

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Area—Wide Worship 2015

Who's Your Barnabas?



The Little Hocking congregation will host the 2015 area-wide service here next Sunday at 3:30. Brother David Newberry will be the speaker.

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of worship and praise!

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Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
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Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
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Welcome to Camden
Avenue church of
Christ.

Thank you for
worshipping with us.



Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Hazel Cozad, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Merrill, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Steve Allen, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Billy Goodwin, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Dana Metz, Jodi Mote (Martha Metz' grandson), Patti Patrick (Kay Mills' sister), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Virginia Sias (Lucille Hardman's sister), George and Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle and aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office to add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Jack Newberry.
He passed away December 26. His service was here Tuesday.
Brother Newberry will be sadly missed. He served as a Deacon,
Elder and Bible class teacher for many years. He was a faithful
member here for 70 years.

♥ Thanks for all the wonderful Birthday cards. Enjoyed every one.
In Christian Love, **Mary Caplinger**

♥ Thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts, treats and kind and encouraging
messages in the cards which I'll treasure always. You're all special to me.
Love, **Jo Langler**

♥ Thank you for every card and expression of love. **Ed Collins**

♥ Thank you for all the good wishes and beautiful anniversary cards. They
made our day even more special. Love, **Cotton and Patty Sayre**

♥ I appreciate all the cards this year and the book I received while I was ill in
Columbus. Love, **Zoe Byrum**

A special thank you for the goodies brought to the church office.
Thank you, **Keith and Eloise Smith, Bill and Kay Mills, Colleen Ash, and
Gilbert and Lucille Hardman.** Everything was yummy!



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING

There will be a LLL meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for everyone involved.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

AREA-WIDE SERVICE

The area-wide service will be here next Sunday at 3:30 hosted by the Little Hocking congregation. Brother David Newberry will be the speaker. Please make plans to attend this wonderful time of worship and fellowship!

DANA'S ANNUAL "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER

Dana and Cindy invite everyone to the annual "I Can't Believe It's Not A Holiday" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Monday, January 19 at 5:30PM. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 25 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 29 at 7:00PM. All are encouraged to attend.

OUR ANNUAL WINTER AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar for the upcoming blood drive Monday, February 9 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets will be available.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the tables at the rear of the auditorium for your holiday cards.

VALET PARKING

We will again be offering valet parking, available Sunday morning and evening and both Wednesday services. Anyone interested, please see Dwain Shears.

VISITS REQUESTED

Mary Ann Barclay is in The Willows (Room 224). She would enjoy visits. Also, Jenny Reynolds is there and would enjoy cards and visits.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“The best way to break a habit? Drop it!”

It is that time of the year when we will reflect on our lives and think of any changes that should be made: New Years' Resolutions. But how many of those changes become permanent? A fellow told me “now that I have a computer, I just save my resolutions and update them every year.” Why is it so difficult to make the changes that are needed in our lives?

In a word – habit. Webster defines a habit as a “custom or practice; especially an aptitude or inclination for some action, acquired by repetition and showing itself in facility of performance or in decreased power of resistance.” What does that mean? It means we do the same thing, the same way, so many times that it becomes involuntary! Some habits are matters of indifference, some are sin. Jesus explained it this way “whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.” (John 8:34)

We are creatures of habit. Just look at your daily routine! You could probably dress, eat breakfast, and get to work with your eyes closed because you do the same thing, the same way, every day. But not all habit is so harmless. Habit is a great stealer of purposeful and meaningful life. Think of how some of your habits have made you their slave:

Wasting time: How often do you sit down at night, with the opportunity to do so many interesting, productive things, but instead, you sit and watch television for two or three hours. Have you ever been at a loss to even remember what you watched? Then we complain, “I just don't have enough time!” We all have the same amount of time – but that time must be “redeemed” not wasted. (Ephesians 5:16)

Unhealthy lifestyles: Among the most repeated resolutions are “to lose weight and get more exercise.” Those changes are the result of changed behavior. To accomplish those desired results we must stop eating the types of food that we habitually reach for. We must stop filling our time with sedentary activities and get out and move. Other habits have an even greater impact on our health. Why would anyone choose the damage that is done to their body by smoking? In a word – habit.

Ungodly attitudes: While many habits can harm our bodies and hinder our lives, some are more serious because they affect our relationship to God. We can develop attitudes that become our way of looking at life. In Paul's list of the sins of the Gentiles (Romans 1:29-31), he mentions twenty-three sins. Thirteen of them are sins of the disposition; sinful attitudes and thoughts such as sexual immorality, covetousness, envy, gossip, and pride. These immoral and ungodly thoughts can become so habitual that they control your life. (II Peter 2:14) They will also keep you out of heaven! (Romans 1:32)

Someone has said “Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into but hard to get out of.” How can we break bad habits? The biblical solution is repentance. If the habit is sinful or harmful we know that God hates it. If we are ever to overcome it, we must hate it too. Pray for God's help. Jesus understands the weaknesses of the flesh. He has told us to “come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.” (Hebrews 4:15-16) You can ask you concerned brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for you. (James 5:16) Then quit! Determine not to look back.

No one can exist in a vacuum. Jesus spoke of the demon who was cast out and then returned with seven more only to find the space swept and ready. (Luke 11:24-26) We must fill up the void left in our lives by the bad habits by replacing them with habits that are good. We should pray so frequently and fervently that we can't image a day not communicating with God. We should read reflectively from the bible each day. Freeing up an hour a day from the television will make plenty of time to read the bible through each year. Replace negative thoughts with those that are noble, pure, lovely, of good report; “if there is any virtue, is there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Changing your habits can really be summed up in one sentence “Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)



“The Temptation of Jesus” (Matthew 4:1-11)

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you _____!’ For it is written, ‘You shall _____ the Lord your God, and Him _____ you shall serve.’” “Then the devil _____ Him, and behold, angels came and _____ to Him.” (Matthew 4:10-11)

Jesus was tempted. “Therefore, in _____ things He had to be made like His _____, that He might be a _____ and _____ High Priest in all things pertaining to _____, to make propitiation for the _____ of the people. For in that He Himself has _____, being _____, He is able to _____ those who are tempted.” (Hebrews 2:17-18)

Jesus can help us _____ temptation. “For we do not have a _____ Priest who cannot _____ with out weaknesses, but was in all points _____ as we are, yet without _____. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in time of need.” (Heb. 4:15-16)

Temptation involves three; _____, _____ and _____. Satan wants to _____ in the lives of men. “You are of your _____ the devil, and the _____ of your father you will do. He was a _____ from the beginning, and does not stand in the _____, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of himself, for he is a _____ and the _____ of lies.” (John 8:44)

Satan knows our _____. “Lest Satan should take _____ of us because we are not _____ of his _____.” (II Cor.2:11) **Satan’s _____ of temptation.** “For all that is in the world – the _____ of the flesh, the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life – is not of the _____ but of the world.” (I John 2:16)

God is involved when we are _____. “God will help us in our _____ with sin. “No _____ has overtaken you except such as is _____ to man; but God is _____, who will not allow you to be _____ beyond what you are _____, but with the _____ will also make the way of _____, that you may be able to bear it.” (I Corinthians 10:13). **God is more _____ than Satan.** “He who is in you is _____ than he who is in the _____.” (I John 4:4)

How Jesus _____ temptation. He _____. He was aware of God’s _____. He was filled with God’s _____. He knew God’s _____.

We have the same _____ to resist _____. “God _____ the proud, but gives _____ to he humble. Therefore _____ to God. _____ the devil and he will _____ from you. Draw _____ to _____ and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:6-8)

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

USING A MOBILE DEVICE DURING WORSHIP

Mobile electronic devices are here to stay! They can be a great value in our Bible study and Worship. BUT, we need to recognize that using these devices, especially during worship services, can be a distraction and irritation to those that are around us. So here are some guidelines that will help us meet both our needs and those who are around us—

- * Check device setting BEFORE entering the auditorium before worship services. (This might be done on the way to church if you are not driving.)

Check the following:

- * Backlighting on your device could be a distraction to those around you, especially if the auditorium lights are lowered. Dim the light on your screen to lessen the distraction to others around you. If the application offers an option to choose a background that is not bright white, make that change. Bright objects distract others around you, and this is particularly so if you use a device with a large screen like an iPad or tablet. Keep it low.
- * Disable those pesky notification center banners, pop-ups, badges, and sounds by switching to airplane mode.
- * Open the application you plan to use during worship and set it to the first text you will read if possible. Then put it into sleep mode.
- * Keep the device out of sight until needed. Put your device away the moment you are finished using the application.
- * Hold your device in such a manner that it is not distracting to others—down low and cupped in your hands.
- * Bump up text size if you cannot read when your device is held at waist level.
- * You may wish to select a pew off to the side and against a wall to lessen the number of people who will see your screen.

One final thing. Don't let yourselves or your children use these devices to play games during worship! There is a time and a place for enjoying the gaming functions of these devices, but it is NOT during the Worship services!

Thank you for your help and understanding with this issue.

The Family of God

You notice we say brother, sister round here;
It's because we're a family, a family that's near;
When one has a heartache, we all shed a tear;
It's because we're a family, a family that's near.
I'm so glad I'm a member of the family of God;
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood;
Joy without measure, eternal my home;
I'm so glad I'm a member, of the family of God.



Bulletin Digest



Mark your calendar for the Challenge Youth Conference
February 27—March 1.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Isn't it strange how a \$20 bill seems like a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how two hours seems so long when you're at church, and how short they are when you are watching a movie you like?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a front row seat at concerts or football games, but they want to sit on the last row in church?

Isn't it strange that we need to know about an event for church two or three weeks before we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust our time for any other event at the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others, but how easy it is to learn and pass on repeated gossip?

Isn't it strange how nearly everyone wants a place in heaven, but many don't want to believe, do or say anything to get there?

Paul said it best when writing to the Thessalonians, "prove all things; hold fast to that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

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, January 11

ELDER IN CHARGE—Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADER

AM—Gary Alton
PM—Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dwain Shears
Close—Dearll Vincent
6:00 PM—Scott Johnson
Close—Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Merrill
PM—Tim Proffitt

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Len Haid
PM—John Hall
Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Ron Riddle
2—Doug Hinzman
4—Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Ben Haught & David Mullins
2. Todd & Annette Kirk
3. Gary & Sharon Herridge
4. Ron & Peggy Riddle
5. Dennis & Sandy Keller
6. Dana & Cindy Slingluff



My Part

God didn't put me on this earth to have an easy time.
He put me here to fight a fight, to hold a battle line.

He put me here to help the weak and myself grow strong.
He put me here to lend a hand and help the world along.

He put me here to say a word of encouragement and cheer;
He put me here to sing a song for someone else to hear.

He didn't put me here to whine, stick out my lips and pout.
He put me here to do his work and Satan's evil rout.

He didn't put me here to seek rewards and starry crowns.
He put me here to do my part and see that love abounds.

So I'll just seek to do my part as I travel through these lands,
and I will strive to do His will and leave all in His hands.

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Facts and Figures

December 28, 2014

AM Service.....338

Bible Study.....258

PM Service.....251

Wednesday.....187

Contribution.....\$6392.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

Watch "**IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY**" Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Ch. 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV ch.307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Ch. 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.

UPCOMING TOPICS

January 11
GOD UNDERSTANDS

Daily Bible Reading

January 4—Mat 4, Ge 8-10
January 5—Mat 5:1-20, Ge 11-12
January 6—Mat 5:21-48, Ge 13-15
January 7—Mat 6:1-15, Ge 16-18
January 8—Mat 6:16-34, Ge 19-20
January 9—Mat 7, Ge 21-22
January 10—Mat 8, Ge 23-24
January 11—Mat 9:1-17, Ge 25

Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.