

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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What the Bible says about work. . .

You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.
Psalm 128:2

We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are
persecuted, we endure it...
1 Corinthians 4:12

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work
shall not eat."
1 Thessalonians 3:10

So I saw there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is
their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?
Ecclesiastes 3:22

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the
LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.
Deuteronomy 15:10

Happy Labor Day!

Elders:

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Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

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Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
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Rob Hoover
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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Chelsea Doonan, Lee Edwards, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp, Tabetha Wagoner

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, Gabbi Cook, 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, Betty Morris, 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.



Cotton Sayre had surgery Wednesday at Marietta Memorial. Remember him in your prayers and with cards. Please, no visits at this time as he recuperates at home.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the Alton family in the passing of Lindsay. Her funeral will be today at 2:00 at the Grand Central congregation. Visitation will be one hour prior to her service.

Please keep this family in your prayers.



- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Bill Davis**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. **Ray Sams**

A special thank you to Jean Martin for baking the communion bread for August.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Cody and Melissa Hannum and their children: Carlee, Brandon, and Cayden. Their address is: 810 Quincy Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. They will be in Care Group 4. We also welcome Kevin and Amanda Cochran and their children: Allie, Klay, and Kaleb. Their address is: 1674 Meadville Road, Davisville, WV 26142. They will be in Care Group 1. We are glad to have these families worshipping with us.

FRIENDS DAY PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone willing to help plan our upcoming Friends Day October 13.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

VALERIA SPROUT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a picnic at the City Park pavilion Saturday, September 28 at noon to celebrate Mrs. Sprout's 80th birthday. Sign-up sheet is on the counter and they need attendance count by September 15.

27th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

The Bible Bowl will be held here Saturday, September 21. 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 2:00 show at The American Mountain Theater. We will be eating lunch at the 1863 Restaurant. Cost of the trip will be \$50.00 each (includes fuel, lunch, and the show). We will be leaving the building at 8:00AM and returning around 8:00PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with brochures.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

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

COUPONS

Please leave coupons in the library for the exchange. Feel free to take any that you can use.



Daily Bible Reading

September 1—1 Cor 6, Ps 95-101
September 2—1 Co 7:1-24, Ps 102-103
September 3—1 Co 7:25-40, Ps 104-105
September 4—1 Co 8, Ps 106
September 5—1 Co 9, Ps 107-109
September 6—1 Co 10, Ps 110-114
September 7—1 Co 11:1-16, Ps 115-118
September 8—1 Co 11:17-34, Ps 119



Macey Dean will be leaving tomorrow to spend a semester in Strasbourg, Yugoslavia.

She is a junior at Alderson Broadus College.

She is the daughter of our Mark Dean.

Please pray for her safe travels. We wish her well.

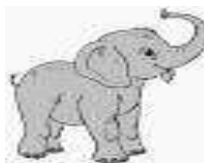
YOUTH ZOO TRIP



Our youth will be taking a trip to the Columbus Zoo Saturday, September 14.

More details will follow.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.





GRACE AND GRATITUDE

“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)

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(1 Thess. 5:19)

Salvation is a gift. “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). The proper response to a gift is to say, “Thank you.” I call these “Magic words.” I ask the children who come into my office to get candy to say the “magic words.” But not only do children need to say “Thank you” for candy, I need to express gratitude for God’s gift. Craig Barnes wrote, “You can either try to achieve a life or you can receive a life. One makes you upset that it’s not good enough, and the other makes you grateful for what you’ve been given.” Gratitude is not a set of circumstances but a condition of the heart.

While on a mission trip, Jack Hinton from New Bern, North Carolina, was leading worship at a leper colony in the island of Tobago. There was time for one more song, so he asked if anyone had a request. A woman who had been facing away from the pulpit turned around.

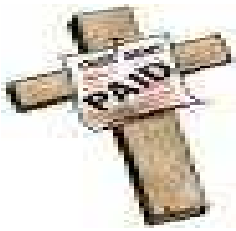
“It was the most hideous face I had ever seen,” Hinton said. “The woman’s nose and ears were entirely gone. The disease had destroyed her lips as well. She lifted a fingerless hand in the air and asked, ‘Can we sing Count Your Many Blessings?’”

