

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Little Sparrow

When I have a lot of worries,
And my soul is weighted down,
I can almost hear Him saying,
“Only crosses make a crown”
And when my eyes are burning
From the tears that I have shed,
Comes the gentle voice “Remember what
I suffered in thy stead”?

When I look around for comfort,
And there is no listening ear,
Comes a whisper close behind me,
“Hush my child, for I am here”!
And somehow the heavy burden
That I almost couldn't bear,
Slips from off my aching shoulders,
And becomes as light as air.
And my heart is filled with gladness,
And with peace when it recalls,
He knows all things, down to the time
The smallest sparrow falls.

And a new hope stirs within me,
Like the beat of feathered wing,
And in His outstretched arms I find

A love to which I cling.
And I am no longer troubled
At the turning of the ways,
For long ago He told me
“I am with you all the days”.
And I find a blessed haven,
Beyond the reach of man,
Just like the tiny sparrow
That He shelters in His hand.



“Look at the birds of the air, for they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into
barns; yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not of more
value than they?”

Matthew 6:26

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Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LISTS.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Chelsea Doonan, Don Dougherty, Bob and Lillie Fox, Stormi Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Sharon Midkiff, Ron Moncrief, 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, Peggy Morris (Nancy Kime's sister), 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.

Stormi Frazier was released from the Charleston Women and Children's Hospital. Her home address is: 1905 Hamilton Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

At the time of this printing, Ron Moncrief was being taken to the Charleston Area Medical Center.

Tammy Hatfield is having health issues. Her address is: 531 Lockport Avenue SW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-8603.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ I appreciate the cards and prayers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. **Lee Edwards**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Barbara Cramlet**
- ♥ Thank you for remembering my birthday. I enjoyed each card. In Christian love, **Lillie Fox**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the special birthday wishes. **Sherry Hoover**
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards and gifts. I enjoyed reading the cards the second time as much as I did the first. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. **Donovan Walton**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



SINGING SERVICE THIS EVENING

This evening will be a singing service. Song leaders interested in leading a couple of songs, see John Life.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week, April 8. (5:45 dinner, 6:15 devotional and 6:30 work assignments.) Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance.

CPR—AED RECERTIFICATION CLASS

It's been two years and it is time for those who are CPR and AED certified to be recertified. The class will be Monday, April 15 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Please let Marion Goldsmith know if you are planning on (or not) attending the class.

2013 GOAL TO READ NEW TESTAMENT

Our Elders set one of our goals for 2013 to have our members read through the New Testament this year. Forms will be on the bulletin boards in the front and rear foyers for you to add your name to commit to this goal. Please check off the box beside your name when you complete.

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.

PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

Our church pantry is low on the following items: jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce/pasta, and any canned fruit. Items may be left in the library or the office.

Thank you to De Fleak for baking the communion bread for March.

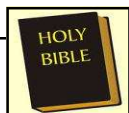


Remember the following brothers in Christ with prayers and cards as they recuperate.

Ed Porter
237 Highland Lake Terrace
Washington, WV 26181

Jim VanCamp
183 Varner Road
Walker, WV 26180

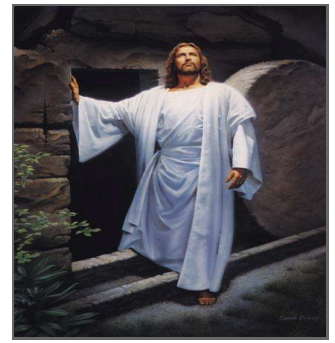
Daily Bible Reading



March 31—Luke 5:1-16, De 30-31
April 1—Lu 5:17-39, De 32
April 2—Lu 6:1-26, De 33-34
April 3—Lu 6:27-49, Jos 1-4
April 4—Lu 7:1-17, Jos 5-7
April 5—Lu 7:18-50, Jos 8-9
April 6—Lu 8:1-18, Jos 10-12
April 7—Lu 8:19-39, Jos 13-14

DANA'S DIRECTION

“A Day Set Aside—To Honor Jesus”



Today is a day that has been set aside for us to honor Jesus. As we worship today, we will praise Him for His willingness to die on the cross for our sins. We will focus on the Passion of the cross. We will rejoice that He has risen from the grave. We will do these things because this is a special day, set aside, in His memory.

No, I am not referring to Easter! The name Easter never appears in scripture. Its inclusion in the KJV of Acts 12:4 was just that. The translators inserted the word Easter into the text because appointing a single day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus had become the practice of the Catholic Church. The name Easter was actually taken from an annual feast honoring Estre, a Pagan goddess of spring and light. This verse, correctly translated, refers to Passover.

But there is a day that has been set aside to honor Jesus. Near the end of the first century, John, the only apostle still living, had been exiled to the island of Patmos. There he wrote, “I was in the Spirit on the **Lord’s Day.**” (Revelation 1:10) In the original Greek of this text, *Lord’s* is used as an adjective. It is used in the same way we would refer to Veteran’s Day or Martin Luther King Day. The Lord’s Day is a day that has been set aside to remember and honor the Lord.

The first day of the week—Sunday—has always been the day set aside by Christians to honor Jesus. It was the first day of the week—Sunday—that Jesus arose from the grave. From the day Jesus was resurrected, we find Christians assembled every Sunday. The church was established on Pentecost which was observed fifty days after Passover—a Sunday.

In Acts 20:7 we read “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul ready to depart the next day, preached to them.” It is interesting, that although Paul was anxious to return to Jerusalem, he waited in Troas for seven days. Why? Because the first day of the week—Sunday—was the day Christians assembled to observe the Lord’s Supper (the supper observed in the Lord’s memory. (I Corinthians 11:24)

When did Christians assemble to observe the Lord’s Supper? On the first day of the week. How often did they assemble to observe the Lord’s Supper? Every week has a first day! We see this reflected in Paul’s instructions to the Corinthians about giving when they were assembled. “**On the first day of every week** each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.” (I Corinthians 16:2 ESV)

So you see, today is a special day that has been set aside to honor Jesus. We remember His death, burial, and resurrection as we surround the table to commune with Him and with one another. This is done in remembrance of Jesus. Setting aside one Sunday a year to remember Jesus’ death, and calling it Easter, is never commanded of Christians, nor do we find any example of it in the New Testament church.

You could say “isn’t it good that we set aside one Sunday each year to honor Jesus for His death and resurrection?” My question would be “why don’t you honor Him the other 51 ‘first days of the week’?”

Sermon Notes

There Remains a Rest (Hebrews 4)

A. A promise remains of entering His rest.

B. We who have believed do enter that rest.

C. There remains a rest for the people of God.

I. Let Us Fear

II. Let Us Be Diligent

III. Let Us Hold Fast

IV. Let Us Come Boldly

A. The rest that remains for the people of God is beyond description.

B. God's people can fail to enter that rest through unbelief and disobedience.

C. Let us daily live for the Lord and one day enjoy the rest prepared for the faithful.

Paul Nygard will be speaking this morning in Dana's absence.
Dana went with the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes group to the convention in Louisville, KY.
We will have a singing service this evening.

You Are Valuable

~With Permission by Steve Higginbotham

Due to our keen awareness of our own imperfections, we are often made to wonder, as did the psalmist, “Who is man that you are mindful of him?” (Psalm 8.4).

We sometimes wonder how God could possibly still love us after all our sins. Maybe the answer to that question can be best understood by the way of illustration.

Suppose I were to offer you a crisp, new \$100 dollar bill, would you want it? Of course you would. But suppose I crumpled the money up in my fist before giving it to you. Would you still want it even though it's crumpled and wrinkled? That wouldn't change your mind, would it? Well, suppose I then threw the crumpled \$100 dollar bill on the ground and twisted it into the dirt with my shoe. Would you still want it? Well, of course you would. You see, whether crumpled or crisp, clean or dirty, the \$100 dollar bill retains its value.

Likewise, it matters not to God how dirty we get from wallowing in sin, God still sees our value and wants to possess us.

Friends, don't ever sell yourself short. Do you feel guilty for all of your sins? Good! You should. But don't let your sins cause you to think that God no longer wants you. You are his creation, his offspring, and consequently he will never stop loving you. Don't allow his love to go unrequited.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3.16).

Submitted by Paul Nygard



Remember our shut-ins in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

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Youth Rally

at the
North End Church of Christ

Friday, April 19 (6:30-8:30)

Saturday, April 20 (9:00-3:45)

A collaborative effort with the Grand
Central congregation.

Grand Central Rally

Grades 3–6

North End Rally

Grades 7 – 12 and Adults

Pre-register by April 12 to 304.422.0489 or
304.295.5116.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin
board by the office.

Traveling youth group will worship at the
Barlow-Vincent congregation April 4 at
6:00PM.

April 21—6th-12th grade devo. in MP
Room after evening services. Sign-up
sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

One day, a man decided to paint his bedroom floor. He moved the furniture and went out to get some paint. The job took most of the day, but by supper time, the man was almost finished. He planned to go out to eat to celebrate a job well done, but all of his plans were dashed when he looked down at his newly painted floor. The man had painted himself right into a corner.



Pretty funny, right? The problem is that something like this has probably happened to all of us. Not literally, but figuratively we have all been stuck in a nasty situation just like the man in the story.

Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him bears much fruit; for without Me, you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

The man in the story did not plan to paint toward a door so that he could get out of the room. In the same way, we cannot plan our lives without God; it’s impossible! What we can do is to allow Him to plan for us. Ask God for His guidance. Pray to God when you get stuck or lost or lonely. He will help you every time!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

SPRING

Area Gospel Meetings/Events

March 31–April 3

Hopewell congregation
Speaker: Tom Miller

March 31–April 3

Bridge Street congregation
Speaker: Steve Stevens

April 7–10

Oakwood congregation in Fairmont, WV
Speaker: Roger Rush

April 8–11

Mineral Wells congregation
Speaker: Bob Noland

April 8–12

Creighton Ridge congregation
Various speakers

April 12–13

Stark County Men's Retreat

* **Speakers include Dana Slingluff and Harold Shank** *
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.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

UPCOMING TOPIC

April 7
THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT

Friday Night Sing



The sing this week will be at the North End congregation.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Leon Hupp

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM - Breck Hesselrode

PM - Dave Nulter

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Delmas Carr

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



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

Facts and Figures

March 24, 2013

AM Service.....282

Bible Study.....202

PM Service.....195

Wednesday.....232

Contribution\$6593.92

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

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 6:15PM. (April 4 and April 11)

