

# 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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## **27th Annual Bible Bowl**

Saturday, September 21

The Books of Mark and Galatians

(New King James Version)

1st-6th grade will only cover the book of Mark.

**Director:** Gary Herridge

Everyone is invited to attend and support the teams!

**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  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
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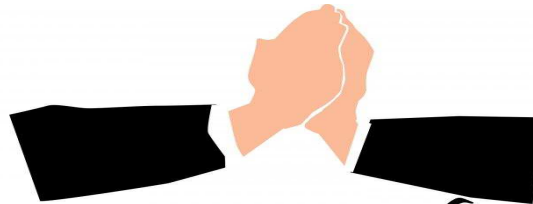
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- ♥ Thank you to everyone for all the anniversary cards we received. They were so kind and thoughtful. **Paul and Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the anniversary cards we received. We enjoyed them very much. **Calvin and Jean Martin**
- ♥ Thanks to all who sent birthday cards and gifts to me. They were very beautiful and heart warming. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family. Love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ **Russ and Patty Alton** would like to thank everyone for the sympathy cards in memory of his granddaughter, Lindsay Alton.

Kim Echard and Jo Langer requested prayers last Sunday morning.  
 Please continue to remember them in your prayers.



*Prayers please*

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Pat Barclay, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Lee Edwards, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Kim Ledsome, Addie Miller, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp, Tabetha Wagoner

(Macey Dean as she is spending a semester in Strasbourg, Yugoslavia.)

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Anna Barnes, Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsay Campbell, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Gayle Dulaney (Scott & Gwen's neighbor), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, 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, 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 update or add names to the Prayer List.**



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

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

### **LADIES LUNCH**

All ladies are invited to meet at the Corner Café (beside Matheny Motors) Tuesday, September 17 at 11:30. Sign-up sheet deadline is today. If you have any questions, see Jo Goldsmith.

### **DEACON'S MEETING**

The monthly Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

### **27th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL**

The Bible Bowl will be held here Saturday, September 21. Registration will begin at 9:00-9:30, 9:30-9:45 devotional. First round begins at 10:00. Lunch will be served in the MP Room. Everyone is encouraged to support the teams.

### **FALL FOLIAGE/AMERICAN THEATER TRIP**

Our Golden Agers will be taking a trip to Elkins Thursday, September 26 to view the fall foliage and attend a 2:00PM show at The American Mountain Theater. Lunch at the 1863 Restaurant. Cost of the trip will be \$50.00 each (includes fuel, lunch, and the show). Leaving the building at 8:00AM and returning around 8:00PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with brochures.

### **VALERIA SPROUT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Everyone is invited to a picnic at the City Park (Pavilion 5) Saturday, September 28 at noon to celebrate Mrs. Sprout's 80th birthday. Please sign up on the counter today.

### **6th-12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL**

There will be a 6th-12th grade devo. at the home of Dustin Hughes Saturday, September 28 at 6:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### **ANNUAL AMISH COUNTRY TRIP**

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

Mark your calendar for our Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Butterfield October 13-16.

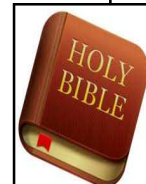
Sunday, October 13 will also be our Friends Day.

**Invite your family and friends.**



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

September 15—1 Co 16, Pro 5-6  
September 16—2 Co 1, Pro 7-8  
September 17—2 Co 2, Pro 9-11  
September 18—2 Co 3, Pro 12-13  
September 19—2 Co 4, Pro 14-15  
September 20—2 Co 5, Pro 16-17  
September 21—2 Co 6, Pro 18-19  
September 22—2 Co 7, Pro 20-21



# DANA'S DIRECTION

“Every child needs to be in Bible Class”



I once read of a man who, as a college student and then a young lawyer, devoted a great deal of attention to the youth of his church and community. He was a bible class teacher, a coach, and a volunteer at a “Boy’s and Girl’s” center. Eventually, a career in government moved him away from his home and ultimately to an appointment to the bench as a juvenile judge.

He decided, after a twenty year absence, to revisit his home town and see how the young people he had worked with had turned out. There were some surprises. Some of the troubled youth had gone on to be successful. Others, he believed to have great potential, never really lived up to his hopes. **But, the one fact that was most encouraging: almost every child that he had taught in bible class had not only turned out well, they had also remained faithful to the church.**

God expects parents to provide spiritual guidance for their children. “And you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4) The old law carried with it instructions for parents to “teach them diligently to your children when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deut. 6:6-7) Paul attributed the faith of young Timothy to the fact that his mother and grandmother had taught him the scriptures “from childhood.” (II Tim. 3:15)

**One opportunity that is available to every parent, grandparent, and family at Camden Avenue, is our Bible school.** Every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are provided for all ages, children through adult. A child who attends every bible class (not including VBS, youth camp, Bible Bowl and other activities) during the first 18 years of his life, will receive over 14,000 hours of instruction. Although this seems like a lot, it is only a fraction of the time our child is influenced by school, community activities, television and other forms of entertainment. Yes, we must teach our children at home—but are we? The Bible school does not replace our responsibility to teach our children, it is an aid and a supplement to that responsibility. **Are 4-5 hours, assembled with the church each week, too great of a commitment to make toward raising our children in the faith?**

I have been preaching for over thirty years. My experience has been pretty much the same as the man I mentioned at the beginning of this article. The children I have observed growing up in the church who are faithful as adults and are raising their children in the Lord are—for the most part—the ones I saw every week in Bible class. **Give your child every opportunity to know the Lord—make sure they are in every Bible class.**



Is your heart right with God?  
(Psalm 19:12-14)

# What Do We Do When...?

~P.Nygard



What can we do when Satan tempts us to evil? The answer to that question partially lies in our foundation and strength as Christians in the Lord. The influence of our friends, families, and our desire to please God all play an important role in our response to sin. But again, what can we *do* when we are enticed to follow the world and not God?

Joseph literally *fled* instead of committing sexual sin (Gen 39.12). Jesus *turned to the truth* of God and scripture for strength (Mt 4). We can *pray* for God's help and wisdom against temptation (Mt 6.13) and we can *protect ourselves with the spiritual armor of God* (Eph 6.10-20). As a people, we can *encourage* and strengthen each other (Eph 4.31-32) while helping to *bear the burden* (Gal 6.2).

So what do we do when the evil that is before us is so large that it feels like there is nothing that can be done to stop it? The Bible shows us that our brothers and sisters in the Lord were persecuted by both the Jews and the Romans. History depicts some truly horrible treatment of Christians as it records the world's war on God. Peter wrote an entire letter addressing the Christian's conduct in this conflict, while providing divine encouragement and hope at the same time (I Pet 4.12-19).

Today, an evil is before us that has grown to such great proportions that it sometimes *seems* like there is nothing we can do to face it without being crushed. It is an evil supported by our own government. In this case, I am speaking of the murder of millions of innocent children through abortion and abortion inducing drugs. It saddens me that we will risk war with a country that uses chemical weapons to kill thousands (including children); yet 198,000 abortions take place each year due to the drug *Mifepristone* (formerly known as RU-486), commonly known as the abortion pill. *This is a chemical warfare conducted by Americans on an irreprehensible scale against the most innocent of lives.*

I encourage you to pray for our country, for our leaders, for the women who have made life ending choices, and those who are contemplating making the same decisions. This is God's world, He is in control, and He hears the prayers of the righteous (Js 5.16).

Additionally, the elders have asked that you consider responding to the *West Virginians for Life* campaign by signing their petition. You see, we are being asked to fund abortions with our tax dollars through the new Affordable Care Act, (ObamaCare), which will go into Law this October first. However, this health care law gives each state the option of preventing state tax dollars from being applied to abortion funding programs if the state legislature specifically chooses to opt out of that portion of the plan.

It is true that sometimes it seems our single voice is too small to make a difference. It is also true that we are to stand against evil in all of its forms, and if we do, God will be with us. No one is greater than God! We have an opportunity to stand up, will you consider taking it?

# October Birthdays/Anniversaries

October 1—Linda Camp, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman

October 5—Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk

October 8—Ashley Ware, Megan Ware, \*Josh & Felicia Barclay

October 9—Kelsey Wadlington

October 10—Brandon Sheppard

October 11—Kim Barclay, \*Kevin & Amanda Cochran

October 12—Peggy Cowdery

October 14—\*Paul & Pat Hoover

October 15—Dale Wilcox

October 16—\*Earl & Donna McConnell, \*Paul & Carrie Nygard

October 18—\*Bill & Rosemary Merrill

October 20—Mary Lemley

October 21—Susan Haid, Earl McConnell, Myrtle Metz

October 22—Kassi Adkins, Mike Bayer, Walter Morgan, Lily Kate Sprout, \*Rob & Kathy Hoover (25th)

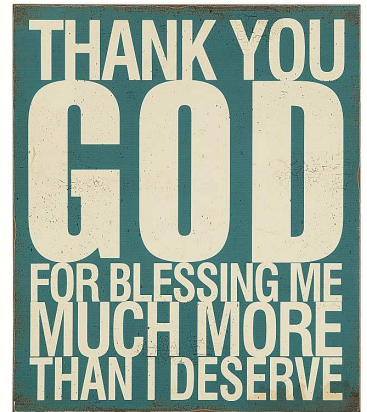
October 23—Sue VanCamp

October 24—Russ Alton

October 27—Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills

October 28—Nina Chevront, Julie Taberner

October 30—Kelly Sheppard



\* 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.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Did you know that political correctness is a set of beliefs that are in total opposition to God and righteousness?

The politically correct say we must support abortion on demand, accept homosexuality as an "alternative" lifestyle, decriminalize drug use, restrict religious freedoms, teach evolution as fact, oppose capitalism, and support socialism! These people also claim that they will save the planet from the people who live on it.

But we need to remember that God is NOT politically correct. Paul said when writing to the church at Colossae, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." [Colossians 2:8]

It seems to me that it is time to point out the enemies of God living among us. It is the politically correct that are seeking to destroy our beliefs, our principles and our God. And they want to destroy our souls in the process. We truly must put on the "whole armor of God" if we are to withstand them!



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, September 22

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Ron Riddle  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley  
PM— Dana Slingluff

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Leon Hupp  
Close—Bill Camp  
6:00 PM—Len Haid  
Close—Clyde Yoho

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Cody Hoover  
PM—Cody Young

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dwain Shears  
PM—John Hall  
Barry Mills

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



## 14th Annual WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN LECTURESHIP

PILOTING PERILOUS TIMES

A study of Second Timothy

Hosted by Pennsboro Church of Christ  
September 15—18

Various speakers (15 outstanding gospel preachers from  
six states)

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

## LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS

**Saturday, September 28**

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH  
Registration 9:00-9:30

“Becoming A Woman After God’s Heart”

Speaker: **Sally Shank**

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include  
Mike Bayer, Mark  
Dean, Doug  
Hershman, and  
Dwain Shears.



## Facts and Figures

September 8, 2013

AM Service.....323

Bible Study.....253

PM Service.....249

Wednesday.....221

Contribution .....\$6644.15

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership...17

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

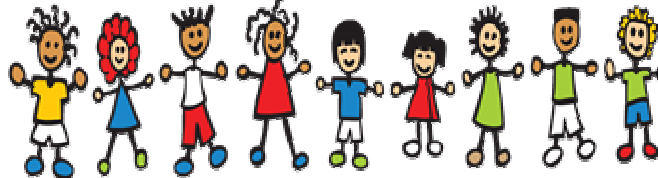
AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM



Parenting Workshop:

## Parenting on Purpose

October 25-26, 2013

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

Lunch will be provided.

Lubeck church of Christ

**Speaker:** Rick Stanley

**Details on the bulletin board in both foyers.**

## Watch “IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”

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

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

September 22  
FORGIVENESS

## Friday Night Sing



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