

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Saturday, July 27

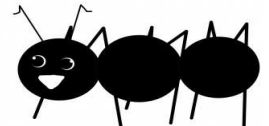
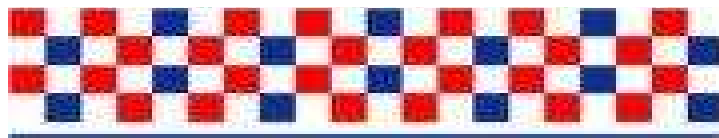
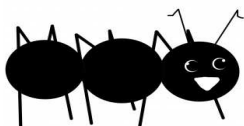
Beginning at 4:00, Dinner at 5:00

DuPont Park

This will be an old fashioned picnic.

Please bring covered dish items, meat dishes, salads, desserts and beverages—similar to Fellowship Meals.

Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for fun, games and fellowship.





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
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
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- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards I received. **Stan Inman**
- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful Birthday cards, gifts and to Care Group 3 for singing Happy Birthday to me. Love, **Peggy Dearth**
- ♥ Thank you all for the lovely birthday cards and gifts. I enjoyed each and every one! **Robin Anthony**
- ♥ We wish to thank you for the nice anniversary cards and we really enjoyed them. **Shorty and Gloria Frazier**
- ♥ My mother, Jackie Roberts, had her surgery and is home recovering. Her lymph nodes were NOT cancerous! She will undergo chemo and radiation as a precaution. Thank you all so much for prayers!!!
Shannan Hinzman
- ♥ **Melva Farris** says thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers while she was ill and for the use of the wheelchair.



We extend our sympathy to Shannan Hinzman and family in the passing of her grandmother, Betty Roberts. Her funeral was July 11 in Parkersburg.



Marietta Memorial (Room 354) - Jo Florence

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Ed Collins, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Calvin Martin, Bob Miller, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsey Cambell, Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Gayle Dulaney (Scott & Gwen's neighbor), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), Donna Ludwig, Robert Metz, Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Al Piggot, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (friend of Bob Miller), 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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Tammy Wilson came forward Sunday requesting prayers. Please continue to pray for her.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

The monthly Men's Meeting will be today at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

SERVICES AT LOVE AND CARE NEXT WEEK

Care Group 3 will be conducting the services at Love and Care next Sunday, July 28 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 1 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the church picnic Saturday, July 27 at DuPont Park. We will meet at 4:00 and eat at 5:00. This will be an old fashioned picnic because the gas grille used in the past is unusable at this time. Please bring meat dishes, covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Please plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors. (Note: The sign up sheets on the counter for attendance and food items are now considered void. We will not have sign up sheets.)

DEACON'S MEETING

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

TORNADO RELIEF

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the Oklahoma tornado relief efforts. If you would like to contribute, please see one of the elders. We will be collecting funds the next few weeks.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 12 in the MP Room. Sign up sheets are on the counter.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

We will be collecting the following items for the annual school supply give-away: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper. (No backpacks needed.) Items may be left in the bin in the foyer by the parking lot. The give-away will be August 15.

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.



Daily Bible Reading

July 21—Ac 18, Est 7-10
July 22—Ac 19:1-20, Job 1-3
July 23—Ac 19:21-41, Job 4-6
July 24—Ac 20:1-16, Job 7-8
July 25—Ac 20:17-38, Job 9-11
July 26—Ac 21:1-16, Job 12-13
July 27—Ac 21:17-40, Job 14-16

if you don't have time to
pray & read
scriptures,
you are busier than
God
ever intended you to be.



CARD REQUEST

Ava Larkin is having some serious health issues and will be undergoing six months of chemotherapy. She is 1 and 1/2 years old. Let's send her cards and remember her in prayers. Also, let's send her parents cards of encouragement.
Eric and Emily Larkin
219 Cofer Street
Washington, WV 26181



What the Future Holds

Only the Lord knows what the future holds because He holds the future. We are not promised another day much less another year. And yet, I suggest to you that whatever time the Lord ‘lends’ to us, several things will be experienced during that time.

TRIBULATION. What a way to begin? Well, God is truthful and so am I. Christ said, *“On this world you have tribulation”* (John 16:33). This world does have much to offer in the way of ease, comfort and pleasure. But such things are limited. There is pain, loss, insecurity, fear, suffering and problems. And yet, the Lord is with those who trust in Him when such things come. Therefore, it’s a good idea to draw close to Him.

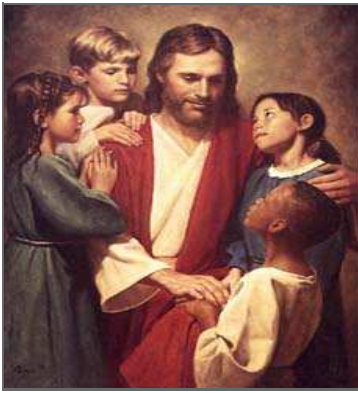
DISAPPOINTMENTS. Even our Lord experienced these. Peter denied Him. Judas betrayed Him. John and James wanted to sit at His right hand. The twelve fought among themselves for preeminence. People walked away from Him when He told them what He expected of them. Fact: people disappoint. Fact: God doesn’t. God is faithful even when we are unfaithful (cf. 2 Timothy 2:13; Rev. 19:11). Draw close to God.

MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCES. Wedding, births, new cars, job raises, baptisms, buying a first house, anniversaries. These things add spice to life. Thank the good Lord for these.

THE LORD’S PRESENCE AND BLESSINGS. No matter what happens, good or bad, the Lord is there. He indwells us. He empowers us. He loves us dearly. As we make plans for building up the church, the Lord will be with us each step of the way—as long as we continue to trust Him—He will bless each thing we do. *“...and lo, I am with you always. . . .”* (Matthew 28:20c)

HOPE BEYOND THIS LIFE. Ultimately, heaven will be our home—by His grace. Heaven keeps us going and helps us keep focused on what is really important.

What does the future hold? Uncertainty. Most importantly, as it comes one day at a time, it holds God and God holds us. Praise Him! Live life to the fullest. Enjoy the blessings. Grow through the tribulation. Work hard, pray harder. Above all, look forward to going home!



Jesus Loves the Little Children

(Mark 10:13-16)

“Let the little children _____ to Me, and do not _____ them; for of such is the _____ of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not _____ the kingdom of God as a little _____ will by no means enter it.” (Mark 10:14-15)

“Take heed that you do not _____ one of these little ones, for I say to you that in _____ their _____ always see the face of My _____ who is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10)

What does the church owe its children?

I. We owe our children the atmosphere of _____. Family is where children are _____, _____, and cherished. The church is an extended _____.

II. We owe our children _____. “Gather all the people _____, men and women, the _____ ones, and the stranger in the gates, that they may _____ and they may _____ to fear the Lord your God, and carefully _____ all of the words of the Law.” (Deut. 31:12-13) “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to _____ the message? Those just _____ from milk? For _____ must be upon precept, _____ upon line, here a _____ there a little.” (Isaiah 28:9-10)

III. We owe our children a good _____. Our lives must be _____ with what we teach. “Ask you father, and he will _____ you; your elders, and they will _____ you.” (Deut. 32:7)

IV. We owe our children the _____ to be _____. Discipleship begins when we put the Lord on in _____. We need to serve God as a _____; by _____, serving, reaching out to _____, showing _____ and _____, and accepting meaningful _____.

“Train up a _____ in the _____ he should go, and when he is _____ he will not _____ from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

It's Sooo Hot

~P. Nygard



Summer is here, and you know what that means...it's going to be HOT! But if you listen to the radio, the temperature is not the only thing that is hot. There are hot deals on cars, on vacations, and a great summer sale on cell phones, but to be honest these are not the *hot* items I am thinking about today.

You see, just the other day I heard a young Christian lady say..."I know, Isn't he sooooo HOT". Needless to say, this grabbed my attention. Turning around, I saw this young person standing with her friends looking at what I think was a picture of some popular teen celebrity on her cell phone. Yes, I know what some may be thinking. What is the big deal, they are just kids goofing off, and they don't talk the way we used to. Perhaps, but what really shocked me is when I saw a mom look at the phone, snicker, and say "Yeah, he's pretty *hot*."

OK, to be fair, maybe I did not understand what *being hot* really means. So I asked. What was the answer? Being *hot* is good looking, cute, a babe. Years past the phrase may have been a 'teen heartthrob'. One young lady said, "it doesn't mean anything, it's innocent."

To be honest, I was not totally convinced. The phrase "*he's hot or she's hot*" just seems more sexual than that. So I asked our good friend Google to see what other teenagers had to say. Here are some of the more prevalent answers.

Yup, hot to me is based on pure looks.

A guy that makes you want to drool when his shirt is off.

Curves, curves, curves.

One young man said, "it is a girl you would have sex with, but would not want to date." (By the way, this comment had 341 likes, 3 dislikes).

One young lady said, "a hot guy is one you just have to get (into his pants) with. (She had many other girls liking her comment).

So what does it mean? Is it simply a cute guy/girl, or is it a potential frivolous sex partner? If you search for "hot" on Google images (I do not suggest doing this without your 'mature content' filters set), the first seven pages are pictures of people wearing little or no clothing.

Young people, does it truly matter how you personally are using the word when so many others that hear it think immoral thoughts when it is said? You may use it in an innocent way, but when others hear you say '*he is sooo hot*', do they think the same thing? Parents, if you heard a young person call your daughter or son *hot*, would that make you feel uncomfortable, or would it be OK if they were looked at as a sex object by others?

I know that was a blunt question, but now is not the time to be quiet and make excuses for the words we use. No matter what your age, if you are a Christian, you represent Christ! I can't imagine that He would have seen and young lady and said, "Whoooo man, she is sooo HOT!" Do you?

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. –Col 4.6

SPIRITUAL FIRST RESPONDER

Be prepared and willing to step up when God gives us the opportunity to serve in difficult situations.

August 3, 8:30AM-2:30PM

OVU Main Campus, Cronin Conference Room

Cost: \$20.00 per person, includes lunch

Featured speakers: Dr. Harold Shank, Dr. E. Keith Stotts, and Richard (Rick) Stanley

At OVU community is a cornerstone to Christian higher education. Community calls for respect, love, and service. OVU values the worth of each individual. Christ-centered community unites, in harmony and fellowship.

OVU is one way we can accomplish this through our Wood and Washington County Grant. The WWCG offers an \$8000.00 grant to students who either graduate from a Wood or Washington County school, or have been residents for at least one year.

Details on bulletin boards in both foyers.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

OVU Admissions Department is looking for a talented and student-centered Admissions Counselor.

Details on bulletin boards in the foyers.



Cedar Point Trip

We will be taking a trip to Cedar Point Tuesday, July 30.

The cost will be \$50.00 each and needs to be paid to Paul Saunders by July 24.

We will meet at the building at 5:55AM.

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



During World War II, in preparation for the Battle of the Bulge, the Allied Forces called every available man to readiness. One unit, consisting of office workers, was hastily converted to infantry and assigned to a section of road that was expected to be under fire within hours.

The first order was for the men to dig foxholes. One man, who had spent years at a typewriter, had little success in the stone-hard ground. Finally, he approached his commanding officer and said, "Sir, wouldn't it be easier if we just

attacked and made them dig foxholes?"

While it is true that we must hold our ground, I think that we sometimes are too content to merely hold the ground that we have. Instead, we need to be on the move for the Master! Like Caleb, we need to be conquering mountains and overcoming giants (Joshua 14:12). Like Peter, we need to leave the comfort of the shore and launch out into the deep water. (Luke 5:4)

God expects more from us than just lip service and holding our ground!

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, July 28

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley
 PM—Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dennis Keller
 Close—Walter Morgan
 6:00 PM—Leon Hupp
 Close—Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM—Clyde Yoho
 PM—Jimmy Galloway

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—John Life
 PM—Todd Kirk
 Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



August Birthdays—Anniversaries

- August 2—Cassie Hennen, Nancy Stanley
- August 3—Pat Hoover
- August 4—Scott Johnson
- August 5—Jamie Atkinson
- August 7—Bill Davis, Cecil McCutcheon, *Dana & Cindy Slingluff
- August 8—Bill Camp, Ed Porter, Hannah Shears, Nick Yoho
- August 9—Sharon Herridge
- August 10—Ron Riddle, Donna Tice
- August 11—Colleen Ash
- August 13—*Dave & Carla Wadlington
- August 14—Jane Pralley, Emily Saunders
- August 17—Sallie Hinzman, *Steve & Linda Gray
- August 18—Debbie Beaver, John Life
- August 19—Sam Bush, Lois Nulter, Carrie Nygard, *Dwain & Kimberlee Shears
- August 20—Drew Hershman
- August 22—Rose Merrill, Ray Sams, Dearl Vincent
- August 24—Larry Stanley
- August 26—Sherry Wilcox
- August 27—Linda Gray, Karen Life, Eloise Smith, Brad Sheppard, Clyde Yoho
- August 28—Kyler Wade
- August 29—Keith Cowdery

*Anniversary

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

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, Doug Hershman, and Dwain Shears.

Facts and Figures

July 14, 2013

AM Service.....282
 Bible Study.....224
 PM Service.....221
 Wednesday.....173
 Contribution\$7387.57

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2
 Restored or Requested Prayers.....4
 Placed Membership...12

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

UPCOMING TOPIC

July 28
 DO NOT GO BEYOND

Friday Night Sing



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