

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

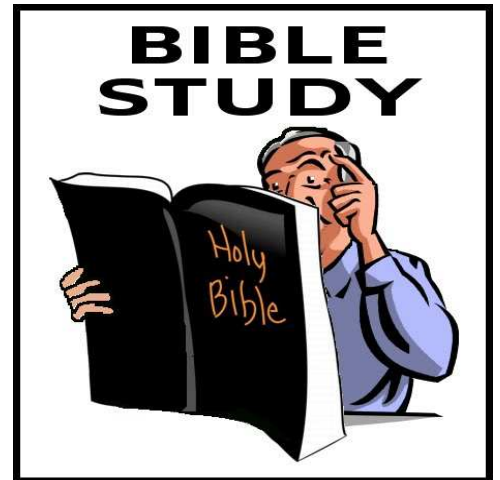
We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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The Wednesday 11:00AM class  
will begin this week.

The Wednesday 7:00PM Bible  
study will continue.

Everyone is encouraged to  
attend these services!



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We will host the Friday  
night sing November 14 at  
7:00.

Please bring cookies and  
snacks to be served  
afterwards in the MP Room.

Please plan to attend.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Dearll Vincent

**Deacons:**

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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- ♥ Thanks to all for the lovely birthday cards. They were very much appreciated. **Mary Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you for the flowers and providing the dinner for the family.  
**The Yoho Family**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday calls, cards and gifts. They made my day special. **Sue VanCamp**
- ♥ Thank you for the lovely birthday cards. **Kay Mills**



Selby General—Eleanor Slingluff  
She suffered a fall Tuesday.

HealthSouth—Bob Fox (Room 206) He would appreciate visits.

**Please keep our church family in your prayers.**

Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Keith Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Bob and Lillie Fox, Ted Miller, Dawn Mullins, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Chris Tallman

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Steve Allen, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Bob Boyce and Deloris Boyce (Jo Langler's friends), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Benita Dean (Mark Dean's mother), Verna Huber, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Dana Metz, Jodi Mote (Martha Metz' grandson), Patti Patrick (Kay Mills' sister), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser'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.**



### **RAKE AND RUN**

Rake and Run will be Saturday, November 8. Sign-up sheets are on the counter if you would be willing to help rake or if your leaves need raked. We plan to leave the building at 9:00AM.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room following Bible study next Sunday. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Everyone is invited!

### **WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/VETERANS LUNCHEON**

Sign-up sheets on the counter for attendance and youth volunteers for the luncheon—Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30 in MP Room.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT SING, NOVEMBER 14**

We will host the Friday night sing November 14 at 7:00. Please bring cookies and refreshments to be served afterwards in the MP Room. This will be the last sing this season. Please make plans to attend and invite others.

### **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KEEPERS CLASS**

The Keepers class will be Saturday, November 15 in the MP Room. See Annette Kirk for details.

### **2015 OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON**

The OVU Stepping Stones 2015 Bowl-A-Thon is being planned for Saturday, March 7, 2015 1:00-4:00PM at Pike Street Lanes, South Parkersburg. \$3.00 game, shoes included. See Teresa Wade for more information.

### **COUPONS**

Coupons for the exchange may given to Melva Farris, Jo Langler or left in the library.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

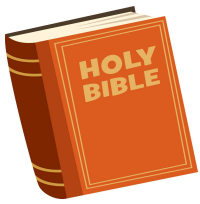
November 2—II Timothy 1, Jer 25-26  
November 3—II Timothy 2, Jer 27-29  
November 4—II Timothy 3, Jer 30-31  
November 5—II Timothy 4, Jer 32-33  
November 6—Titus 1, Jer 34-35  
November 7—Titus 2, Jer 36-38  
November 8—Titus 3, Jer 39-42  
November 9—Philemon, Jer 42-45



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## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “Wisdom for the Asking”

How many times have you heard of or been in a situation that was the tragic result of a poor choice or a bad decision? Perhaps it was a marriage, or the choice of a job or career. Maybe it was the result of being with the wrong people and following along with the crowd. You can hear nearly any misdeed or sin explained away as “I made a mistake,” or “I had a lapse in judgment.” Making a foolish choice is not an excuse for sin. Each of us is given the freedom to direct our own lives. We can do the right thing or we can do the wrong thing. Sin is the choice to do wrong. Not all decisions are matters of right and wrong. Sometimes the most difficult decision we must make is “what is best?”

God holds us accountable for the choices we make. He expects us to make good decisions. The good news is that He will give us wisdom. He will direct us in choosing not only that which is right, but that which is best.

Solomon recognized the importance of wisdom. When he was chosen to lead the Israelites, God told him “Ask! What shall I give you?” With the prospect of receiving anything he wanted Solomon told God “give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people that I may discern between good and evil.” This request pleased the Lord! God also blessed him with long life, success and prosperity upon the condition that he “walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments.” (I Kings 3:3-15)

Solomon also wrote of the importance of seeking after wisdom. “Incline your ear to wisdom, cry out for discernment, lift up your voice for understanding. Seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures.” (Proverbs 2:2-5) How can we have the wisdom needed to avoid the pitfall of making poor decisions in our lives?

