

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 FAMILY OF GOD

You notice we say brother, sister round here;
It's because we're a family, a family that's near;
When one has a heartache, we all shed a tear;
It's because we're a family, a family that's near.
I'm so glad I'm a member of the family of God;
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood;
Joy without measure, eternal my home;
I'm so glad I'm a member of the family of God.

Selected



BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

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

Mary Ann Barclay, Patty Dawson, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley,
 Neil Russell

(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), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Bill Haid (Len Haid'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, 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.



*As the deer panteth for the water,
 so my soul longeth after thee, O God.*

Psalm 42:1

We extend our sympathy to the family of Lee Edwards. He passed away Monday and his service was Wednesday.

Please keep Mary and family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also our sympathy goes to Carrie Nygard in passing of her grandmother, Lillian Paulson. Funeral services were last week.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE TODAY

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

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

Everyone is invited to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

RAKE AND RUN

Rake and Run is 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.

SPRING BANQUET PLANNING MEETING

High school seniors and their parents are asked to meet Sunday, November 3 after evening services in Room 112 to plan the spring banquet.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning class will begin November 6 at 11:00.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/VETERANS LUNCHEON

Widows/Widowers/Veterans Luncheon will be in the MP Room at 11:30 Monday, November 11. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Colombo's Restaurant Tuesday, November 19 at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill it. The banks are available in the foyers. A representative from Potter's will be here to pick them up November 24.

♥ Thank you to Alisha Hershman for baking the communion bread this month.

Daily Bible Reading

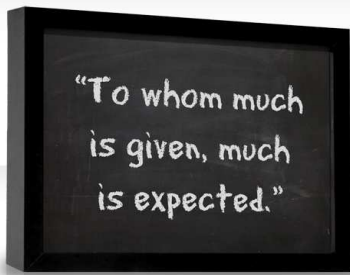


October 27—I Tim 1, Jer 9-10
October 28—I Tim 2, Jer 11-13
October 29—I Tim 3, Jer 14-16
October 30—I Tim 4, Jer 17-19
October 31—I Tim 5, Jer 20-22
November 1—I Tim 6, Jer 23-24
November 2—2 Tim 1, Jer 25-26
November 3—2 Tim 2, Jer 27-29



**Thank you for worshipping
with us today!**

**Your presence has been a
blessing!**



DANA'S DIRECTION

"Much shall be Required"

I recently enjoyed talking to another minister who is quite involved in mission efforts in a "third-world nation." Although he preaches full-time for a congregation here in the United States, you can tell that he lives for the two or three weeks that he spends every summer overseas.

Why is that so? He receives enough inspiration from the zeal of his brethren there to get him through the rest of the year! He speaks of people who walk miles each day to attend bible studies and listen to preaching. He tells of Christians who work for weeks to assure that when he is there, all of their non-Christian friends will come and hear him. He mentions poor Christians who share their meager substance to provide meals for him, of Christians who travel across country to meet and support other Christians. After returning each summer for a dozen years, he is still amazed that he can conduct as many studies as he can schedule and never fails to baptize believers by the dozens.

When I looked at his pictures, I was amazed by the abject poverty! People living in huts with dirt floors. Sitting in classes without papers or pencils or books. Sharing lunches that consists of unidentifiable pieces of fruit and a handful of rice, and yet with a look of pure joy on their faces that resulted from their newfound knowledge of Jesus.

I couldn't help but think of Jesus' words "for everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12:48) We live in the wealthiest nation on earth. We have comfortable homes and large functional church buildings. We throw out more food than most people in the world have to eat, we discard good clothing just because it has gone out of style. We have the freedom to go about and the transportation to take us anywhere we want to go. But doesn't it seem that these blessings often go unappreciated and unused in our service to the Lord and in our efforts to spread His gospel throughout the world? Remember the servant who buried his talent? We certainly have been given much. How much more do you think the Lord requires?



The Worth of the Soul

(Matthew 16:24-26)

“For whoever desires to _____ his life will _____ it, and whoever loses his life for _____ sake will _____ it. For what is a man _____ if he gains the whole _____, and loses his own _____? Or what will a man _____ in _____ for his soul?” (Matthew 16:23-24)

The Bible’s Teaching about our soul: It is the part of man that is _____ from our body. Our being – our _____. The part of us that lives _____.

What Makes our Soul so Valuable?

It is made in the _____ of God. God said “Let us make _____ in our _____, according to our _____.” (Gen. 1:26) **Of all of God’s creatures only man has a _____.** Man is the _____ order of God’s creation. “What is man that You are _____ of him? You have put all things under his feet – the _____ of the field, the _____ of the air, and the _____ of the sea.” (Psalm 8:4-8)

It is the only part over which we have _____. **Spiritually we can _____ our _____, disposition and character.** “Though the outward man is _____, the _____ man is renewed day by day.” (II Cor. 4:16) “Do not let your beauty be that _____ adorning... but let it be the _____ person of the heart.” (I Peter 3:3-4)

It does not cease to exist at _____. “Then the _____ will return to the earth as it was, and the _____ will return to _____ who gave it.” (Eccle. 12:7) **We will be _____ to live forever.** “Do not _____ at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the _____ shall hear His voice and _____ forth; those who have done good to the resurrection of _____, and those who have done _____ to the resurrection of _____.” (John 5:28-29) **We have a _____ that will live _____.**

The price that _____ was willing to pay to _____ it. “Knowing that you were not redeemed with _____ things like silver and gold... but with the precious _____ of Jesus.” (I Peter 1:18-19)

What will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Some exchange their soul for earthly _____. Some for _____ trivial pursuits. “Lest there be any _____ person like Easu, who for one morsel of _____ sold his _____.” (Hebrews 12:16) **Some exchange the _____ for a lie.** “And for this reason God will send them strong _____, that they should believe the _____, that they may be _____ who did not believe the _____ but had pleasure in _____.” (II Thessalonians 2:11-12)



How Do We Avoid Going Into The Wilderness?

~Neal Pollard

During my studies this week, I ran across an article written by Neal Pollard that strikes a chord within our current Bible classes. Neal's words also provide some needed perspective to faithful Christians living in an environment that grows ever more hostile toward those who follow Christ. With that in mind, I thought I would share it with you. ~Paul

I thought about this question as I meditated today on the state of the church in our nation. Composed of so many dedicated, wonderful people, the church as a whole, nonetheless, is tempted to drift from biblical moorings. It is anecdotal to observe seismic philosophical shifts in the leadership and direction of various congregations, pulled for one reason or another from the place and being the people God wants it to be. The whole wilderness analogy is drawn from the events in the book of Numbers, a wandering that went for forty years in the wake of a 40 day scouting trip. It might have been different for Israel, and it can be different for us. Return with me for a moment to that fateful event that would forever shape their nation.

It begins with leadership (Num. 13:25ff). The spies chosen were "leaders" among the 12 tribes (13:2). Obviously, they had sway with the people (14:1). Because of their negative influence, the people went the wrong direction—into the wilderness and ultimately to their deaths.

It involves faith-driven obedience (Num. 13:30). Caleb understood this and argued for the people to proceed on that basis. Yet, their reaction was the opposite of obedience. Moses, Aaron, and Joshua warned them, "Only do not *rebel* (emph. mine) against the Lord..." (Num. 14:8). That very rebellion, called "iniquity" by Moses in his prayer to God (Num. 14:19), cost them the promised land (Num. 13:23ff). Instead, they earned a trip into the wilderness. Why? Hardhearted disobedience and unbelief (Heb. 3:15, 18-19).

It includes courage (Num. 13:25,33). The majority of the spies lacked the courage to act and obey. They were content to go back to Egypt (Num. 14:2ff). They would rather face bondage alone than Canaan with God. So, their cowardice was not only wrong but misplaced. They were afraid of the wrong things and the wrong ones. This fear led them into the wilderness (cf. Num. 14:9).

We live in daunting times, yet in them God still has given us a job to do. If we do not do it or if we fail to do it the way He has commanded, we will wind up, like Israel, in the wilderness! God give us the leadership, faith-filled obedience, and courage to follow Christ and thereby miss the wilderness.

You can read other truth driven works by Neal at <http://preacherpollard.wordpress.com/>



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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.



Why so Gloomy?

Our world is full of sadness and sorrow. Death comes and takes our loved ones. Financial troubles wreck our future plans. Sickness robs us of the idyllic scene we had envisioned for our lives. If we are not disciplined, we let these rob us of a happy life.

Jesus knew life would be hard on His disciples; it was hard on Him, too. But, He advised, *"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). Because Jesus has overcome, we can have a happy life. He has robbed death of its power (I Cor. 15:50-58). He has given us Heavenly riches when we are impoverished here (Eph. 3:8). He has promised us an eternal home without sickness or death (Rev. 21:1-5). So don't be gloomy, but positive and hopeful! Because our Savior overcame, we can overcome through Him!

Bulletin Digest
Darwin Hunter

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

An old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all."

"One is Evil—it is anger, envy, jealousy, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, lies, and ego."

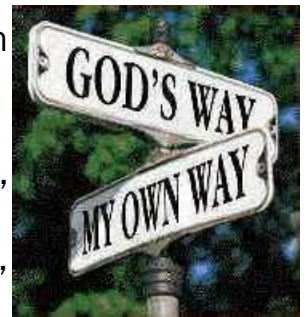
"The other is Good—it is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather; "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

God gave us all a choice —To choose to love and obey Him, or to choose **NOT** to do this. God wants us to love Him, but He is not going to force us to do this. If He forces us, then our love would have no more value than that of a robot saying "I Love You!" The choice we make will determine how and where we will spend eternity. Choose **WISELY** and feed the right wolf!

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, November 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Delmas Carr
Close—Gary Herridge
6:00 PM—Walter Morgan
Close—Glenn Snider

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Hoover
PM—Ron Riddle

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jeff Taberner
PM—Kody Inman
Dennis Keller

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Kyle Inman
2—Dennis Keller
4—Sarah Inman

PM

1. Amy Young & Jennifer Thomas
2. Scott & Gwen Johnson
3. Jay & Nina Cheuvront
4. Mike & Pam Bayer
5. Brian & Natalie Haught
6. Rick & Kay Stanley

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Area Gospel Meetings

October 27-30

Sandyville congregation
Speaker: Ryan Currey

October 27-30

Rosemar congregation
Speaker: Emmanuel Daugherty

November 3-6

Hopewell congregation
Speaker: Clarence DeLoach

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers

Facts and Figures

October 20, 2013

AM Service.....284
Bible Study.....213
PM Service.....230
Wednesday.....236
Contribution\$5670.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

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

College Student Pick-Up Schedule

10/30—Dwain Shears
11/3—Mike Bayer, Scott Johnson
11/6—Dana Slingluff



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 6:30 for the sing at
the Rockport 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

November 3
THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS