

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



Beginning January 6 we will begin our new four year Bible class curriculum.

We will be going through the Bible  
(Genesis - Revelations).

We hope you are making plans to be here each Sunday and Wednesday evening for this study.

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

## Deacons:

Josh Barclay  
Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob and Lillie Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jo Langler, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Butch & Madonna Smith, Jim VanCamp

## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Don Gault (Mildred Gault's son), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

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

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Donovan Walton in the passing of his uncle, Carl Walton. His funeral was held Sunday, December 9 in Virginia.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Bonnie Life. Her funeral was held yesterday, December 15. She was a faithful member here for over 61 years.



## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thanks to the youth for raking our leaves. Thanks to Todd for NOT bringing his chainsaw. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ I would like to thank my church family for all the birthday cards I received. I enjoyed each one of them. **Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards I received. They were each so special. **Mary Daniel**

## BAPTISMS

We rejoice that **Lindsay Proffitt** was baptized last Sunday by her uncle, Bill Lemley. She is the daughter of Tim and Nancy Proffitt. She will be in Care Group 3. **Chelsea Doonan** was baptized Tuesday evening by Josh Barclay. She will be in Care Group 2. She will be unable to attend for a period of time due to an illness. Her address is: 2104 43rd Street Parkersburg, WV 26104. She would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement.

Welcome Lindsay and Chelsea into the family at Camden Avenue.

## MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS

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

## SENIOR HOLIDAY OUTING

The Senior group is planning to travel to Cambridge, Ohio on Monday, December 17 to view the Charles Dickens Village and share dinner at Theo's Restaurant. Everyone is invited! Those who wish to drive their own vehicles are welcomed to follow along.

## DEACON'S MEETING

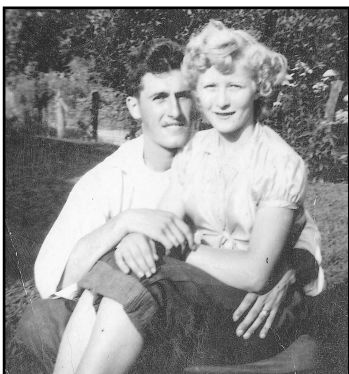
The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

## DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

If you would like to contribute to the disaster relief from Hurricane Sandy, please see one of the elders.

## HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the tables in the rear foyer for your holiday cards.



**HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
TO RAY AND BONNIE SAMSON!**



## **Daily Bible Reading**

**December 16** - Rev 4-5, Joel 1-3

**December 17** - Rev 6, Amos 1-5

**December 18** - Rev 7, Amos 6-9

**December 19** - Rev 8, Obadiah

**December 20** - Rev 9, Jonah 1-4

**December 21** - Rev 10-11, Micah 1-4

**December 22** - Rev 12, Micah 5-7

**December 23** - Rev 13, Nah 1-3

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



**UPCOMING TOPIC**  
December 23  
**THE WORD BECAME FLESH**



## **UPDATED ADDRESSES**

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# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “Live for Jesus”

In II Corinthians 5:14-15, Paul writes “For the love of Christ constrains us...He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

We often sing the familiar hymn “Live for Jesus.” The motivation for doing so is the sacrifice that He made so that we might be saved. Presenting our bodies as living sacrifices is our “reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1) Because Jesus died for me, I should die to self and live for Him. Paul summarized “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20) “Live for Jesus.” What does it mean?

**First, to live for Jesus, we must truly be His disciple;** one who follows Him, learns from Him, and obeys Him. Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciple indeed.” (John 8:31) Over the past few years the expression WWJD (“What would Jesus do?”) has been popular. The sentiment is good, but what exactly does that mean? The proper question is “What has Jesus told me to do?” To follow Jesus is to follow His word.

**Second, to live for Jesus we must be available to Him.** Following Jesus indicates leaving other things behind. When Jesus called them, Peter, James and John dropped their fishing nets where they were and followed. We certainly must continue to meet our obligations to our families and society, but we must be willing to sacrifice less important matters in order to be about our Father’s business. We think nothing about setting apart an evening a week for bowling, or a Saturday afternoon to wash the cars and mow the lawn - what part of the week do we set apart to work for Jesus? “By this My father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

**Third, to live for Jesus we must follow His example - and walk in His steps.** (I Peter 2:21) The scriptures say of Jesus “He went about doing good.” He showed humility toward God by saying “Not My will but Your will be done.” He showed humility toward man, by being the servant of men. How do we follow Jesus? If I then...have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done unto you.” (John 13:14-15) We live for Jesus by doing His work, by caring for the needs of men, and sharing with them the gospel of Christ.

“Live for Jesus, O my brother, His disciple ever be; render not to any other what alone the Lord’s should be. Live for Jesus, live for Jesus! Give Him all thou hast to give; on the cross the world’s redeemer; Gave His life that thou mightst live.”

# A Church to be Thankful For

## (I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

“We give \_\_\_\_\_ to God always for you all, making mention of you in our \_\_\_\_\_, remembering without ceasing your work of \_\_\_\_\_, labor of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.” (I Thess. 1:2-3)

**#1) The church at Thessalonica had great \_\_\_\_\_ because of how they received the \_\_\_\_\_.** “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God which you \_\_\_\_\_ from us, you welcomed it \_\_\_\_\_ as the word of \_\_\_\_\_, but as it is in truth, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Thess. 2:13)

**The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.** “All \_\_\_\_\_ is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable fro \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for instruction in \_\_\_\_\_, that the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly equipped for every good \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Tim. 3:16-17)

**The church at Thessalonica had a faith that \_\_\_\_\_.** “Remembering without ceasing your \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.” (I Thessalonians 1:3) The word of God which also \_\_\_\_\_ works in you who believe.” (I Thess. 2:13)

**The church at Thessalonica had an \_\_\_\_\_ on its community.** “Those who have turned the \_\_\_\_\_ upside down have come here too.” (Acts 17:6) **The church at Thessalonica had an \_\_\_\_\_ on other Christians.** “So that you became \_\_\_\_\_ to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.” (I Thess. 1:7)

**#2) The church at Thessalonica had a great \_\_\_\_\_.** “I thank God for you when I remember your \_\_\_\_\_ of love.” (I Thess. 1:3) **They \_\_\_\_\_ the word!** “For from you the word of the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ forth, not only in Achaia, but also in \_\_\_\_\_ place.” (I Thess. 1:8) **The good news of salvation must be \_\_\_\_\_.** **The church to thank God for will be an \_\_\_\_\_ church.** “For what is our \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?” (I Thess. 2:19)

**#3) The church at Thessalonica had great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** **A great church is one where there is a true sense of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian living.** “I thank God for you when I remember... your patience of \_\_\_\_\_ in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Thess. 1:3) **The source of our hope is God’s \_\_\_\_\_.** “Our gospel did not come to you in \_\_\_\_\_ only, but also in \_\_\_\_\_, and in the Holy Spirit and in much \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Thess. 1:5)

**Remaining Steadfast:** And to \_\_\_\_\_ for His Son from heaven, whom He \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, even Jesus who \_\_\_\_\_ us from the wrath to come.” (I Thess. 1:10)

# Be Set Free!

~Jay Hanley

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:10-13.

Imagine spending eighteen years in a twisted body. What discomfort and pain she must have experienced. Not to mention inconvenience. Luke does not indicate that she requested healing. Instead, he says Jesus noticed her and summoned her to approach Him. He spoke the sweetest words she had ever heard – "Woman, you are set free!"

Free at last! Free from her crippled form. Free of the evil spirit that had caused her condition. Free from the gawking stares of passersby. Free to live a life unhindered by past limitations. Free to fully praise God in ways she never could before. Freedom feels good!

Some witnesses to this event wanted to rob this woman of her freedom. They would rather force Jesus to uphold their manmade traditions than allow Him to set this woman free of her burden. They demanded to do God's work in their way and on their schedule. The Almighty refuses to let man tell Him what to do.

Jesus specializes in liberating people – from the penalty, the guilt, and the power of sin. We should allow Him to do what He does without arguing or trying to limit Him. He knows what He is doing. Trust Him when He says, "The truth will set you free." Believe Him when He says, "Your sins are forgiven." Rest assured when He states, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Submitted by Paul Nygard



### December 19

If you plan to attend the Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN February 22-24, your money must be turned in the Paul Saunders by Wednesday, December 19.

### December 21

6th-12th grade meet at the building at 6:00. You will be going caroling at Love and Care and then to the Kirk's home at 7:00. Boys need to bring a wrapped gift tagged "Boy". Girls need to bring a wrapped gift tagged "Girl". The gift limit is \$10.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.



## Mark your calendar . . .

The AREA WIDE SERVICE will be held here Sunday, January 13 at 3:30.

It will be hosted by the Barlow Vincent congregation.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Jane had a system for labeling homemade freezer meals.

She would carefully note in large clear letters, "Meatloaf" or "Pot Roast" or "Steak and Vegetables" or "Chicken and Dumplings".

Every day when she asked her husband what he wanted for dinner, he never asked for any of those meals. So, she decided to stock the freezer with what he requests. What he really likes.

In Jane's freezer now you'll see a whole set of labels. You'll find dinners with neat little tags that say, "Whatever," "Anything," "I Don't know," "I Don't care," "Something Good," or "Food." No more frustration for Jane because no matter what her husband replies when she asks him what he wants for dinner, it's there waiting.

How we communicate is very important. This is especially true with families. We need to remember that WHAT we say and HOW we say it both send a message to the hearer. The wise Solomon said, "A word fitly spoken is like applier of gold in setting of silver." (Proverbs 25:11)

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, December 23

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Stan Inman

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Josh Barclay

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade

Close - Josh Barclay

6:00 PM - Walter Morgan

Close - Kody Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston

PM - Dustin Hughes

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Bill Mills

Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Jeff Taberner

2 - Chris Tallman

4 - Julie Taberner

### PM

1. Brian & Natalie Haught

2. Dennis & Sandy Keller

3. Len & Susan Haid

4. Paul & Barbara Saunders

5. Sonya Hescht & Holly Haught

6. Gene & Norma Cooper

## Facts and Figures

December 9, 2012

AM Service.....291

Bible Study.....245

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....224

Contribution.....\$6799.26

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....13

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership....30

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM

# SACK THE PULPIT



We are in need of items to restock the church food pantry.

The pantry is very low.

- . Any dry cereal
- . Pancake mix/syrup
- . Soups
- . Peanut butter
- . Jelly
- . Saltine crackers
- . Canned vegetables - carrots, potatoes
- . (We do not need green beans or corn.)
- . Canned fruit
- . Applesauce
- . Spaghetti sauce/pasta
- . Treet or Spam - canned meat
- . Vienna sausages
- . Tuna
- . Gravy

Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.