

# 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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Brothers Ed Jones and Jon Galloway will be speaking this evening about their mission works.

Ed Jones is the Executive Director for a Bible Training school, FACE (French African Christian Education) in Benin French West Africa.

Jon Galloway serves as the minister in East Kilbride, Scotland.

Dana details their work in his bulletin article this week.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.  
Mark 16:15

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
 Jim Galloway  
 Gary Herridge  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
 John Life  
 Bill Mills  
 Ron Riddle  
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 Delmas Carr  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Brian Haught  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
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# THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits after my surgery and during my recuperation. In Christian Love, **Susan Haid**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday and get well cards. **Gloria Frazier**
- ♥ We received a card/note from Anna Hicks (sister) and the family of William (Bill) Smith. The note was to thank us for being his friends and stated that he really liked the church. He was a member for a long time.



Gloria Frazier is now home recuperating. Please keep her and Shorty in your prayers.

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

Mary Ann Barclay, Patty Dawson, Lee Edwards, Bob Fox, Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp (Macey Dean as she is spending a semester in Strasbourg, Yugoslavia.)

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Anna Barnes, Gert Barnes (Jo Langler's aunt), Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Lindsay Campbell, Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Mrs. Cummons (Friend of Ray & Phyllis Johnson), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Alice Hale, Wanda Hammett (Patty Sayre's friend), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Joann Haddox (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, John Lowther, Donna Ludwig, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynolds neice), Robert Metz, Lillian Paulson (Carrie's grandmother), Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), George Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), 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 add/delete names on the Prayer Lists.**

## **PLACED MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM**

We rejoice that Bob and Sharon Armstrong placed their membership with us. They will be in Care Group 2. We welcome them back to Camden Avenue. We rejoice that Haylee Smith was baptized Wednesday evening by her father. She will be in Care Group 4.

## **GRADES 3-12 GIRLS MEETING**

All girls grades 3-12 and their mothers are asked to meet today at 5:00 in the LLL workroom.

## **MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS**

All men are encouraged to attend the Men's Meeting today at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

## **GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP**

The Golden Agers Amish Country trip will be Tuesday, October 22. Leaving the building at 8:00AM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with agendas.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Trunk or treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23 in the parking lot by the MP Room after services. Please bring snacks to share in the MP Room following the trunk or treat.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

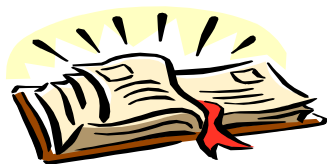
Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## **LOVE AND CARE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

Care Group 4 will be in charge of the services at Love and Care next Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 31 at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited to come worship and fellowship with the residents.

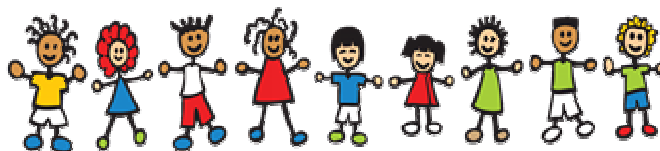
## **PECAN SALE**

Anyone interested in ordering pecans to benefit the American Cancer Society, see Corinna Francis by October 28. Pay on delivery.



### **Daily Bible Reading**

October 20—I Thess 2, Isa 55-58  
October 21—I Thess 3, Isa 59-63  
October 22—I Thess 4, Isa 64-66  
October 23—I Thess 5, Jer 1-2  
October 24—2 Thess 1, Jer 3-4  
October 25—2 Thess 2, Jer 5-6  
October 26—2 Thess 3, Jer 7-8  
October 27—I Tim 1, Jer 9-10



Parenting Workshop:

### **Parenting on Purpose**

October 25-26, 2013

Friday 6:30-8:00PM, Saturday 10:00AM-3:00PM

Lubeck church of Christ

Speaker: **Rick Stanley**

Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Mission Work Emphasis Sunday

We will be privileged this evening to have two men address our assembly that represent mission efforts that we been supporting. They are as follows:

**Brother Jon Galloway – Evangelist to Kilbride, Scotland.**



Brother Galloway has been known to and supported by the congregation here for many years. Jon is the son of brother Joe Galloway and the nephew of Jim and Charlotte Galloway. He met his wife, Arlene (from Scotland) while they were students at FHU. In 1985 they moved to Scotland where they have been working with the Lord's people in the Glasgow area for the past 28 years. Jon preached for 5 years in Castlemilk, then helped to start a congregation west of Glasgow where he labored for 19 years. He is now in his seventh year with the East Kilbride congregation. He began teaching at the British Bible School in 1994 and currently serves as the school's Governor.

**Brother Ed Jones – FACE – French African Christian Education Foundation.** Brother Jones is an elder from the Benton Church of Christ in Benton, Kentucky, and the executive director of FACE. Brother Jay Lockhart recommended this work to us. In 1992 the church in Benton participated in a mission effort in Benin West Africa, when it was learned that the French speaking country of Benin had no churches of Christ in existence. By 1994 when Benin was first visited by Bill Morgan and Ed Jones, elders from the Benton church of Christ, two congregations had been established with about 35 members each. It was the dream of Christians there to start a training center to teach native Africans to preach the gospel and evangelize. In 1998 the Benin Bible Training Center began with 18 students following a three year course of study. Many students arrived from other French speaking African nations far outgrowing their facilities.



In 2002 18 acres was purchased, and in the years since, eight structures have been built to accommodate 60 students. BTC has graduated 69 preachers and presently has 35 students enrolled. Past graduates represent 10 French speaking nations in West Africa. Many graduates since 1998 have gone back to work with congregations that existed in their home countries, but they have also planted almost 200 new churches with membership approaching 6,000.



# The Mission of the Church

## (Matthew 20:18-20)

“Go therefore and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all the nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_, teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ all things that I have \_\_\_\_\_ you; and lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_ you always even to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

**The church is not a \_\_\_\_\_ organization but a \_\_\_\_\_ entity.** “Now you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, and the members \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Cor. 12:27) “And He put \_\_\_\_\_ things under His feet, and gave Him to be \_\_\_\_\_ over all things to the church, which is His \_\_\_\_\_.” (Eph. 1:22)

**What was Jesus’ mission?** “I have come...not to do My own will, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of Him who \_\_\_\_\_ Me.” (John 6:38) “I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 18:36) “The Son of Man has come to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) “I have not come to call the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ to repentance.” (Matthew 9:13) “I have come that they may have \_\_\_\_\_, and that they may have it more \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 10:10)

**The church’s mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ out the mission of \_\_\_\_\_.** “I have glorified You on the earth. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that You have given me to do.” (John 17:4)

**The church’s mission is the Great \_\_\_\_\_.** “Go into all the \_\_\_\_\_ and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every \_\_\_\_\_. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_; but he who does not \_\_\_\_\_ will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16)

**The church’s mission is \_\_\_\_\_:** (\_\_\_\_\_) go into all the world. “Always be ready to give a \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who asks you a reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in you.” (I Peter 3:15)

**The church’s mission is \_\_\_\_\_ - “Go!”** “Follow Me and I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ of men.”

**The church’s mission is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.** “To every \_\_\_\_\_.”

**The church’s mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The church’s mission is to \_\_\_\_\_.** “He who believes and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved.”

**The church’s mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_.** “Teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ all things that I have \_\_\_\_\_ you.” “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints for the work of \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God.” (Eph. 4:12-13)

**The church’s mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.** “And lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_ you always, even to the end of the \_\_\_\_\_.”





## Look...But Don't Touch

~Paul Nygard

How many times have you heard in your life, “*it is OK to look...just don't touch?*” As we get older this usually refers to a man or woman who pauses to admire the physical qualities of someone other than their spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend, but it can relate to many things. How do you feel about such a statement? Is it OK to look, as long as you don't act upon the desires that looking may create?

Satan is a trickster and will use anything to try and pull us away from God, even our own flawed logic if we let him. Consider the words James wrote, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” (Jas 1:14-15)

Do you see what James is saying to us? It is the natural desires that live within us that Satan twists and abuses to bring about sin in our life. If we allow unchecked desire to turn into sin and grow, then the final result is our spiritual death.

Consider for a moment that there is nothing wrong with having a strong desire for something. We have a desire to eat, there is nothing wrong with that, yet gluttony is a sin. Sleep is a natural desire, but laziness is a sin. Even a strong desire for a physical relationship is natural, but it is to be expressed within the bounds of marriage and nowhere else.

So does that mean if I admire beauty in something or someone it is wrong? Where does *looking* then *become sin*? James says sin is born, when does that happen?

At the point where one simply has desire, there is no sin.

At the point where one is “drawn away” or tempted, there is no sin.

It is when the desire for self-gratification (selfishness) yields to action, **mentally or physically**, that the deadly offspring of sin is born. Look at Rom 8.6ff, Eph 2.1ff, I Jn 5.16.

So, is it OK to look and not touch, after all, I am a Christian and Christians keep clean thoughts? Many think so. The Jews thought a similar thing about murder and adultery, read Matthew 5.21-30. Jesus taught that the path to murder begins in the mind. Anger leads to hate, which leads to action. Likewise, unchecked desire leads to looking, which leads to lust, which in turn leads to actions that can be mental, physical, or both. All are sinful.

Jesus describes a chain of events or a path if you will that leads to unrighteousness. Perhaps it takes a great amount of time for that path to be walked, then again, our thoughts can race ahead of our actions quite literally in the blink of an eye. The wise person will actively look for a path that leads them away from sin, not one that points to it. Is *just looking* a sin? For some, perhaps it is not; but looking can be the first step along a way that leads to it. The choice of where you will travel is yours...choose wisely.

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Rake and Run will be Saturday, November 2. If you would like your yard raked, please sign the sheet on the counter.

There is a separate sheet for those willing to help rake.



# Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When I say that “I am a Christian”, I am not shouting that “I’m a clean living person.” I’m whispering “I was lost, but now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say “I am a Christian”, I don’t speak of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say “I am a Christian”, I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say “I am a Christian”, I’m not bragging of success. I’m admitting I have failed and need Jesus to clean up my mess.

When I say “I am a Christian”, I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say “I am a Christian”, I’m not saying I’m holier than you, I’m just a simple sinner who has received God’s grace.

Being a Christian **IS** a wonderful blessing, because Christ makes it so!!!! And the best part, is that **YOU** can be a Christian too!

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



## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**October 23**—Trunk or Treat after Bible study in the MP parking lot.

### NOVEMBER

**November 2**—Rake & Run at 8:30AM

**November 3**—6th-12th grade devotional in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Hosted by: Bill and Kay Mills

**November 11**—Widows/Widowers/Veterans Luncheon in the MP Room at 11:30

**November 22,23**—Bridgeport Youth Rally

Sign-up sheets are on the counter.  
Details on the bulletin board by the office.



## “I Done It For Love”

On a Saturday night, a Christian widow and mother, very busy with household chores, asked her seven year old son to clean and polish her shoes. He worked hard on them. Later on in the evening, he brought her the shoes. She was so pleased she rewarded him with a new, shiny dime. The next morning, the mother decided to wear those shoes to services. As she put them on she noticed a lump in the left shoe. Taking it off she found the dime wrapped in paper. Written on the paper, in her son’s childish scrawl were these simple words: “I done it for love.”

What have you done lately for love?

Author Unknown

**Opportunities To Serve**  
**Sunday, October 27**

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—Rick Stanley  
 PM—Dana Slingluff

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—John Life  
 Close—Cody Hoover  
 6:00 PM—Josh Barclay  
 Close—Mike Fleak

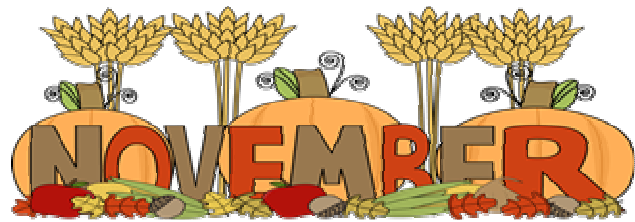
**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Don Midkiff  
 PM—Ben Haught

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Brian Haught  
 PM—Mike Wade  
 Dustin Hughes

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



**Birthdays/Anniversaries**

- November 1** - Luke Ballengee, Ryan Hesselrode, Brian Knotts, John Rockhold
- November 2**—Kevin Inman
- November 4**—Rochelle Young
- November 5**—Clifton Inman, Rebecca Miller
- November 6**—\*Gary & Nicole Yoho
- November 7**—Diana Hesselrode
- November 8**—Leon Hupp, Peggy Riddle
- November 9**—Gregg Hennen
- November 11**—\*Bill & Sherry Hoover
- November 14**—Kimberlee Shears
- November 15**—Jim Seelbach
- November 16**—Lexi Hoover
- November 17**—Gary Alton, Drake Logston
- November 18**—Mary Caplinger, Kelly Fleak
- November 19**—\*Justin & Kassi Adkins
- November 20**—Wes Cochran, \*Bill & Mary Lemley
- November 21**—Gwen Johnson, Jeremiah Seelbach
- November 22**—Van Putnam
- November 23**—Carol Vincent
- November 24**—Linda Hall, Kay Stanley
- November 25**—Jo Florence, Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesseroad
- November 26**—Bonnie Sams
- November 28**—Jack Newberry
- November 29**—Chelsea Inman
- November 30**—Gary Yoho

\* Anniversary

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

**The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk Crew**

They include Josh Barclay, Delmas Carr, and Todd Kirk.

**College Student Pick-Up Schedule**

10/23—Barry Mills  
 10/27—Doug Hershman, Josh Barclay  
 10/30—Dwain Shears

**Facts and Figures**

October 13, 2013  
 AM Service.....382  
 Bible Study.....270  
 PM Service.....246  
 Wednesday.....238

Contribution .....\$7222.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013**

Baptisms.....6  
 Restored or Requested Prayers.....8  
 Placed Membership...19

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

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

**Wednesday**

Bible Study.....7:00PM

**Friday Night Sing**



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

Watch  
**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

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

**UPCOMING PROGRAM**

October 27  
**BUILDING INTIMACY**