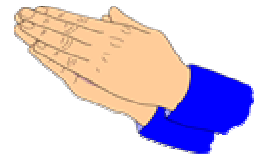
**Respecting God is the beginning of wisdom.** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7) In order to learn one must be willing to listen. God’s way is right! Wise people listen to instruction. A wise son “hears the instruction of his father and does not forsake the law of his mother.” (Proverbs 1:8) A wise man seeks the counsel of those who are older, wiser and have demonstrated so in their own lives. If we accept the absolute authority of God we will obey Him. If we obey Him we cannot fail.

**God’s word is the source of wisdom.** God tells us to “receive my words and treasure my commands within you.” (Proverbs 2:1-) “For the Lord gives wisdom. From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk uprightly. He guards the paths of justice and preserves the ways of His saints.” (Proverbs 2:6-8) You will not be wrong or do wrong if your decisions are based upon the teachings of the Bible. No wonder David wrote, “Thy word is lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

**Prayer is our access to wisdom.** Knowing that wisdom is from God and is found in the instruction of His word gives us the foundation we need to make decisions. But how can we access God’s wisdom? Sometimes we find ourselves in very difficult situations. We are not sure what we should do! Maybe our decision isn’t a matter of what is right, but what is best. How will God direct us? We have the promise of God’s guidance and help. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach and it will be given him.” (James 1:5)

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# Pray for our Rulers: (I Timothy 2:1-8)



“I exhort first of all that supplications, \_\_\_\_\_, intercessions, and the giving of \_\_\_\_\_ be made for \_\_\_\_\_ men, for \_\_\_\_\_ and all who are in \_\_\_\_\_, that we may lead a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life in all \_\_\_\_\_ and reverence. For this is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be \_\_\_\_\_ and come to the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_” (I Timothy 2:1-4)

## Being told to pray assures us that:

**1) God is \_\_\_\_\_ - He \_\_\_\_\_.** “Blessed be the name of \_\_\_\_\_ forever and ever. For \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are His, and he changes the times and the seasons - He removes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ up kings” (Daniel 2:20-21).

**2) God will use his \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ those who belong to Him.** “And we know \_\_\_\_\_ things work \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to those who love God, to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ according to His \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 8:28). “The king’s \_\_\_\_\_ is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of \_\_\_\_\_, He turns it wherever He \_\_\_\_\_” (Proverbs 21:1).

**3) Our prayers can \_\_\_\_\_ God.** “Shall not God \_\_\_\_\_ His own elect who cry out day and night to \_\_\_\_\_ though He \_\_\_\_\_ with them... I tell you, He will avenge them \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 18:7-8).

## What should we pray for?

**1) That we may lead a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life.** “Aspire to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life, to mind your own \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ with your own hands... that you may \_\_\_\_\_ properly toward those who are outside” (I Thess. 4:11-12).

**2) In all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** “That He might \_\_\_\_\_ us from every \_\_\_\_\_ deed and \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself, He own \_\_\_\_\_ people, zealous for good \_\_\_\_\_” (Titus 2:12-14). “That you may be \_\_\_\_\_, and harmless, the children of \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a \_\_\_\_\_ and perverse \_\_\_\_\_ among whom you \_\_\_\_\_ as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15).

**Persecution can effect the church. We must not take our religious \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for granted.** “for this is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God our Savior, who \_\_\_\_\_ all men to be \_\_\_\_\_ and come to a knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_” (I Timothy 2:3-4).

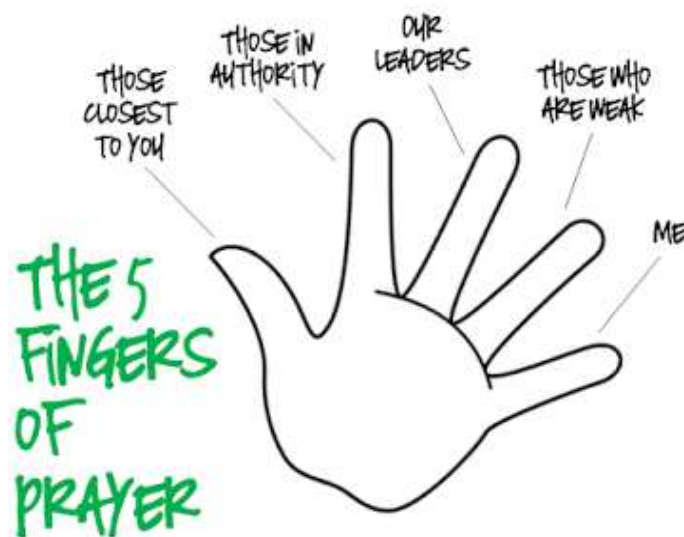
**God expects us to use our \_\_\_\_\_ to do His \_\_\_\_\_.** “To whom much has been \_\_\_\_\_, from Him much will be \_\_\_\_\_; and to whom much has been \_\_\_\_\_, of him they will ask \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 12:48)

**The power to do God’s work is through \_\_\_\_\_.** “For there is one \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the Man Jesus Christ, who gave Himself a \_\_\_\_\_ for all” (I Tim. 2:5,6). “He is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_, abundantly above all we can \_\_\_\_\_ or think” (Eph. 3:20).

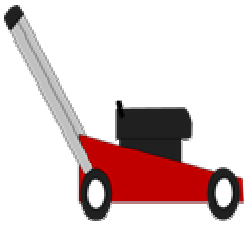
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Jesus prayed all night before selecting his apostles. Paul prayed about his missionary journeys and before appointing elders in every church. So many Christians make decisions that will affect themselves, their families, the church, and even their eternal salvation, without even talking to God! How foolish! He promises to give us wisdom if we will just ask! Listen to the conclusion of one who asked for and lived by the wisdom God gave him. "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 path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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1. **Your thumb is nearest you.** So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is a "sweet duty".
2. **The next finger is the pointing finger.** Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. **The next finger is the tallest, which reminds us of our leaders.** Pray for the nations leaders, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance too..
4. **The fourth finger is our ring finger.** Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night..
5. **And lastly comes our little finger;** the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you". Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective. You will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



Thank you to the  
lawn care crews!

**Dwain Shears and crew**

Bob Armstrong, Mike Bayer, David  
Mullins, Alex Saunders

**Todd Kirk and crew**

Delmas Carr, Bill Hoover, Cody  
Young

**Doug Hershman and crew**

Kevin Cochran, Braden Hesselrode,  
Doug Hinzman

**Kyle Inman and crew**

Austin Hennen, Gregg Hennen, Jon  
Hescht

A big **THANK YOU** to each of you for your  
hard work in keeping the church lawn  
looking nice!

This work is under the direction of Jim Galloway  
and Dwain Shears.



We appreciate the youth at  
Camden Avenue!  
You make us proud!

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Saturday, November 8**

**Rake and Run**

Sign-up sheets on the counter for those willing  
to rake **or** those needing their yards raked.

**Tuesday, November 11**

**Widows/Widowers/Veterans**

**Luncheon**

11:30AM in Multipurpose Room

Sign-up sheets on the counter for attendance  
**and** youth volunteers.

**November 21–22**

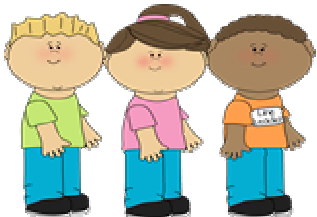
**Bridgeport Youth Rally**

(Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.)

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



“Lead, follow, or get out of the way”! Have you ever heard this  
statement? It is a rather intimidating phrase implying that only people  
who are aggressive and bold can lead.

Is this your idea of leadership? When you are in charge, do you try  
to intimidate others and order people around? If you step back and look  
at this approach, it really doesn’t seem the best way to develop loyalty as a leader!

I think Jesus had the right idea of leadership. If you want to be an effective leader, be  
a servant! Forget about the power and prestige and intimidation. Just follow the example of  
Jesus and be a servant.

Jesus said, “In this world the kings and great men order people around, and yet they  
are called ‘friends of the people.’ But among you, those who are the greatest should take the  
lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.” (Luke 22:25-26)

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



**Saturday, November 8**

Rake and Run

**Sunday, November 9**

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch in the Multipurpose Room following Bible study.

**Tuesday, November 11**

Widows/Widowers/Veterans Luncheon 11:30 MP Room

**Wednesday, November 12**

11:00AM and 7:00PM Bible study

**Friday, November 14**

We will host the Friday night Sing at 7:00.

**Saturday, November 15**

LLL Keepers class in the Multipurpose Room

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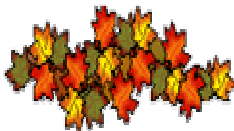
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**Area Gospel Meeting**

**November 2-5**

Hopewell congregation

Speaker: Jerrie Barber



**Flyer on the bulletin boards in the foyers.**

**Friday Night Sing**



Everyone is invited!

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the Pennsboro congregation.

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 TOPIC**

November 9

***THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES***

**Opportunities To Serve**

**Sunday, November 9**

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Gary Herridge

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Scott Johnson

**SONG LEADER**

AM—Kyle Inman

PM—Jim Galloway

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Delmas Carr

Close—John Hall

6:00 PM—Kody Inman

Close—Don Gaston

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Hayden Moser

PM—Kevin Cochran

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Bill Camp

PM—Walter Morgan

Steve Moser

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk

**DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1—Doug Hershman

2—Jeff Taberner

4—Alisha Hershman

**PM**

1. Ben Haught & David Mullins

2. Cody & Kristi Hoover

3. Kody & Chelsea Inman

4. Scott & Gwen Johnson

5. Don & Sheri Gaston

6. Chris & Patty Mullins

**Facts and Figures**

October 26, 2014

AM Service.....271

Bible Study.....195

PM Service.....216

Wednesday.....197

Contribution.....\$5834.00

**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