

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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The Golden Agers soup bean dinner and game night will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room.



We will have delicious soup beans prepared by Herb Wright and Leonard Haid.

The sign-up sheet for attendance and food are on the counter.

Elders:

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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 Todd Kirk
 Paul Saunders
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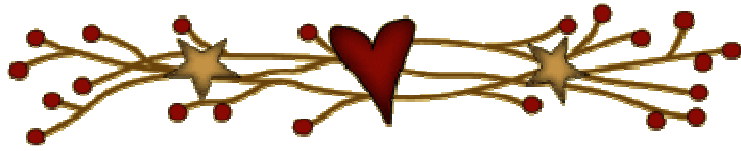
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Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful plant and cards sent in honor of our father, Harry Booth, Jr., and to those who attended his wake. **Sharon and Donald Midkiff**
- ♥ A big thank you for all of the birthday cards. They were each appreciated. **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ I want to thank my church family for all the cards, prayers and sympathy at the passing of my daughter, Cheryl. Your concern means much to me. In Christian love, **Dave Nulter**
- ♥ Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, flowers, words of consolation, and funeral home visits after Dad's passing. It meant a great deal to me and my family. Love, **Paul, Barbara, Emily and Alex Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the bag of much appreciated food that Camden Avenue Church of Christ gave me in November 2012. Again, thank you. God bless! **Suzie**



Remember our church family in your prayers:

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, Chelsea Doonan, Bob and Lillie Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patricia Blackman (Family friend to Mary Daniel), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), 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.



We extend our sympathy to Everett Sams in the passing of his sister, JoAnn Wilson.

Funeral services were Tuesday in Parkersburg.



MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER/GAME NIGHT

The annual Golden Agers soup bean dinner and game night will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets for food and attendance are on the counter.

Don't forget to bring your games. We will have an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are encouraged to meet this Saturday, January 26 at 8:30 for breakfast at the Golden Corral. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will be in charge of the 2:30 service at Love & Care next Sunday, January 27 and 7:00 Thursday evening, January 31. Everyone is encouraged to attend for a time of worship and fellowship with the residents.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive will be Monday, February 11 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

2013 FRIDAY NIGHT SING SCHEDULES

2013 Friday Night Sing schedules are available in the foyers.

DYNAMIC DEACON'S SEMINAR CD'S

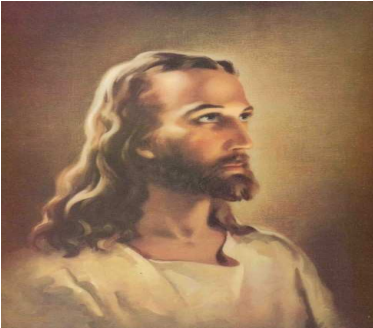
The "Dynamic Deacon's Seminar" hosted here by Aubrey Johnson is available on CD's. They are on the counter in the foyer.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Christian Woman magazine. It will remain \$15.98 per subscription. Checks need to be made payable to Robin Anthony and given to her by February 17th. You may contact her if you have any questions.

DANA'S DIRECTION

Save our children from – Jesus?



In the center of the news this month, has been the story of a near-by school (Jackson Middle School, Jackson, Ohio,) that is being threatened with the possibility of a lawsuit by The American Civil Liberties Union. On January 2nd, a letter of complaint was received by the aptly named Freedom From Religion Foundation regarding a single portrait depicting Jesus, which has been hanging in the door of a hallway (referred to as the Hall of Honor) since 1947. The local representative of Freedom From Religion stated “the school cannot endorse religion over non-religion.” I guess they must feel that there

is some “danger” involved to our children in even acknowledging the existence of One who was named Jesus.

I find this to be a startling contrast to the other stories that are constantly in the news that point out the dangers that our children are exposed to in school, things like bullying, drug-dealing, sexual predators and pedophiles, exposure to “sexting” and other forms of pornography – and yes, shootings and violence.

The removal of this picture follows efforts to remove, from at least three generations, any recognition of God and particularly Christianity from the education of our children. Similar efforts have been effective in removing prayer, Bible reading (both students and teachers have been forbidden to even have a Bible on school property,) the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer or using the phrase “one nation under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the other hand, look at what has been added to the school curriculum in that same period of time. The Big Bang Theory and the Theory of Evolution are taught as scientific fact (the teaching of the Creation Account is forbidden even as a contrasting “theory.”) Sex education that refuses to “moralize” and freely dispenses contraception and abortion information. Homosexuality is not only “normalized,” it is aggrandized as a freedom and a right that should be fought for. Rejecting God and the Bible leaves educators (and our society) without any real standard of morality to teach or enforce. I can only imagine the difference in the disciplinary problems of the schools today from the school of 1947 when this picture of Jesus was thoughtfully hung in the hallway of Jackson Middle School.

I can certainly understand the concern of those who are offended by the picture of Jesus and the harm that it might have on our children! What if they were exposed to His teachings? “Children obey your parents.” “Respect your elders.” “Obey the law of the land.” “Love your neighbor as yourself.” “Do unto others as you would have done unto you.” “Marriage is a sacred commitment before God – one man, one woman, for life.” “Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God.” “Keep yourself pure – be Holy even as He is holy.”

One can only imagine the effect that such teaching could have on our children! On our society! We might rediscover the truth that seemed to be common knowledge in our nation a few generations ago – The truth shall make you free. Jesus does not offer freedom from religion – he offers forgiveness and freedom from sin.

The words of Jesus will stand forever. He said “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14) “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to ... be drowned in the depth of the sea.” (Matthew 18:9)

Finding Favor in the Eyes of the Lord

(Genesis 6:5-13)

The People of Noah's day: "And the Lord saw that the _____ of man was _____ on the earth, and that every _____ of the _____ of his heart was on _____ continually." (Gen. 6:5)

God's Judgment against them: God said "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with _____ through them, and behold, I will _____ them with the earth." (Gen. 6:13)

Why did Noah find favor with God?

#1) Noah found favor with God because he was a _____ man. "Noah was a righteous man." (Gen. 8:9) "For all your _____ are righteousness." (Psalm 119:172)

#2) Noah found favor with God because he was _____ in his _____. (Gen. 6:9) "And delivered _____ Lot, who was oppressed by the _____ conduct of the wicked (for that _____ man, dwelling among them, _____ by his righteous soul from day to day by _____ and _____ their lawless deeds.) (II Peter 2:7-8)

#3) Noah found favor with God because he _____ with God. (Gen. 6:9)

#4) Noah found favor with God because he was _____. "Thus did Noah according to _____ that God _____ him." (Gen. 6:22) "By _____, Noah being _____ of things not yet seen, _____ with Godly fear, _____ an ark for the saving of his household by which he _____ the world and became _____ of the righteousness which is according to _____." (Heb. 11:7)

Noah found favor with God because he was a _____ of righteousness. "God saved Noah, one of _____ people, a preacher of _____, bringing the flood on the world of the ungodly." (II Peter 2:5)

Why must we find favor with God?

#1) We must find favor with God because the world we live in _____ God's judgment. God made a covenant that he would never destroy the world by _____ again. (Gen. 9:8-17) The next judgment will be _____. "The day of the Lord will come like a _____ in the night, in which, the heavens will _____ away with a great noise, and the elements will _____ with fervent heat; both the _____ and the works that are in it will be _____ up." (II Peter 3:7,10)

The Resurrection of Christ

~P Nygard

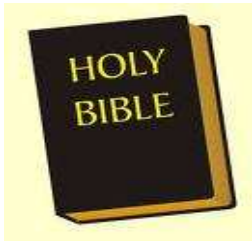


What would happen if you could prove that even one of the Biblical truths found in God's word were false? I guess we would be able to throw out our Bibles and quit coming to Church, after all, no one wants to follow a god who is proven to be a liar. This is the type of thinking of many who reject God and Christ, so they strive to find a way to prove Him to be a liar. For example, if they could just disprove the resurrection of Christ from the dead, then Christianity would become no more than a myth.

The 16th Psalm may have been written during a time in David's life when he was in great danger. The theme of this inspired psalm is confidence in Jehovah (God), in life or in death. In verses 8-11 you can read a prophecy of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How are we positive that this is a prophecy about Christ? For this reassuring reason, this psalm is quoted in the New Testament by both Peter (Acts 2.25-28) and Paul (Acts 13.35-37), and it is applied to our Lord. It becomes clear that this prophecy did not have to do primarily with David, but looked forward to Christ. Peter plainly shows us that David did die and his flesh saw corruption in the grave. Consequently, his psalm was concerning the resurrection of Jesus' body from the tomb.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the foundation of our Christian faith and religion. People have attempted and will continue to try and prove the resurrection of Christ to be a myth. However, there is no greater fact of history than that of our Lord's deliverance from death.

We can rest assured in our faith that the revealed word of God contains the truth of our Lord and His will for us. It then becomes our duty to know His word and strengthen our minds to prove those who hate God wrong, and show them kindly the love Christ holds for them.



Daily Bible Reading

January 20 - Mat 13:24-26, Ge 41-42
 January 21 - Mat 13:47-58, Ge 43-44
 January 22 - Mat 14, Ge 45-46
 January 23 - Mat 15:1-20, Ge 47-48
 January 24 - Mat 15:21-39, Ge 49-50
 January 25 - Mat 16, Ex 1-3
 January 26 - Mat 17, Ex 4-5
 January 27 - Mat 18:1-14, Ex 6-7

New Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyers.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

January 26 - K-12th grade Ice Skating in South Charleston

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE COUNTER.

FEBRUARY



February 2 - K-12th grade to OVU basketball game

February 3 - K-12th grade Super Bowl party

February 4 - Area wide youth (Dewey Ave.)

February 11 - Area wide youth (Waverly)

February 18 - Area wide youth (Sunrise)

February 22-24 - Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN

February 25 - Area wide youth (Barlow Vincent)

March 4 - Area wide youth (Camden Avenue)

More details to follow on these events.

Youth calendars are available on the counter.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

At a Christian college, two intramural basketball teams were playing a game. Someone on one of the teams punched a player on the other team. As the injured player fell to the floor, the bleachers cleared, spectators spilled out, and instantaneously everyone circled around the two players. All that was missing was the chant “fight, fight, fight,” like you usually hear in our public school playgrounds.



Then the incredible happened. The young man who was punched looked up to the boy who had punched him and simply said, “I forgive you!” Suddenly there was a hushed silence, and the boy who had punched him turned and ran out of the gym with tears in his eyes.

Hateful, sarcastic, biting rhetoric may help one “win a debate,” but it won’t help one “win your brother.” May the day come when we learn to enjoy kindness, patience, and longsuffering more than we do “putting someone on their place.” Paul said, “a servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be gentle to all.....” (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

After 70 years, I’ve lost my taste for the chant “fight, fight, fight”. I hope you have too!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue



February Birthdays/Anniversaries

- February 1 - Colin Wadlington
- February 2 - Sonya Hescht
- February 4 - Addie Miller, Doris Newberry, *Lee & Mary Edwards (55th Anniversary)
- February 6 - Jean Buckley, *Ron & Zandra Holleron
- February 7 - Paul Inman
- February 8 - Geraldine "Jerry" Pahl
- February 10 - Charlotte Burton
- February 11 - Marion Goldsmith
- February 14 - Sandy Hughes, *Dennis & Sandy Keller
- February 17 - Shorty Frazier
- February 19 - Oliver "Butch" Smith
- February 20 - Sandy Sheppard
- February 22 - Brenda Clevenger
- February 24 - Martha Metz
- February 26 - Kelsey Cox, Mikayla Hennen, Kody Inman, Ira Kimes, Neil Russell
- February 27 - Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

We want to include everyone on the church calendar, especially our new members, so please let the office know if your date is not on this list.



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

UPCOMING TOPIC
 January 27
 "WHATEVER"

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Leonard Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash
 PM - Kevin Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle
 Close - Rob Hoover
 6:00 PM - Dennis Keller
 Close - Paul Nygard

SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Fleak
 PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Paul Saunders
 PM - Josh Barclay
 Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Keith Smith
 2 - Rick Stanley
 4 - Eloise Smith

PM

1. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
2. Don & Brenda Dougherty
3. Jay & Nina Cheuvront
4. Mike & Kelly Fleak
5. Margaret Dawkins & Lenore Vaught
6. Rick & Kay Stanley

Facts and Figures

January 13, 2013

AM Service.....283
 Bible Study.....231
 PM Service.....201
 Wednesday.....228
 Contribution.....\$6219.67
 Area Wide service..... 413

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....0
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....0
 Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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