Overcome with emotion, Hinton left the service. He was followed by a friend who said, “Jack, I guess you will never be able to sing that song again.”

“Yes, I will,” he replied, “but I’ll never sing it in the same way.”

*** Have you received the gift of God?**

*** Are you saying the “magic words?”**



“What We Deserve or What We Need?”

(Romans 6:15-23)

“For the _____ of sin is _____, but the _____ of God is _____ life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

Grace is getting what we need _____ of what we _____. “For all have _____ and fall short of the _____ of God.” (Romans 3:23) **Getting what we deserve is a principle of _____.** “Do not be _____, God is not _____; for whatever a man sows, that he will also _____. For he who sows to his _____ will of the flesh reap _____, but he who sows to the _____ will of the Spirit reap _____ life.” (Galatians 6:7-8) **Getting what we deserve is a principle of _____.** “God ... who will render to each one according to his _____. For there is no _____ with God. (Romans 2:6,11)

Sin pays a wage - _____. **Satan offers “benefits.”** “The _____ pleasures of _____.” (Heb. 11:25) **Who would think of selling their _____ to the _____?** “You have _____ yourself to do _____ in the sight of the Lord.” (I Kings 21:20) What will it _____ a man if he gains the whole _____ and loses his own _____, or what will a man give in _____ for his soul?” (Matt. 16:26)

Spiritual Death is to be _____ from God. “And these will go away to _____ punishment, but the righteous to everlasting _____.” (Matt. 25:46) **Hell is _____.** “Then _____ and _____ were cast into the Lake of _____. This is the _____ death.” (Rev. 20:14)

What God _____ to give us. “But the _____ of God is _____ life.” (Rom. 6:23) **Salvation is God’s _____ to man. We are not _____, nor can we earn it.** “For by _____ you have been saved, through _____, and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of God, not of _____ lest anyone should _____.” (Eph. 2:8-9) **To receive God’s gift requires _____.** “Though He were a _____, yet He learned _____ by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of _____ salvation to all who _____ Him.” (Hebrews 5:8-9)

The gift of God is _____ life. “And this is _____ life, that they may know You, the only _____ God, and Jesus Christ whom you have _____.” (John 17:2-3)

Eternal life comes at the _____ of this earthly life. “But now, having been set free from _____ and having become the _____ of God, you have your fruit to _____, and the end _____ life.” (Romans 6:22) “The _____ of God is eternal life in _____.” (Rom. 6:23) “Or do you not know that as many of us as were _____ into Christ Jesus were baptized into His _____? Therefore we are _____ with Him through _____ into death. That just as Christ was raised from the _____ by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _____ of Life.” (Rom. 6:3-4)

God’s gift is to those who are _____ from sin through obeying the gospel. “Therefore do not let _____ reign in your mortal _____.” (Rom. 6:12)



Are We Men of Honor?

~P Nygard

Honor is honesty, fairness, and integrity.

Honor is having a high respect for someone because we see their *worth*.

Honor goes hand in hand with 'glory' when we talk about the glory of God (Mt 6.13, 16.27, 19.28, Heb 2.7).

And...

Honor is greatly lacking within our culture, nor is it taught to our young men enough.

Perhaps you have seen the movie *The Last Samurai*, where Tom Cruise plays Captain Woodrow Algrin, a celebrated Civil War hero. Due to the atrocities of war he has both witnessed and participated in, Algrin is obliged to drink himself into an endless stupor in an attempt to forget war's horrors. Interestingly, the Japanese government hires Algrin to teach modern warfare to His Majesty's poorly equipped army, where he is captured in their first battle by the last band of remaining Samurai warriors.

The word samurai literally means "*ones who serve*", and they follow a strict code of ethics called *bushido* or *the way of the warrior*. The life of the samurai was one of physical hardship, absolute devotion to duty, and above else, honesty and bravery in all things.

