

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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There will be a men's annual planning meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00PM. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

If any member has an idea that they would like to see Camden Avenue accomplish in 2015 or long range, please write it down, sign, and give to one of the elders today.

Care Group 4 will be conducting the services at Love and Care next Sunday, October 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 30 at 7:00PM.

What a great opportunity to worship and fellowship with the residents!
Please make plans 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
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner
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Nancy Putnam had back and shoulder surgery and is now recuperating at home.

Wilma Davis is now home and would appreciate visits and cards.

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, 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 (Jo Langler's friend), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), lone Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Verna Huber, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Dana Metz, Patti Patrick (Kay Mills' sister), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Geroge 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.

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We extend our sympathy to Clyde Yoho and family in the passing of his wife, Ruth Yoho. Her service was held Wednesday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

We also extend our sympathy to Earl McConnell in the passing of his sister, Iris McCrady. Her service was held this week in Parkersburg.



- ♥ Thank you all so much for the birthday cards. I am so blessed for the encouragement you give to me. Much love to you all. **Kyle Inman**
- ♥ We appreciate the sympathy cards and kind messages at the passing of my uncle. **Dwain Shears and family**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, visits, prayers and concern. Everything was very much appreciated. **Wilma Davis**

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy that Ruth Wells placed her membership with us. She is Nancy Inman's mother. She will be in Care Group 3. Her address is: 55 Brambury Court, Washington, WV 26181
We welcome her into the Camden Avenue family.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be today at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY'S THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CULTURE NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend this event Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00PM in the OVU Roberts Chapel.

2015 PLANNING MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend the annual planning meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00PM. If any member has an idea that they would like to see Camden Avenue accomplish in 2015 or long range, please write it down, sign, and give to one of the elders today.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 25 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, October 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 30 at 7:00PM. Please make plans to attend.

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's meeting will be next Sunday, October 26 at 5:00.

WEDNESDAY 11:00AM BIBLE STUDY

The morning Wednesday Bible study with Dana will begin November 5. We will continue the 7:00 Wednesday evening Bible study.

TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP

Gene and Norma Cooper have transferred their membership to the Elizabeth congregation.

Daily Bible Reading

October 26—II Thess 3, Jer 7-8
October 27—I Timothy 1, Jer 9-10
October 28—I Timothy 2, Jer 11-15
October 29—I Timothy 3, Jer 14-16
October 30—I Timothy 4, Jer 17-19
October 31—I Timothy 5, Jer 20-21
November 1—I Timothy 6, Jer 23-24
November 2—II Timothy 1, Jer 25-26

RAKE AND RUN

Saturday, November 8



Sign-up sheets are on the counter if you would be willing to help rake or if your leaves need raked.





DANA'S DIRECTION

"God's Word and the Christian."

There are probably few aspects of Christian living that we talk about more and practice less than meaningful study of the Bible. We surely believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and would vigorously challenge anyone who denies it. We accept that it is the source of authority and insist that everything we believe and practice in our faith be according to scripture. We believe in the Bible! Unfortunately, many Christians spend little time reading, studying and learning what is written there.

There was a time when even average members of the church were known for their knowledge of scripture. Years ago, I knew a Christian man whose humble occupation was that of a custodian/greeter at a furniture store. His Bible was his constant companion. For more than forty years he capably taught the adult Bible class in the congregation that he attended. Someone once commented, "I would give half my life to know the Bible like you do." "That's what it has taken me," was his reply.

It is the sad truth that many Christians today give very little effort to the study of God's word. For many, the only time their Bible is used is in Bible class on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. In fact, many Bibles never leave the car in between! If we would only realize what we are missing! God has provided a spiritual feast for us in His word – and we are starving!

To benefit from God's word, we absolutely must immerse ourselves in it. The Christians of Berea were said to be noble because they **"received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily."** (Acts 17:11) All of us know that we must eat every day to be nourished physically. Why would our spiritual need be any less important?

The Psalmist wrote **"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."** (Psalm 1:1-2). What are some of the benefits that Christians derive from sincere and dedicated study of God's word?

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17) The scriptures make us **"wise unto salvation."** (II Timothy 3:15) When we **"we receive with meekness the implanted word,"** it is able to save our souls. (James 1:21) The word of God will keep us from sin. **"How can a young man cleanse his way?" By taking heed to God's word.**" (Psalm 119:9)

God, through His commandments, makes us wiser than our enemies and gives us more understanding than our teachers. (Psalm 119:98-99) The things written in the Bible were **"written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope"** (Romans 15:4) Jesus said **"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.** (John 8:32) Knowing God's word keeps us safe from false teachers who would lead us astray. If, however, we do not have a love of the truth, we will end up believing a lie – and be condemned. (II Thessalonians 2:10-12)

We must **"study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** (II Timothy 2:15) A knowledge of God's word **equips us for every good work** (II Timothy 3:17), preparing us to **give an answer to everyone who asks us the reason of the hope that is within us.**" (I Peter 3:15)

We are told to **"hunger and thirst after righteousness,"** and to **"let the words of Christ dwell in us richly."** Paul was frustrated that the Corinthians could not receive the things he wanted to teach them because **they remained babes, still feeding on the milk of the word.** (I Corinthians 3:1-2) How frustrated God must get with us. God has provided all the teaching, instruction and guidance needed in our Christian lives – and we ignore what He has written! The only way God can speak to us is in His word – we need to listen to Him every day.

Sermon Notes

“Reasons to Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4-7)



Scripture text: Fill in the blanks. “_____ in the Lord _____. Again I say _____! Be _____ for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and supplication, with _____ let your requests be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses all _____ will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:4-7)

What were Paul’s circumstances when he wrote Philippians?

What was Paul’s objective in life?

#1. Paul rejoiced about his _____ to the brethren.

#2. Paul rejoiced in Christian _____ and _____.

#3. Paul rejoiced that Jesus was _____.

#4. Paul rejoiced that he could _____ and _____ for Christ.

#5. Paul rejoiced over every _____ that he had led to _____.

Enemies of God

~PNygaard

Humanism, postmodernism, and the 'emergent church' are all false doctrines who are enemies of God. Unfortunately, all of these doctrines weave enough truth in them so that they may seem innocent to unsuspecting Christians.

Humanism allows that there may be a god, but denies His deity and inspiration of the Bible. Oh yes, and Jesus was just a good man in its eyes. While we are at it, since God is in question, so are the certainties of heaven and hell. This sounds good for many people; after all, hell seems like such a bad place.

The 'emergent church' questions the belief that there are absolute *rights and wrongs*. Moral values depend on the situation and the generation you belong in. Absolutes are stodgy, 'old fashioned' and create boundaries for our actions that cause one to be responsible for their actions..

All of these doctrines blur the lines of distinctive male and female roles in creation. After all, if there are no definite lines then women can be preachers, wives can rule their husbands, and homosexuality is approved by God.

These beliefs generally have no issue with smoking or drinking, and sexual freedom is a given. Ignored are God's commands and wishes concerning sexual behavior including premarital sex, homosexuality, lesbianism and incest.

I know most Christians who read this article so far are kind of saying, 'well...duh' in their heads. "Of course God has something to say about these things." The sad thing is this, many of those same people believe that God's commands are not really *commands*; they treat them more like *guide lines*.

We are losing the ability to interpret the Bible in a way which is right and true. We are questioning God by asking, "Is there such a thing as absolute truth?" We are eroding our faith by associating with the world yet denying that we are doing so.

Christians...wake up! Empty yourself of pride and fill up again with the heart of a servant.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. (John 14.23-24)

It is time for God's people to get back to "thus says the Lord" and get away from, "In those days *there was no king in Israel*; everyone did *what was right* in his own eyes."

Think about it.

There will be a going-away get together for the Nygaard family Sunday, October 26 after evening services in the MP Room. Please bring snack foods and beverages.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 1—Ryan Hesselrode, Brian Knotts, John Rockhold
November 2—Kevin Inman
November 3—Sophie Moser
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 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
November 22—Van Putnam
November 23—Carol Vincent
November 24—Linda Hall, Kay Stanley
November 25—Jo Florence, Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad
November 26—Bonnie Sams
November 27—Bob Armstrong
November 28—Jack Newberry
November 29—Chelsea Inman
November 30—Gary Yoho



* Anniversary

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

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 MP 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

You probably don't consider yourself to be a rebellious person. Your opinion of a rebel may include a tattoo, a biker's jacket, and a defiant attitude. Well, I have to tell you as kindly as I can that your opinion is wrong, except for the part about the attitude.

The fact that your skin is tattoo-free and your closet doesn't contain a leather jacket embroidered with skull and crossbones doesn't mean that you are not a rebel. It depends entirely on your mind-set!

God designed you to be an individual with your own personality, but your actions and attitudes need to be consistent with His plan for your life. You have a choice! God grants you the free will to choose what direction that you will take in your life.

But when you intentionally leave God out of the picture, you are being defiant and rebelling against His authority. That's how YOU can be a rebellious person!

As the apostle Paul said, "But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God!" (Romans 9:20)

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, October 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADER

AM—John Life
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Walter Morgan
Close—Jeff Taberner
6:00 PM—Richard Cozad
Close—Clyde Yoho

SCRIPTURE

AM—Cody Young
PM—Scott Johnson

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Stan Inman
PM—Todd Kirk
David Mullins

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

20th Annual

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Victory Lectures

THE WORD IN JOHN (Studies from the Gospel According to John)

October 19–23

Various speakers

Flyer on the bulletin boards in the foyers.



Area Gospel Meetings/Events

October 26–29

6th & Washington congregation in Marietta, OH

Speaker: Tim Hatfield

October 25

Ladies' Day at the Northwest church of Christ in
Canton, OH.

Speaker: Sally Shank

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Facts and Figures

October 12, 2014

AM Service.....319
Bible Study.....223
PM Service.....216
Wednesday.....248
Contribution.....\$8518.07

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....1
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.....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"
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

October 26

ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS