

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.
He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.
God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.
And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.
The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.
And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

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Happy Mother's
Day!

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
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**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Keith Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan,
 Melva Farris, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil
 Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Akers (Don & Brenda Dougherty's neighbor), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Danny Carbaugh (Dana & Cindy's son-in-law), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), 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, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (Friend of Bob Miller), 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.



- ♥ A note of warmest thanks for the many birthday cards and best wishes. I love the Lord and my church family.
 Sincerely, **Zoe Byrum**
- ♥ Our Church Family means so much to us. Can't thank you enough for prayer, visits and cards. In Christian Love,
Harvey Caplinger Sr.
- ♥ I appreciate each and every birthday card I received.
Herb Wright
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and kind messages.
Dwain Shears



GRADUATION PICTURES

Pictures of 2013 graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office today. Include graduate's name and school information. The graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet this week at Love and Care at 6:00.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Calle Logston-Brandon Shepherd Saturday, May 18 at 1:00-3:00 in the MP Room hosted by family and the shower group. They are registered at Kohl's, Walmart, and Sears.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

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

LADIES' LUNCH

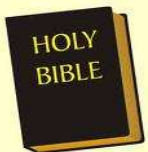
The Ladies' lunch will have a brown bag lunch Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 at Fort Boreman Park.

BEST WISHES TO DAN AND CANDICE!

Daniel Rich and Candice will marry May 17 at 6:30PM in Missouri. Everyone is invited to a reception in the MP Room June 2 at 2:30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be June 9–12. Mark the date and plan to attend. See Todd Kirk for details.



Daily Bible Reading

May 12—Luke 24:36-53, 2 Sam 15-16
May 13—John 1:1-34, 2 Sa 17-18
May 14—John 1:35-51, 2 Sa 19-20
May 15—John 2, 2 Sa 21-22
May 16—John 3:1-21, 2 Sa 23-24
May 17—John 3:22-36, 1 Ki 1
May 18—John 4:1-26, 1 Ki 2-3
May 19—John 4:27-54, 1 Ki 4-5



**It's
a
Boy!**

Congratulations to Tammy Kerns in the birth of her grandson, Kolson Camp. He was born May 3 weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Proud parents are Mandy and Scott Camp and big sister, Halle!



DANA'S DIRECTION

“A Virtuous Wife and Mother”

Years ago, I drew the assignment to teach a Ladies' Bible Class on the subject of motherhood. I felt imminently qualified! After all—I had a mother! I had also observed my wife being a mother to my two small children. Now, all I had to do was to go to the appropriate verses in the Bible and I could advise all the mothers in the class on how to do their jobs better!

Naturally, I turned to Proverbs 31. “The Worthy Woman.” Even as I announced the text, a young woman in our class audibly groaned. Her reaction surprised me. She was a very faithful and dedicated Christian. She was a preacher's daughter and a deacon's wife. She had two preschool aged children and was working a part time job outside the home. In the eyes of many—she had it all and did it all!

When I inquired about her reaction she said, “whenever I study that passage it makes me feel like a failure.” Immediately, the rest of the class chimed in! “The expectations are too high.” “The work is too demanding.” “We don't get any help from our husbands!” “Our friends who work outside the home look down on us.” “Stay-at-home-moms get stuck with all the volunteer jobs at school and in the church.” All of a sudden (reinforced by knowing glances from my wife), I realized just how unqualified I was to teach this class. It was exactly the reason that Paul instructed “older women to teach the younger women.” (Titus 2:3-5) You can study it in a class, but until you “walk the walk” you really aren't prepared to “talk the talk.”

In the years since, I have grown through study of scripture and of life to more fully understand the importance of the role played both by mothers and fathers. There are several things about Proverbs 31 that need to be understood for it to be fully appreciated.

First, these words were written by a mother to her son (King Lemuel)! (Proverbs 31:1) They were written to guide him in his quest for a wife. So we know, right away, she was speaking of an ideal wife. Few women could live up to every quality described in this passage.

Second, most scholars believe this description to be a summary of the life-role of a mother and a wife. Obviously there are times in our lives where the most “pressing” needs take the greatest “precedence.” A woman with small children doesn't have time to “make sashes” or “plant a vineyard!” At other times in her life she is more free to “buy a field and stretch out her hand to the poor!” Paul gives credence to this view when he lists the qualities of a widow who is worthy to be supported by the church. She was to be “well reported for good works; having brought up children, lodged strangers, washed the saint's feet, relieved the afflicted and followed every good work.” To qualify—she had to be at least 60! (I Timothy 5:9-10)

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What I believe that Proverbs 31 does emphasize is relationships. A wife and a mother's true virtue is revealed in how she deals with the relationships God entrusts her with. Relationships that can and should be prioritized! They are—in order of importance: First, her relationship to God. “A woman who fears the Lord shall be praised.” Second, her relationship to her husband. “The heart of her husband safely trusts in her. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.” Third, her relationship to her children and in making a home for her family. “She brings her food from afar. She is not afraid of snow for her household. Fourth, her relationship to those she serves as she serves God. “She stretches out her hands to the poor. She opens her mouth with kindness and wisdom.” Fifthly, she takes care of herself. “She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen.”

The truth is all of these relationships emanate from one. She loves God! Her love of God shows itself in the fruit of her good works.

So, to all wives and mothers, there is good news to be had. God doesn't expect you to “have it all” or be able to “do it all.” Do what you can—when you can. Enjoy each season of your life. In doing so, God will be pleased and those who are most important in your life, your family, will be blessed.

