

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Season's Greetings from the Elders and staff.



We wish you and your family a happy
and healthy 2012.

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Dearll, Dana, Paul, Wes, and Kimberlee*

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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr. Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, and Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Danny Fawcett, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, and Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.

HOSPITAL

Colleen Ash was released from the hospital and will be staying with her daughter, Becky. Her address is: 3081 Bird Drive Ravenna, OH 44266

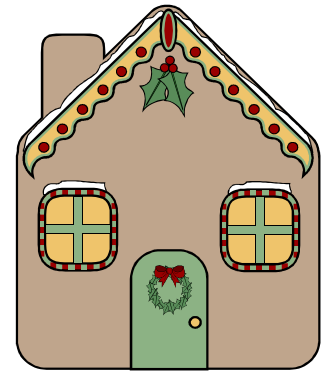
David Frazier had back surgery last week and is now home.

Bob Fox was to be admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital Friday to have a pacemaker.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you, dear church family, for the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and well wishes. Each one is very special to me. **Tammy Kerns**
- ♥ Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and letters. Hope to be with you again soon. Sincerely, **Franklin Love**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciated each one. **Jean Martin**
- ♥ Thank you for all acts of kindness you've shown while I have been hospitalized. I appreciate everything and love you all. **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the lovely cards for my "60th" birthday. They made the day much brighter. **Cindy Slingluff**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and food during our mother's illness and death. In Christian Love, **Opal Ray Family**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEACON'S MEETING TODAY IS CANCELLED

The Deacon's Meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled.

LOVE AND CARE SING TOMORROW EVENING

All youth and their parents are invited to the monthly sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00. If you need a ride, contact Paul Saunders or Todd Kirk.

SINGING SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wednesday evening service at 7:00 will be a singing service. There will be no Bible classes. Bring snacks and beverages to be served in the MP Room following the service.

NEW YEARS EVE GET-TOGETHER

There will be a get-together at Mineral Wells Elementary School starting Saturday at 7:00PM with a devotional at 8:00. Bring snacks, beverages, games, and athletic equipment. Everyone is invited.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SUNDAY. JANUARY 8

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the next fellowship lunch Sunday, January 8 in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages. The area wide service will be held at 2:30.

AREA WIDE SERVICE JANUARY 8

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 8 at 2:30 hosted by the Sunrise congregation. Theme: *Faith That Can Move* by Elvis Galbreath

HOLIDAY CARD REQUEST

Izzy McManaway is a four year old cancer patient at Ruby Memorial. She will soon be going home for Christmas with Hospice care, since her cancer is in the final stages. A social worker asked what she wanted for Christmas and she answered, "All the Christmas cards I can get." Let's remember her with cards and prayers. Her address is: Izzy McManaway PO Box 53 Fayetteville, WV 25840

DVD'S AND CD'S AVAILABLE

DVD's and CD's are available on the counter of the spring Gospel Meeting that Brother Gary Vaught held here.

DANA'S DIRECTION

10 Guidelines for New Year Resolutions

In your relationship to . . .

GOD: Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helpfulness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year (2 Corinthians 13:5)?

OTHERS: Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Romans 14:19-22). Challenge yourself to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Ephesians 4:32)!

YOUR MIND: Read and think about something noble and creative every day (Philippians 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill your heart and mind before anything else gets to them!

FEELINGS: Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express your feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Proverbs 27:5, 1 Peter 3:7).

ACTIONS: Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise, be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give freely of your love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in your possession, let your actions reflect the startling love of God!

SUCSESSES: Be thankful (Colossians 3:15). Most if not all of our successes are the result of God's grace, not our cleverness or hard work. Count your blessings regularly.

TROUBLES: Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Hebrews 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in every circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

HEART: Be careful (Proverbs 23:7). Focus your love on the Father and Savior who reside within you. Be careful what you allow to creep in to this sacred space which belongs to God.

WORSHIP: Be still (Psalm 46:10). Expressing your love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

SIN: Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden your heart or break the connection between you and God. Confess your sins to the Father every day (1 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!



SERMON NOTES

His Name is Wonderful: (Matthew 16:13-19)

“If you _____ with your mouth the Lord _____ and _____ in your heart that God has _____ Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the _____ one believes unto righteousness, and with the _____ confession is made unto _____” (Romans 10:9-10)

To Confess Christ is to confess His _____. His name is _____

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a _____ is given, and the government is upon His shoulders and His name shall be _____, Counselor, All mighty _____, the Everlasting _____, Prince of _____.”(Isa. 9:6)

To confess the name of Jesus is to confess His power to _____. “And she will bring forth a _____, and you shall call His name _____, for he will _____ His people from their _____.” (Matt.1:21)

To confess the name of Jesus is to confess that He is the _____ of God. “You are the _____ the Son of the living God.” (Matt.16:16) “For there is no other _____ under heaven ... whereby we _____ be saved.” **The Good Confession was first made by _____.** “This is my beloved _____ in whom I am well pleased, _____ Him.” (Matt. 17:5) **It is the confession we must make when we are _____.** “And he answered and said, I _____ that Jesus Christ is the _____ of God.” (Romans 8:37)

I Confess Christ is to confess Him as _____. “Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is _____, to the glory of the Father.” (Phil. 2:11) **Saying that Jesus is Lord doesn't make it so.** “Why do you call me _____, Lord and not do the things which I _____?” (Luke 6:46)

To confess Christ is to confess Him before _____. **Some will not confess Jesus before men because they are _____ or _____.** “Many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not _____ Him...for they loved the praise of _____ more than the _____ of God.” (John 12:42-43) **Jesus expects us to confess Him.** “Whoever _____ Me before men, him will I also confess before My _____ in heaven. Whoever denies Me... I will _____.” (Matthew 10:32-33)

We will confess Him now - or _____. “At the name of _____, every knee should bow; of those in _____, and those on earth, and those under the earth, and every _____ should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the _____ of the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

A Unique Perspective

~Paul Nygard



Have you ever visited a historical place such as the battlefield at Gettysburg? Sometimes standing on the ground that an event happened and seeing it for yourself allows you to gain a unique perspective. I wonder how I would feel if I could visit Jerusalem today and see the places spoken of in the Bible. I imagine that the reality of just how difficult Jesus's last days were would be apparent.

What would it be like to walk the streets of Joppa? If you could stand there and look out over the Mediterranean Sea, would you be reminded of two significant events that had taken place in that ancient city?

The first one involved the prophet Jonah. It was in Joppa where Jonah decided to flee from God by getting on a ship and disobeying God's call to go preach to the lost of Nineveh (Jonah 1:3). The second noteworthy event that took place in Joppa was when Peter received a vision instructing him to take the gospel to the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:1-22). Two men. Two calls. Two responses. From Joppa, one man fled from God while another heeded God's instructions. Every day, we walk the "streets of Joppa," and are confronted with a decision. Will I heed God's call, or will I turn a deaf ear and flee. As you "leave Joppa," which direction will you be traveling today? Give it some thought.



CHRISTMAS. . .

We are again at that time on the calendar when the western world pauses to acknowledge that Jesus Christ was born in the world. The date makes little difference. We heartily agree that some other time of year suits the occasion best, but that makes little actual difference. We also agree that the celebration of a special religious holiday has no foundation in scripture, and that it had its source in pagan rites and apostate festivals. This will acknowledge in advance all those letters differing with us in what we are about to say here.

Personally, we are glad that the world, bent on carnage and drunk on hedonism, takes time out to acknowledge that God has sent His Son into the world. Even atheists, like the stones of the ground, cry out. We deplore the fact that men make merchandise of the occasion – as the moneychangers took advantage of the opportunity in the temple - but even they help the world to stop and take note of God’s gift to man. In a world of war they talk about peace; in a world of hate they talk about love; in a world of sorrow they talk about joy. All the advertising, all the decorations, all the plans for family gatherings call attention to the fact that there is something better in the world than the rat race.

In a night without light came the Light. In a world without hope, hope was born. In the midst of despair there was the singing of angels. They had but a star, but we have the Son-light. The hopes and fears of all the years were pinned, whether the shepherds realized it or not upon a little baby in a young mother’s arms. Really, that is where hope still lies.

Wise men brought him gifts, but their gold, frankincense and myrrh have long since turned to dust. It was the best they had, and they set precedent for our giving gifts, but they gave only gifts that perish. We have an opportunity to give a living sacrifice. If giving is the test of loving, then let us give the consecration of our lives. He himself has said, “Greater love hath no man than this: that a man would lay down his life for his friend.”

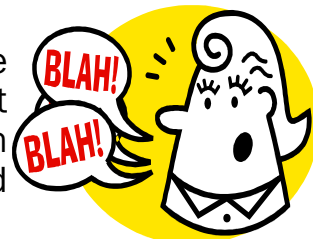
After all, it isn’t the gaudy tinsel in which the gift is wrapped, nor is it the extravagant price paid for it. It is the heart that is given the gift that really makes the gift worth giving.

Reuel Lemmons

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

The plain truth is most of us talk too much! Many things are opened by mistake, but nothing more frequently than our mouths. The more one talks, the greater the likelihood of demonstrating the foolishness of our hearts.

Someone has said, “It is better to keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.” Just think of how many homes have been broken, how many hearts have been crushed, how many churches divided simply because we haven’t learned to keep our mouths shut.



Jesus said, “But I say to you that for every idle word men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.” (Matthew 12:36) The word idle here is describing non-productive words -- words that don’t make a contribution. Hurtful, rather than helpful words. Words that don’t build up or edify. Words that destroy!

James tells us, “let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath”. (James 1:19)

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

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley
Close - Dave Lamp
6:00 PM - Pat Barclay
Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Leon Hupp
PM - Dave Nulter

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - David Kimes
PM - Dearll Vincent
Josh Barclay

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)
1 - Bill Hoover
2 - Jim Hughes
4 - Sandy Hughes

PM

1. Bonnie Sams & Lenore Vaught
2. Scott & Gwen Johnson
3. Paul & Carrie Nygard
4. Mary Daniel & Debbie Beaver
5. Ron & Peggy Riddle
6. Peggy Dearth & Janet Cook

MEN SERVING JANUARY 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner
Close - Leonard Haid
6:00 PM - Scott Smith
Close - Leon Hupp

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Hall
PM - Dearll Vincent

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Tallman
PM - Bill Hoover
Jimmy Galloway

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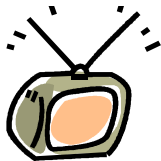
Door Greeters AM

- Door 1 - Todd Kirk
2 - Dave Lamp
3 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Stan & Debi Inman
2. David Kimes & Dustin Hughes
3. Bill Pralley & Bill Mills
4. Gary Alton & Dana Sponseller
5. Len & Susan Haid
6. Zoe Byrum & Mildred Gault

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY" every Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

January 1
I AM RESOLVED



Weekly Bible Reading

December 25 - Rev 15-16, Zeph 1-3
December 26 - Rev 17, Hagg 1-2
December 27 - Rev 18, Zec 1-5
December 28 - Rev 19, Zec 6-8
December 29 - Rev 20, Zec 9-11
December 30 - Rev 21, Zec 12-14
December 31 - Rev 22, Mal 1-4
January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2

2012 Bible Reading schedules are in the foyers.



TODAY

With words that speak in deepest praise,

I thank God for his loving ways;

For strength of body, limb, and mind,

The joy in doing what I find.

I thank God for my home and friends,

And other blessings that He sends.

I may not see with perfect eyes,

But each new day holds glad surprise!

I thank God for what comes to me,

And trust Him more – what is to be.

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Facts and Figures

December 18, 2011

AM Service.....289

Bible Study.....203

PM Service.....221

Wednesday.....228

Contribution.....\$6793.81

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Early Bible Study.....11:00

Evening Bible Study.....7:00