Algrin is enamored with their lifestyle and code of conduct. After a winter living with the samurai where he sobers up and faces his demons, Captain Algrin joins these last remaining noble men in their honorable cause. One scene in particular sums up his belief in the importance of the samurai code. The leader of these brave men, seeing that defeat was imminent, considers taking his own life rather than suffer the shame defeat would bring.

"Shame?", Algrin says, "Shame for a life of *service, discipline, compassion*?"

"The way of the samurai is not necessary anymore?"

To which the captain responds, "Necessary? What could be more necessary?"

Although this is simply a movie, there is truth in that statement. Consider that the very life of Christ was filled to overflowing with *service* both to God and to men. He taught the importance of *self-control* and *self-denial* when it comes to our lusts, while encouraging us to be steadfast and constant toward God. Additionally, can you find any greater example of *compassion* than that of Christ? Our creator came to earth as a man and offered His life, taken in the cruelest way possible, in order to redeem each and every one of us; and to give us the hope and surety of eternal life with Him.

Necessary? What could be more necessary?

Jesus was the living definition of *honor*. I want my son to be an honorable man. I want him to stand strong against the evils of the world and be prepared to weather the storms of adversity. I wish for him to cherish, protect, and value women and children. To stand with God while the world ridicules and abandons Him.

How about you? What do you want people to see or to think when your son's name is spoken?

What are you willing to sacrifice in order to teach him that?

Bible Study



YOUNG IN THE FAITH BIBLE CLASS

We are hoping to begin a “Young in the Faith” class soon. This would be a class that covers the first principles of Christianity as found in the scriptures. In 2nd Peter 2:5 and following, Peter tells the brethren it is now time for them to add to their Faith.

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge. . .

Having become believers (Having Faith in Jesus as the Son of God, 1 Jn. 4:15) we are to grow. The Elders want to provide the opportunity for all members, that are interested, to attend a special class for the purpose of personal growth by studying the Bible from the point of a person who is young in the Faith.

The class will be conducted outside our usual Bible Class and Worship times. In order to determine place, time, and the number of people interested we would like to meet with all interested members today, after morning Bible Study, in room 109.



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**They would enjoy hearing from
their church family.**

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



The army of Alexander the Great was advancing on Persia. At one critical point, it appeared that his troops might be defeated. The soldiers had taken so much plunder from their previous campaigns that they had become weighed down and were losing their effectiveness in combat. Alexander immediately commanded that all the spoils be thrown into a heap and burned.

The Hebrew writer said, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” [Heb. 12:1]

If we are not careful, we can allow such things as work, recreation, education, retirement plans, and hobbies to weigh us down and impede our growth and pursuit of the prize of the high calling of God [Phil. 3:4].

We must learn to cast aside and completely remove our spoils from our lives—regardless of how precious they may seem! Remember, “No man can serve two masters” [Matt. 6:24].

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



LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS

Saturday, September 14

Little Hocking congregation

Registration 8:30

9:00 with lunch at noon.

Theme: "Serve and Protect"

Speaker: **Patty Sayre**

Saturday, September 28

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

Registration 9:00-9:30

"Becoming A Woman After God's Heart"

Speaker: **Sally Shank**

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)



Parenting Workshop:

Parenting on Purpose

October 25-26, 2013

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

Lunch will be provided.

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Speaker: Rick Stanley

Details of these events on the bulletin board in both foyers.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Ravenswood (Kaiser & Douglas) congregation.

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 8

NOT BIBLICAL ANYMORE

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—Ethan Ash

PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Mike Wade

Close—John Hall

6:00 PM—Gary Herridge

Close—Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM—Jimmy Galloway

PM—Ryan Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dave Wadlington

PM—Leon Hupp

Doug Hinzman

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Dean crew.



They include Mark Dean, Dwain Shears, Chris Tallman, Donovan Walton, and Cody Young.

Facts and Figures

September 1, 2013

AM Service.....311

Bible Study.....257

PM Service.....242

Wednesday.....234

Contribution\$6009.70

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership...17

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM