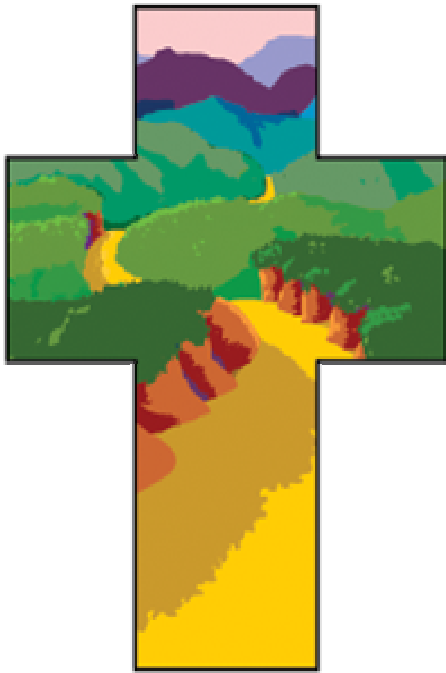


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in ALL your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our group will be leaving this Thursday for the LLL convention in Louisville, KY. They will return next Sunday.

We pray for their safe travels and wish our students well at the convention.

Thanks to all for your hard work!

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
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
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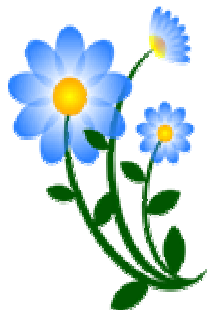
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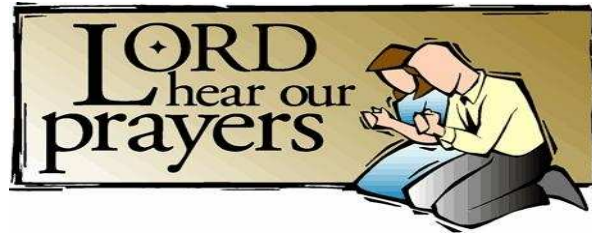
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We extend our sympathy the family of Martha Vincent. (She was Dearll Vincent's aunt and Michelle Goldsmith's grandmother.)

We also extend our sympathy to Carol Vincent in the passing of her aunt, Justine Hale.

Their funerals were held Tuesday in Parkersburg.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Chelsea Doonan, Lee Edwards, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Sharon Midkiff, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Akers (Don & Brenda Dougherty's neighbor), 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), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), John Huxley (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), Donna Ludwig, Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Sue Sheppard (Ruth Fox's cousin), David Smith (Friend of Bob Miller), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

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

Josh Taylor was one of the eight Marines killed Monday in the training accident in Nevada. He was engaged to Abbey Malone. They were to be married in six weeks.

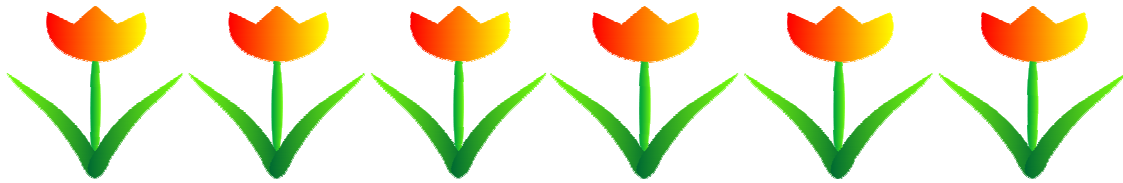
Please pray for these families. They are members at the Winding Road congregation.



Thank You Notes



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards we both received. We enjoyed them all. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and gifts. They made my day. **Bille Coe**
- ♥ Thank you for remembering my birthday. I enjoyed my cards and gifts. In Christian love, **Garrie Miller**
- ♥ We want to thank everyone for all the beautiful anniversary cards. Each card made our special day even more special. We enjoyed each and every one of them. Thank you, **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ Many thanks to ALL who participated and/or donated to the Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon. A special thank you to Sharon Woomer who graciously volunteered and saved the event. Blessings, **Ruth Ann Gibbs**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM

We rejoice that Paige Flanigan was baptized Friday by Bill Lemley. Her address is: 173 Hill Drive, Washington, WV 26181. She attends with Evan Fleak and his family. She will be in Care Group 2. We welcome her into the family at Camden Avenue.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet today at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening. (5:45 dinner, 6:15 devo., and 6:30 work assignments) Sign-up sheets for food and attendance are on the counter.

LOVE & CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the 7:00 sing tomorrow evening at Love & Care. The residents enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

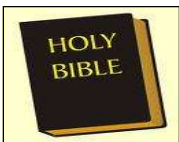
The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

SINGING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Next Sunday evening will be the fifth Sunday singing service. If you are interested in leading a couple of songs, see John Life.

SOUP BEAN DINNER—GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to the soup bean dinner-game night Friday, April 12 at 6:00 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheets for food and attendance are on the counter. Please bring games.



Daily Bible Reading

March 24—Lu 1:57-80, De 12-14
March 25—Lu 2:1-24, De 15-17
March 26—Lu 2:25-52, De 18-20
March 27—Lu 3:1-18, De 21-22
March 28—Lu 3:19-38, De 23-25
March 29—Lu 4:1-15, De 26-27
March 30—Lu 4:16-44, De 28-29
March 31—Lu 5:1-16, De 30-31



Congratulations to Ron and Linda Moncrief at the birth of their great grandson,
Dayton Lee Carr.

He was born March 14 to their granddaughter, Tera.

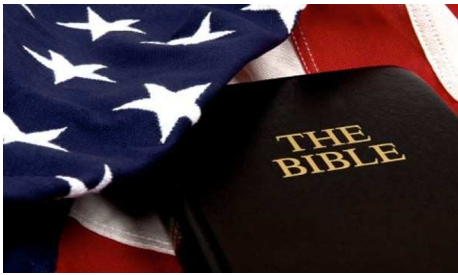


THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Annette Kirk and Jo Goldsmith for decorating the bulletin boards for spring.

Thanks to all that made the New Members Dinner a huge success.

Thanks to Lenore Vaught for baking the ham. It was delicious!



BIBLICAL MORTALITY

Our postmodern culture argues that the Bible is an outdated, irrelevant text. Therefore, it is wrong to appeal to it as an authoritative standard for morality. Robert Williams, in his book, “Just As I Am: A Practical Guide to Being Out, Proud, and Christian”, offers the following argument in defense of homosexuality: The point is not really whether or not some passage in the Bible condemns homosexual acts; the point is that you cannot allow your moral and ethical decisions to be determined by the literature of a people whose culture and history are so far removed from your own. You must dare to be iconoclastic enough to say, “So what if the Bible does say it? Who cares?” (page 128).

Sadly, Mr. Williams echoes the sentiments of a lot of folks when he dismisses the moral relevancy of Scripture. People have a problem with authority, especially Biblical authority. Folks want to be religious, but they also want to be free to do as they choose. This is not something new. It was said of the children of Israel in the days of the judges, “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (17:6; 21:25).

An iconoclast is somebody who challenges or overturns traditional beliefs, customs, and values. For the iconoclast truth is whatever he wants it to be. Anything in the Bible which is objectionable is declared to be culturally irrelevant. The argument is generally framed as follows. The Bible is thousands of years old. The fastest Moses, Jesus, Paul ever traveled was five or six miles an hour. Today, we can board a plane and fly anywhere in the world at six hundred miles an hour. How can the Bible possibly be relevant in our modern, highly technological world? The answer is pretty simple. A man can lust, covet, or slander his neighbor at six hundred miles an hour just as easily as he can at six miles an hour. Make no mistake, our world is far more technologically advanced than the world of the Bible, but people are still the same.

The Bible anticipated the iconoclasts and their attacks on the integrity and relevancy of Scripture when it asserted: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Is there a part of the Sermon on the Mount that doesn't resonate today with the honest reader? What truth in God's ancient book can be demonstrated to no longer be true?

Either the Bible is the word of God or it isn't. It claims to be inspired, authoritative, all-sufficient, and by implication inerrant (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Those claims can be defended. Therefore, to reject what the Bible says about morality or any other matter is to reject the authority of the Creator Himself. Biblical morality may not be popular, but it is right!



Total Commitment

(Luke 9:57-62)

“If anyone desires to _____ after Me, let him _____ himself and take up his _____ daily, and _____ Me. For whoever desires to _____ His life will _____ it, but whoever _____ his life for _____ save will save it.”
(Luke 9:23-24)

The First would-be follower:

The Follower's claim: “Lord, I will _____ you wherever you go” (Luke 9:57). **Jesus' response:** Have you _____ the _____. “Foxes have _____ and birds of the air have _____, but the Son of Man has nowhere to _____ His head” (Luke 9:58).

To be Jesus' disciple we must love Him more than earthly _____. “It is easier for a _____ to go through the _____ of a needle than for a _____ man to enter the kingdom of heaven” (Luke 18:25). “Beware of _____, for one's life does not consist in the _____ of _____ which he possesses” (Luke 12:15) **The challenge of wealth:** “The _____ of money is the _____ of all kinds of evil” (I Tim.6:10). “For those who _____ to be _____ fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful _____ which drown men in destruction and perdition” (I Tim. 6:9)

The Second would-be follower:

The followers claim: “Lord, let me _____ go and _____ my father” (Luke 9:59). **Jesus' response _____ is the _____.** “Let the _____ bury their own dead, but you go and _____ the _____ of God” (Luke 9:60).

To be Jesus' disciple we must _____ Him more than even _____. “If anyone comes to Me and does not _____ his _____ and _____, wife and _____, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own _____ also, he cannot be My _____”(Luke 14:26). **The time to follow Jesus is _____.** “But exhort one another _____, while it is called _____, lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13)

The Third would-be follower:

The follower's claim: “Lord, I will _____ You, but first let me go and bid them _____ who are at my house” (Luke 9:61). **Jesus' response “Don't _____ back!”** “No one, having put his hand to the _____, and looking _____, is fit for the _____ of God” (Luke 9:62).

The decision to follow Jesus must be made with _____ commitment. “I am crucified with _____; it is no longer I who _____ but _____ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). “But seek _____ the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33).

It's My Big Gulp

~P. Nygard



Recently, there has been an argument raging in the city of New York over the mayor's dictate that a person cannot buy a single soft drink 32oz or larger. If you want a 'big gulp' from Seven Eleven then you will just have to buy two smaller ones and drink them both. The situation has ignited the airwaves with controversy, something we Americans seem to thrive on.

One nutritionist argued that America is eating itself to death, literally. Obesity rates are higher than in any other country she said. Not to mention the deaths caused by heart attack and diabetes that can be caused by overconsumption.

While I do not accept the mayor of New York's solution to sugar consumption, I did have to agree with one thing. We are a nation addicted to things that are not good for us both physically and spiritually.

Consider the words of Christ, "Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9.23)

When we are hungry, we eat, but often it is too much 'comfort' food. I wonder, do we feed our minds in the same way? We soak up shows like Duck Dynasty when we want to sit and relax...for hours. People spend more time in activities like texting or messaging friends than they do in even considering their own soul. Others just don't have time to consume spiritual food, opting for the world's drive through instead.

If our desire is to be with God in heaven forevermore, then we have to find the strength to put ourselves aside and pick up the cross of Christ, every day. We must develop the courage not only to be seen with Christ, but to stand up for His cause.

To be honest, it doesn't matter if you want to walk around with your 44oz Coke from Sonic, it's OK. But if we fill ourselves to overflowing with the world instead of God, then we will die a spiritual death. Don't die a spiritual death! Take up your cross, open the Bible, eat the bread of life, drink spiritual water, feed your soul, follow in His steps and live with the Lord forever.



LLL Information

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

SHOWCASE—REQUESTED PICNIC ITEMS

The convention is March 28-31 in Louisville, KY.

- The LLL Showcase will be today at 4:15 in the MP Room. Come view the projects and encourage the students.
- If you would like to make a LLL monetary donation, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.
- LLL picnic items need to be at the building by this Wednesday.

God Beside Us

God is beside us each step of the way.

If only we lean on His arm as we pray.

His love is eternal and help can be wrought

If faith is applied in each prayer and each thought.



Lord, lead me to do Your will. Make Your way plain for me to follow.

Psalms 5:8

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

If I were starting my family again, I would show love for the mother of my children more than I did. I would try to love her even more the second time around than I did the first time. I would more openly let my children know that I love their mother.

We are told that the most powerful expression of love between spouses is actually the non-verbal expressions of love. I would be kinder, hold her hand more, send special notes, be more patient, look more deeply into her eyes and tell my children how wonderful their mother is!

Men, the greatest thing we can do for our children is to love their mother with all our heart, and the greatest thing a mother can do for her children is to love their father. When children know their parents love each other, there is security and stability that is gained in no other way.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her." (Ephesians 5:25)

Remember, Love is the only game two can play and both win!!!!

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, March 31

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Dave Wadlington

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson
Close - Dave Nulter
6:00 PM - Bill Merrill
Close - Bill Camp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston
PM - Dan Rich

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dennis Keller
PM - Don Gaston
Marion Goldsmith

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Paul Inman
2 - Ed Collins
4 - Carrie Nygard

PM

1. Ashley Nygard & Sarah Hinzman
2. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
3. Brian & Natalie Hinzman
4. Chris & Debbie Tallman
5. Brian & Ann Knotts
6. Woodrow & Tabetha Wagoner

Facts and Figures

March 17, 2013

AM Service.....301

Bible Study.....245

PM Service.....234

Wednesday.....229

Contribution\$8446.05

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



The sing this week
will be at the
Waverly
congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE
LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV.

UPCOMING TOPIC
March 31
THE NEW COVENANT



SPRING

Area Gospel Meetings/Events

March 24-27

North End congregation
Various Speakers

March 24-28

Harmar Hill

Speaker: Jody Apple

March 31-April 3

Hopewell congregation

Speaker: Tom Miller

March 31-April 3

Bridge Street congregation

Speaker: Steve Stevens

April 8 -12

Creighton Ridge congregation

Various speakers

April 12-13

Stark County Men's Retreat

Registration deadline April 1. Forms available in the foyers.

April 13

Senior Christian Day

Congregation at Virginia Avenue & Second Street-Chester, WV

April 13

Golden Agers Day

New Concord congregation

Ladies Inspiration Days

April 6—Central congregation

April 13—Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Day at Grand Central

April 20—Bridgeport congregation

Speakers: Sally Shank and Tracy Crites

Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Warren Christian Apologetics Center presents the four week seminar series:

CHRIST, LIFE, AND AMERICAN CULTURE

To be held at: Ritchie County High School Auditorium

Transportation will leave here each Thursday evening
at 6:00PM. (March 28, April 4, and April 11)