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.”





Welcome to our Study of Matthew and Mark

~P. Nygard

The first session of our new curriculum has been a success and I want to thank everyone, both students and teachers, for making it so. Our study on Matthew and Mark begins today and will run through Wednesday, September 4th.

Please give our teachers starting the second session of the year your prayers and encouragement for the work they do for the Lord.

Cradle Roll – We still have a need for Cradle Roll teachers. If you can help, please let Paul Inman or Paul Nygard know as soon as possible.

2-3 year olds – (Sun) Gwen Johnson – (Wed) Annette Kirk & Jo Goldsmith

4-5 year olds – (Sun) Connie Hickman & Jenny Ware – (Wed) Teresa Wade

1st – 2nd Grade – (Sun) Pam Bayer, Rosemary Merrill – (Wed) Barbara Saunders

3rd Grade – (Sun) Carrie Nygard – (Wed) Peggy Riddle

4th – 5th Grade – (Sun) Kelly Fleak & Mary Lemley – (Wed) Carol Vincent & Cheryl Logston

6th – 8th Grade – (Sun) Jon Hescht & Daniel Rich – (Wed) Josh Barclay

9th -12th Grade – (Sun) Paul Nygard – (Wed) Mike Bayer & Scott Johnson

Young Adult / College – (Sun) Paul Inman – (Wed) Dana Slingluff

Adult Rm 109 – (Sun) Rick Stanley – (Wed) Gary Herridge

Adult Ladies – (Wed) Patty Sayre & Felicia Barclay

Adult Auditorium – (Sun) Dana Slingluff – (Wed) Paul Nygard

There are some new members who have joined our classes, **welcome!** A question was asked about when promotion will be for children. This year, promotion day for school age children will be Sunday, September 8th.

The cradle roll and 2-3 year olds are the only exception. Children who turn two or four are allowed to move into the next highest class at the *beginning of the next session* following their birthday. For this year those dates are 5 Jan, 12 May, and 8 Sept. I hope this answers the question clearly.

We love suggestions, ideas, and volunteers, especially volunteers (insert a chuckle here), so please keep them coming. With everyone's help and dedication toward spiritual growth, our love for the Lord will blossom greater than our beautiful spring flowers this spring and last a lifetime.



When you can see the handwriting on the wall, you are probably the mother of a toddler.

To love children is to love God.

You can be sure of two things in this world: There is a God and your mother loves you.

Separation anxiety happens to babies around nine months; to mothers their whole lives.

A mother is someone who dreams great dreams for you, but then she lets you chase the dreams you have for yourself and loves you just the same.

A happy family is heaven on earth.

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6th-12th Grade Devotional at the home of Mike & Pam Bayer Saturday, May 18 at 4:30. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida) registration forms are on the Youth bulletin board by the office.



Everyone is invited to a celebration for our High School graduates Sunday, June 2 in the MP Room after evening worship.

Please bring finger foods and desserts.

(Our graduating seniors: Paige Flanigan, Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts, Darlene Pickering, Lindsay Proffitt, and Emily Saunders.)

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A story was told about a man who raised chickens. Among them was a rooster that occasionally crowed, and greatly annoyed the next-door neighbor. Early one morning, disturbed and angry, the neighbor called the owner of the flock and made his complaint: "That miserable bird of yours keeps me up all night!"

"I don't understand," answered the owner. "He hardly ever crows; but if he does, it's never more than two or three times in an entire day."

The man quickly retorted, "That isn't the problem. It's not how often he crows that irritates me! It's not knowing when he might crow that keeps me awake!"

Many of us are like that man! We worry about the difficulties and distressing circumstances that could arise tomorrow. Rather than living a day at a time and rejoicing in the Lord's blessings, we become anxious by borrowing trouble and constantly fretting about the things we fear MIGHT happen. Someone has said, "Ninety percent of all the things we worry about never happen and the Lord knows all about the other ten percent.

Stop worrying and enjoy the day the Lord has made!

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



MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHER'S DAY IS REMBRANCE DAY.

We pause on the path of the year
To pay honor and worshipful tribute
To the Mother our heart holds dear . . .

For, whether here or in heaven,
Her love is our haven and guide,
For always the memory of Mother
Is a beacon light shining inside . . .

Time cannot destroy her memory
And years can never erase

The tenderness and the beauty
Of the love in a Mother's face . . .

And, when we think of our Mother,
We draw nearer to God above,
For only God in His Greatness
Could fashion a MOTHER'S LOVE.

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Area Gospel Meetings/Events

May 17–18

Men's Retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp

July 19–22

Blue Ridge Family & Singles Encampment

It's located a few minutes east of Asheville, North Carolina at a large YMCA camp in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

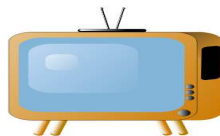
Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Friday Night Sing



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

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



UPCOMING TOPIC
May 19
THE "MUSTS" OF CHRISTIANITY

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 19

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Kyle Inman

Close—Doug Hinzman

6:00 PM—Dwain Shears

Close—Josh Barclay

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bob Smith

PM—Doug Hinzman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Dennis Keller

Don Midkiff

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Dean crew.

They include Mark Dean, Dwain Shears, Chris Tallman, Donovan Walton, and Cody Young.



Facts and Figures

May 5, 2013

AM Service.....287

Bible Study.....250

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....232

Contribution\$8811.55

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....8

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM