

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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Grandparents, We Love you!

We're blessed to know that we are loved
By someone wise and true,
Someone who loves us as we are
That someone, of course is you.

You listen not just when we smile,
But even when we grumble,
Although you sometimes have to say
We shouldn't always mumble.

We want you to know we love you too;
We really do adore you.
We appreciate the things you do,
And thank God daily for you.

Copied from Christian Grandparents website

About Grandparent's Day. . .

Grandparent's Day is celebrated in September, on the first Sunday following Labor Day. Founded by Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, WV, her primary purpose was to celebrate and honor the lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to encourage grandchildren to inherit the wisdom and heritage from their grandparents. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter made it a national holiday.

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

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 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
 Doug Hershman
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**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, Addie Miller, 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, 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.

Macey Dean will be spending a semester in Strasbourg, Yugoslavia. She is a junior at Alderson Broadus College. Please keep her and her father, Mark in your prayers.

**St. Joseph's Hospital**

Addie Miller (Room 421) No visits, please.

Marietta Memorial

Pat Barclay



- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciated them. **Keith Cowdery**
- ♥ Calais and I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and gifts that we received. You all made our birthdays very special! **Carrie Nygard**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

CARE GROUP LEADERS AND COLLEGE DINNER MEETING(S) THIS EVENING

Care Group leaders are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109. Anyone willing to help with the college dinner meet this evening after services in Room 112.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet this week at 7:00PM in the MP Room. Kelly Brown will be teaching this class.

YOUTH ZOO TRIP

We will be taking a trip to the Columbus Zoo Saturday, September 14. Leaving the church building at 7:30AM. Ages 2-9 \$15.00, Ages 10-59 \$20.00, Ages 60+ \$15.00, includes fuel and zoo admission. If you plan to go, please sign up today. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Todd Kirk for details.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday 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. (Note the time change.) Sign-up sheet deadline is next Sunday. If you have any questions, see Jo Goldsmith.

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 by next Sunday.

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. 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. 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.



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 8—I Co 11:17-34, Ps 119

September 9—I Co 12, Ps 120-132

September 10—I Co 13, Ps 133-139

September 11—I Co 14:1-25, Ps 140-144

September 12—I Co 14:26-40, Ps 145-150

September 13—I Co 15:1-34, Pro 1-2

September 14—I Co 15:35-58, Pro 3-4

September 15—I Co 16, Pro 5-6



DANA'S DIRECTION

How to improve the church

One time I heard a man talking to another about his home congregation. The other inquired whether he was a teacher, deacon, or perhaps a song leader. He responded "I am nothing, I just attend there."

In the church nobody is nothing! No matter who you are—whether you are a very visible leader or one who takes a more supportive role—you are a vital part of the Lord's church and of the Camden Avenue congregation. Everyone of us can, and must work to make the church what God wants it to be. Years ago, **Brother Joe Barnett** wrote the following article that I have found to be true and challenging.

Ten Rules for Improving the Church

1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit into a perfect congregation.
2. Pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them.
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you mature.
4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them—it will do wonders for your attitude.
5. When you see a work being neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help.
6. Never, never blame others for your own failures. Every individual can be fruitful in spite of bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others, if he or she is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with yourself.
8. Consciously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When you think of a brother or sister, make a quick mental note of the good points each possesses.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church.
10. Every church has problems, Ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem or part of the solution?"



Revive Us Again (Revelation 2:1-7)

Revival: “To revive or bring back to _____, or _____ or awareness. To _____ to a former state of _____ or _____.” “Will you not _____ us again that your people may _____ in you.” (Psalm 85:6)

Christians often stand in need of revival. “Awake, you who _____. Arise from the _____, and _____ will give you _____.” (Ephesians 5:4)

Christians need revival when _____ comes into our lives. David was a man after _____ own _____. Sin threatened to destroy David’s _____ to God. “So David said to Nathan, ‘I have _____ against the Lord.’” (II Sam. 12:13) **The first step back to God is _____.** “If we _____ our sins, He is _____ and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

David acknowledged his sin. “Against _____, and You _____ I have sinned, and done this evil in Your sight.” (Psalm 51:4) **The Results of Repentance. First comes _____:** “Purge me... and I shall be _____; _____ me and I shall be whiter than _____.” (Psalm 51:5) **Then comes _____:** “Make me hear _____ and gladness, that the bones You have broken may _____.” (Psalm 51:8) **Then comes _____:** “Restore to me the _____ of your salvation.” (Psalm 51:12)

Christians need revival when we have _____ away from God. After Jacob’s dream he saw his need for revival. He pledged that the _____ would be his God. He would _____ God’s house. He would give a _____ of all that he possessed. (Gen. 28:20-22) **Jacob’s return to a right relationship with God.** “Let us arise and go up to _____; and I will make an _____ there to God, who answered me in the day of my _____, and has been _____ me in the _____ which I have gone.” (Genesis 35:1-3)

We need to revive our _____ to serve God in our _____. We need to take spiritual _____ in our lives.

As a _____ we can be in need of revival. To the church at _____, Jesus stated “Nevertheless I have this _____ you, that you have _____ your first _____.” (Revelation 2:4)

Three steps to revival. “Therefore _____ from where you have fallen; _____ and do the first _____, or else I will come to you quickly and _____ your lamp stand from its place – unless you _____.” (Rev. 2:5)

The time for revival is _____. “It is high time to _____ out of sleep. For our _____ is _____ than when we believed. The night is far spent, the _____ is at hand.” (Romans 13:11-12)

It's Promotion Day For Our Bible Classes!

Thank you teachers, for all your hard work over the summer. The time, love, and careful attention you put into your classes become a blessing to the children and adults you teach!

A Special Note For the Ladies

Ladies, young women, and teens, are you already planning to come to our Tuesday evening Bible study? If not, please make plans now. **It will be this Tuesday the 10th at 7 pm.**

For our comfort and assurance, we will be meeting in the classroom downstairs. If you have young children, don't let that stop you from coming. In addition to Bible study, there are some fun and encouraging fellowship activities planned to help us build new relationships. This is a fresh and renewed class, based on Titus 2:3-5. Come see what it is all about!

Kelly Brown is an accomplished teacher and speaker at Ladies' Inspiration Days. She will be teaching our first lesson in this series, "To Everything There Is a Season."

Thursday Night Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 19th, a new weekly Bible study will begin from 6:30 – 8:00pm, taught by Paul Nygard. The first discussion in room 109 will begin with a look into the book of James, and will continue into the letters of Jude and I, II Peter. The need for more study and discussion concerning the word of God is vital and necessary to our spiritual growth. Will you consider joining us as you can for an interesting and in-depth look into the word of our Lord?

We received an email from Matt Cook. He is updating everyone on Gabbi.



Gabbi Cook

He states that "although Gabbi will always be on special medicines and will be monitored closely, it appears that, for now, she is out of the woods both in the cancer world (cancer free!) and the transplant world."

The email thanks everyone for all acts of kindness shown to them, including the over \$13,000 to support hepatoblastoma research in honor of Gabbi's birthday, gifts for Gabbi (hundreds of packages they received in the mail), gift cards, thousands of cards, the children who made cards for Gabbi, churches and individuals that supported them financially for three years in Cusco, Peru, and prayers.

And if you haven't seen the video, here's the link time:
<https://vimeo.com/73374621> .



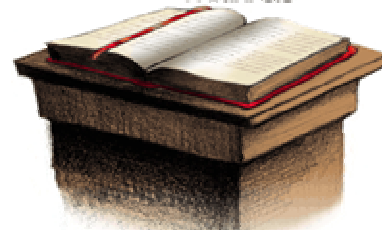
The Tomato

Have you ever bought a tomato in January? I have. They are okay, better than nothing. For years, I have planted a few tomato plants in spring. The tomatoes get ripe in July. They taste so much better than those greenhouse tomatoes. Have you ever thought, “Why?” It is because man cannot improve or even equal what God can do. His sunshine and rain are perfect just like everything else He does. We can see this in nature, but men keep trying to improve, change, add to, or subtract from what God did in religion. Man can never improve on what God has done in His church, His doctrine, His salvation, His sacrifice, or His love.

If we are wise, we will go back to the Bible, God’s will for us, and accept His perfection.

Bulletin Digest

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



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. Details will be forthcoming.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Robert De Vincenzo, the great Argentine golfer, was once walking to his car after winning a major tournament. He was approached by a young woman who told him that her child was seriously ill and that she did not have enough money to cover her child’s hospital expenses.



De Vincenzo, touched by her story, took out a pen and endorsed his winning check and pressed it into the young woman’s hand.

The next week, a golf official came to De Vincenzo and told him that the woman in the parking lot was a phony. She had no sick baby, She had fleeced him!

De Vincenzo’s said, “You mean there is no baby who is dying?”

“That’s right,” said the official.

Then De Vincenzo said, “That’s the best news I’ve heard all week!”

De Vincenzo’s attitude is much like the attitude that God has shown to us. Despite man taking God’s goodness for granted, despite our repeated failures, God was willing to give the ultimate sacrifice of His Son, so that we could respond in obedience to His Word. What a wonderful attitude!

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 15

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills
DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life
 PM—Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Scott Johnson
 Close—Ethan Ash
 6:00 PM—Jeff Taberner
 Close—Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kody Inman
 PM—Todd Kirk

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Walter Morgan
 PM—Delmas Carr
 Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



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

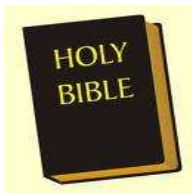
"Becoming A Woman After God's Heart"

Speaker: **Sally Shank**

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Barclay crew.



They include Josh Barclay, Jon Hescht, Kyle Inman, and Cody Young .



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)

Facts and Figures

September 1, 2013

AM Service.....320

Bible Study.....243

PM Service.....265

Wednesday.....253

Contribution\$9169.00

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

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.

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 15
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Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the West Union congregation.