

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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Deacon's meeting at 5:00.

Get-together after evening services in the MP Room for the Nygards. Bring snack foods and beverages.

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
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 Todd Kirk
 Paul Saunders
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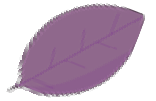
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Camdenavenue
 churchofchrist.com

**Camden Clark**

Bob Fox (Room 117)

He would appreciate cards, visits
 and prayers.

**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 (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, 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.



- ♥ Thanks so very much for all the beautiful anniversary and Earl's birthday cards, and all the kindness shown in the passing of Earl's sister. Love, **Earl and Donna McConnell**
- ♥ I would like to thank you for the cards especially the 4th and 5th grade Sunday class and the Ladies Sunday morning Bible class. They were all appreciated. **Neil Russell**
- ♥ Thank you for the get-well cards and wishes. They really brightened my day. **Lori Smith**

BAPTISMS

We rejoice that we had two baptisms. Dana baptized Sheila Meadows last Saturday. She will be in Arizona until spring. Arlene Gibson was baptized Sunday by Ted Miller. She is the Miller's neighbor. Her address is: 407 Stone Road, Belpre, OH 45714. Her number is 740.416.7848. She will be in Care Group 3.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Abe and Kaelyn Alexander in the birth of their son, Henry Louis Abraham. He was born October 16 weighing 8 pounds and 15 ounces. Proud grandfather is Lole Johnson.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

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DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's meeting will be today at 5:00.

GET-TOGETHER THIS EVENING

There will be a going-away get together for the Nygard family this evening after services in the MP Room. Please bring snack foods and beverages.

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

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

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.

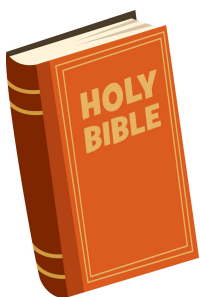
WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/VETERANS LUNCHEON

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SING, NOVEMBER 14

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

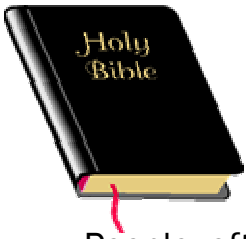
Daily Bible Reading



October 26—II Thess 3, Jer 7-8
October 27—I Timothy 1, Jer 9-10
October 28—I Timothy 2, Jer 11-13
October 29—I Timothy 3, Jer 14-16
October 30—I Timothy 4, Jer 17-19
October 31—I Timothy 5, Jer 20-22
November 1—I Timothy 6, Jer 23-24
November 2—II Timothy 1, Jer 25-26



Don't forget
**Daylight Savings
Time ends this
weekend.**
Set your clocks
back Saturday
evening.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"I KNOW YOUR WORKS"

People often ask "What do you know about the church in _____ (city of your choice)?" The answer may be "they have a fantastic building" or "a dynamic preacher" or "a great program of activities!" I wonder what answer you would get if you asked that question to Jesus. What does He look for in a church?

In Revelation 2-3, near the end of the first century, Jesus wrote letters to seven churches in Asia. He writes in such a way that you know he is writing for all eternity; He is writing to churches in every city, in every place, in every age. What does Jesus look for when He looks at the church? In every letter, to every church, the first thing Jesus said was **"I know your works."** Yes, there were other qualities that He mentioned such as their love, patience, standing for the truth, and moral purity, but His first concern in every church was the work they were doing.

The church at **Ephesus** was working, but they had "left their first love." (Rev. 2:4) The church at **Smyrna** was working under great persecution. They were admonished to "be faithful unto death." (Rev. 2:10). The church at **Pergamos** was tolerating worldly behavior in their midst. (Rev. 2:14-15) The church at **Thyatira** was working, in fact their last works were greater than their first. But, they too, had immorality in their midst. (Rev. 2:20-23) The church at **Sardis** had a "name that they were alive," but, Jesus said they were really dead. He told them to "strengthen the things that remained because their works were not perfect before God." (Rev. 3:2-3) God told the church at **Philadelphia** that because of their works, He was setting an open door before them." (Rev. 3:8) And to the church at **Laodicea**, Jesus said "I know your works, you are neither cold nor hot...because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:15-16) **How important, do you believe, our works are to Jesus?**

If Jesus was to write a letter to you, or to our church, what would He say? **"I know your works."** Would He be pleased? It's true that we are not saved by our works. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) But it is also true that we cannot be saved without them. "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17) We have been saved to work! "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). Paul spoke of being saved by grace but added "His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than them all." (I Corinthians 15:10) God has set apart for Himself His own special people. What is special about God's people? They are zealous about doing good works." (Titus 2:14)

God expects the church to be working. Not just busy but working! "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." (Mark 16:15) "Visit orphans and widows in their trouble." (James 1:27) "Warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak." (I Thessalonians 4:14) "Restore the erring. Bear one another's burdens." (Galatians 6:1-2) "Feed the hungry, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those who are in prison." (Matthew 25:31-46)

Favoritism

~PNygard

All of us have favorite things. Favorite foods, favorite cars and favorite books, are some possessions we might hold in special regard. We even have favorite people in our lives. They could be a teacher, a favorite aunt or uncle, or even our local car mechanic. The question is, when it comes to people, is there anything wrong with showing favoritism?

We are all different in many ways. Jesus highlighted this when He taught the *parable of the talents* (Mt 25.14-30). Peter and Paul spoke of rich men, poor men, governors, kings, apostles and preachers, all of whom play a part in the world and in the kingdom of God and are special in their own way.

Why does Paul seem to say that these things do not matter at all when he says, "But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me." (Gal 2.6)

If God does not show favoritism, then isn't it a sin if Christians do? What about Jesus, didn't He have a special group of friends (apostles) that He treated differently than others? Sounds confusing, doesn't it?

Perhaps it is not the fact of having a favorite or special something or someone that is the issue at all. The real problem is one of value. It is impossible to keep from recognizing differences in people, and it is not wrong to do so. Favoritism becomes sinful when we value someone in such a way that we give them special privileges not offered to the rest. This is the type of thing James cries out against:

"For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? (Jas 2.2-4)

Does God value a poor man's soul less than a rich man? No. All are made in His image (Gen 1.27). He is not partial (Rom 2.11). Jesus came to save *all* who will follow Him (1 Tim 1.15).

The problem is us. Our selfishness, pride, and ego's cause us to treat men unequally. Jude says we do this so that we can gain advantage over others, "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage." (Jude 1.16)

The next time we are tempted to raise one soul unjustly above another or give preference to someone (especially ourselves), perhaps we should first consider the words of Christ.

"Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mar 10.43-45)

Think about it.



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.



Twelve Guideposts For Living

I will do more than belong—I will participate.

I will do more than care—I will help.

I will do more than believe—I will practice.

I will do more than forgive—I will forget.

I will do more than dream—I will work.

I will do more than teach—I will inspire.

I will do more than earn—I will enrich.

I will do more than give—I will serve.

I will do more than live—I will grow.

I will do more than be friendly—I will be a friend.

I will do more than be fair—I will be kind.

Selected
(Bulletin Digest)

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Our national elections will take place next week. As Christians, we need to seriously evaluate which candidate is closest to sharing our values. And what are your values? I know what mine are. As a Christian, I believe there are only two issues which should dominate my thinking and affect my vote. One—the sanctity of life! I want abortion stopped, and I want a leader who believes the same way that I do. Two—I want marriage to remain **ONLY** between a man and a woman, and I want a leader who believes the same way that I do. All other issues don't hold a candle to the two that I mentioned.

None of them!

You know what the Lord hates? In Proverbs 6:16 David said the Lord hates “hands that shed innocent blood”. What is more innocent than a baby in the womb?!

What is more vital to the future of our country than God centered homes where there is a **father** and a **mother** raising children to know right from wrong? Let's not throw our votes and our values all away in order to satisfy our greed for things! **PLEASE VOTE CHRISTIAN VALUES!**

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



Area Gospel Meetings

October 26–29

6th & Washington congregation in Marietta, OH
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

October 26–29

West Ripley congregation
Speaker: Dick Bartrug

November 2–5

Hopewell congregation
Speaker: Jerrie Barber



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, November 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADER

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jeff Taberner
Close—Steve Gray
6:00 PM—Brian Haught
Close—Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM—Jim Hinzman
PM—Ben Haught

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—John Life
PM—Bill Merrill
Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.



The Lawn Crew for this week
is the Hershman crew.

They include Kevin
Cochran, Doug
Hershman, Braden
Hesselrode and Doug
Hinzman.



Facts and Figures

October 19, 2014

AM Service.....301
Bible Study.....212
PM Service.....228
Wednesday.....236
Contribution.....\$6795.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....3
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....4
Placed Membership.....5

Friday Night Sing

Everyone
is invited!



Transportation will leave Friday
at 6:30 for the sing at the
Rockport 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 2
THE CALLED OUT BODY

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM