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

"Becoming A Woman After God's Heart"

Speaker: Sally Shank

Details on the bulletin boards in the both foyers.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 5:15 for the sing at
the Reader congregation.

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30
on WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,
DIRECT channel 364, and at
6:30AM on local cable channel
4.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

September 1
A BETTER PERSON

