

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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SEASON'S GREETING FROM THE ELDERS, PREACHERS, AND STAFF.

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Paul
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Nygard

John
Life



Wes
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Kimberlee
Shears

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
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 Ron Riddle
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Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thanks to all for your visits, prayers, words of comfort, and food provided to us during Mom's passing. **From the Family of Bonnie Life**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, visits, thoughts and prayers during our familys' recent loss. The meal provided by the church for our family was delicious and truly appreciated. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel to be new members of such a loving, caring and welcoming church family. In Christian Love, **Tim and Nancy Proffitt and family**
- ♥ Thank you for the many birthday cards. They were each appreciated. **Jean Martin**
- ♥ A special thanks to Randy and Jenny Ware for the calendars. They provide us with a nice selection of calendars from their business, Professional Tire and Radiator.



Prayer List

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, 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.



DEACON'S MEETING

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Calvin and Jean Martin! They are great grandparents to a baby girl, Charlee Mae Smith. She was born December 15 (Jean's birthday). She is the daughter of Josh and Cami Smith and sister to Kendall Avery Smith.

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

If you would like to contribute to the disaster relief from Hurricane Sandy, please see one of the Elders. We will be sending the check the end of this month.

DAN RICH MISSION TRIP

Dan Rich will be going on a mission trip to Costa Rica January 11-18. He will be accompanying his father, Jeff Rich who preaches for the Beallsville congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please see the Elders or Dan.

HOLIDAY CARDS

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

JANUARY AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 13 at 3:30, hosted by the Barlow Vincent congregation.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING CD'S

CD's are available on the counter in the foyer of the our recent Friday Night Sing held here November 16.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Brenda Dougherty in the passing of her uncle, Ronnie Dye. He passed away Wednesday.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC
December 30
TRUST GOD

Daily Bible Reading

December 23 - Rev 13, Nah 1-3
December 24 - Rev 14, Hab 1-3
December 25 - Rev 15-16, Zeph 1-3
December 26 - Rev 17, Hagg 1-2
December 27 - Rev 18, Zec 1-5
December 28 - Rev 19, Zec 6-8
December 29 - Rev 20, Zec 9-11
December 30 - Rev 21, Zec 12-14
Time to start over . . .

DANA'S DIRECTION

Signs of the Times

Many people have been asking how terrible atrocities, such as the senseless slaughter of 27 people, including 20 six and seven year old children in the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Ct., can be happening with distressing regularity in our society. I thought I would try to write an article about the source of our nation's moral decline. I found that an explanation has already been written, so I would like to run it in the bulletin this week.

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. **In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.** Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Furthermore, since **they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not be done.** They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are **senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.** Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

You make recognize this dissertation, and be familiar with its author. The apostle Paul, inspired by God, wrote this to the church at Rome nearly two thousand years ago. (Romans 1:18-31, NIV) What is happening to our society? There is a conscious effort being made to eliminate God and his influence. When men reject God, God will give them over to practice and reap the consequences of their sinful desires. What is happening to our society? **“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34)**

Sermon Notes

Humanity in Christ

Jesus was a man of great _____.

Mat 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with _____ for them, because they were _____ and scattered, like sheep having _____.

Jesus was also a person of _____.

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus, looking at him, _____, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, _____ whatever you have and _____ to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and _____."

Jesus' expressions of _____ may be the most underappreciated emotion our Lord displayed.

Joh 15:11-12

(11) "These things I have spoken to you, that _____ may remain in you, and *that* your joy may _____.

(12) This is My commandment, that you _____ as I have loved you.

Sometimes we are discomforted by Jesus' display of _____.

Eph 4:26-27 "BE ANGRY, AND _____": do not let the sun go down on your _____, nor give place to the _____.

Jesus experienced times of both _____ and _____.

Isa 53:3 He is _____ and rejected by men, A Man of _____ and acquainted with _____. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Paul Nygard will be preaching at both services today as Dana is on vacation this week.
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Unchangeable

~Paul Nygard

Perhaps you have heard this phrase at some point in your life, “the only thing constant in this world is change.” It is true, we live in an undeniably changing world. Medical science, electronics, and the ways in which we communicate have made giant leaps in this century alone. There is even a cell phone commercial that depicts the ‘latest phone’ being released just as someone is buying a ‘new old one’. Sometimes I chuckle and feel like the tag in my shirt should say “out of date” on it somewhere. Change is a part of our lives and we better get used to it.

However, in the midst of a changing culture, there is one constant. There is one thing that does not change with the times. Of course, I’m talking about the Bible. The reason the Bible doesn’t change is because the Bible is truth, and truth is truth whether it is spoken in the first century or the twenty-first century. But this immutability of the Scriptures is often overlooked by a people who are accustomed to change. From what I witness, even from among our own brethren, there are more than a few people who must evidently think the Bible must change to keep up with the times.

However, let me reaffirm to you that the Bible doesn’t change. “Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). “The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge you in the last day” (John 12:48). Though society changes, and though society may want God’s word to change in a number of areas, the Bible still says...

Elders are not to be men who drink (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7).

Sins must be repented of, not just ceased, in order to be in fellowship with God and his children (1 John 1:9; Acts 8:12-24).

The only grounds for divorce and remarriage is fornication (Matthew 19:9).

Baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

Immodesty is a sin (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

Children must obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1).

Murmuring and disputing is sinful (Philippians 2:14).

Obey, respect, and defend the elders (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 5:19).

Forsaking the assembly is sinful (Hebrews 10:25).

Do not be conformed to this world (Romans 12:1-2).

These and many other Bible truths just don’t change with the times. When I look at the above list, and the demands it places on our lives, I can see why people desire to change them, but Scripture cannot be broken.

Friends, when it comes to the color of your hair, the style of your car, the speed of your computer, or the brand of your clothes, feel free to change to your heart’s content. But whatever you do, don’t try to change, and don’t stand for anyone else trying to change the word of God!



NEW YEAR'S EVE GET TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to celebrate the New Year on December 31 at Mineral Wells School.

Meet at 7:00PM with a devotional at 8:30PM.

We will be singing in the New Year starting at 11:30PM.

Bring games, basketballs, snacks, desserts and beverages.

We will be collecting money for pizza.



- The Challenge Youth Conference will be in Gatlinburg, TN on February 22-24. Details are on the bulletin board or see Paul Saunders.
- LLL mentors-please check on your student(s).

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.



Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM

On December 9, 1914, the great Edison Industries of West Orange, N.J. were practically destroyed by fire. Thomas Edison lost over two million dollars that night and much of his life's work went up in flames.

Thomas Edison's son, Charles said, "My heart ached for him!" "He was 67 years old and everything was going up in flames." But Thomas Edison said to his son, Go find your mother. She will never see anything like this again as long as she lives!"

The next morning, as he was walking about the charred embers of all his hope and dreams, Thomas Edison said, "there is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thanks to God we can now start anew!"

What a great attitude! Especially when things may seem so hopeless. But this is exactly what God will do for us if we simply obey His Word! All our mistakes and sins will be forgiven - in a sense, burned up! Just like Thomas Edison after the great fire, you can feel good about starting your life anew!

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 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
 PM - SING NIGHT

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Don Gaston
 Close - Cody Hoover
 6:00 PM - Bill Hoover
 Close - Glenn Snider

SCRIPTURE

AM - Rick Stanley
 PM - Mike Wade

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Barry Mills
 PM - Jon Hescht
 Rob Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Todd Kirk
 2 - Ed Collins
 4 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Ray & Bonnie Sams
2. Kody & Chelsea Inman
3. Todd & Annette Kirk
4. Pat & Kim Barclay
5. Scott & Gwen Johnson
6. Keith & Eloise Smith

Facts and Figures

December 16, 2012
 AM Service.....314
 Bible Study.....249
 PM Service.....210
 Wednesday.....243
 Contribution.....\$6781.26

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....13
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....6
 Placed Membership....30

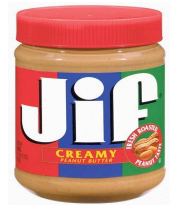
Schedule of Services

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.