

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Everyone is invited to the church picnic  
this Saturday, August 4.

Where: DuPont Park

When: 3:00 with dinner at 4:00

Hamburgers, hotdogs and buns are being  
provided.

Please bring covered dish items, desserts,  
beverages, lawn chairs, and sports  
equipment.



### Elders:

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

### Deacons:

Josh Barclay  
Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

### Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
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### Associate

### Minister:

Paul Nygard  
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- ♥ Thank you for each and every birthday card. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. **Chris Tallman**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the birthday cards. It is nice to be a part of our church family. **Margaret Dawkins**
- ♥ We appreciate the beautiful anniversary cards. **Rick and Kay Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you for the lovely anniversary cards. We appreciated each one. **Raymond and Bonnie Life**
- ♥ Thank you for the many beautiful birthday cards. I sure enjoyed each one of them. **Harold Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the anniversary cards and well wishes. Your kindness and thoughtfulness highlighted the 57th mile stone day. **Bill and Jane Pralley**
- ♥ We thank you for the anniversary cards. **Keith and Eloise Smith**

**Charleston Area Medical Center** - Cotton Sayre  
Ed Porter will be having hip replacement surgery tomorrow at  
St. Joseph's Hospital.  
**Please keep them in your prayers.**



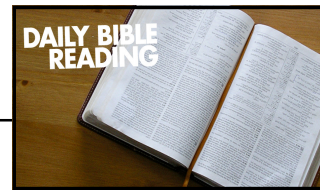
### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Cotton Sayre, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tony & Lynsi Adams, Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Ronnie Dye, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Mark Hickman, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Loreen Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Kiester, Paul King, Julia Knight, Debbie Kreaps, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Ronnie Smith, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

*Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LISTS.*



### **PLACED MEMBERSHIP/REQUESTED PRAYER**

Ruth Fox has placed her membership with us. She will be in Care Group 3. Her address is 824 Lakeview Drive, Apt. 302D, Parkersburg, WV 26104. Telephone: 304.834.1401  
Our Brother Scott Smith came forward requesting prayers Sunday.

### **GIRL'S GIFT CLASS MEETS TODAY**

The girl's GIFT class will meet today after Bible classes in the LLL workroom. Please bring lunch money.

### **DEACON'S MEETING TODAY**

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

### **CHURCH PICNIC THIS SATURDAY**

The church picnic will be this Saturday at DuPont park. Details are on the front of this bulletin.

### **OVU LEADERSHIP SEMINAR THIS SATURDAY**

The CHURCH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR will be held on the OVU campus Saturday, August 4. Tom Miller is the speaker. The registration fee will be paid for anyone wanting to attend. Wives attend free. See Bill Mills for details.

### **BLOOD DRIVE, AUGUST 13**

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, August 13 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room.

### **YOUTH TRIP TO CEDAR POINT, AUGUST 14**

A trip to Cedar Point is being planned for our youth and their families for Tuesday, August 14. The list to sign is in the foyer.

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

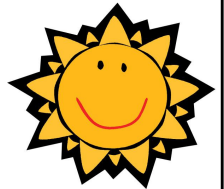
Congratulations to the Alexander family in the birth of Georganna Aurora Abraham. She was born Saturday, July 21 weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches. Also congratulations to proud grandfather, Lole Johnson.

### **HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, JUSTIN!**

We wish Justin Smith a Happy Belated Birthday. His birthday was July 21.

## **SUMMER SERIES**

Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 with Randy Baker.



**Topic:** Walking in the Light



## **ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY**

**We will be collecting the following items:**

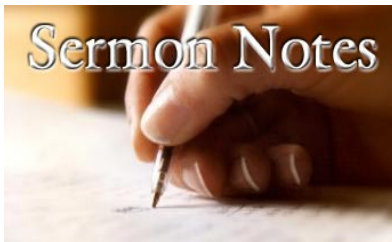
3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper

(No backpacks needed.)

**Please leave school supplies in the bin located in the foyer by next Sunday.**

The Give-Away will be August 21 in the MP Room at 6:00PM.

Cash donations may be given to one of the Elders or Dwain Shears.



## The Conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10:1-8, 24-36, 44-48)

The Book of \_\_\_\_\_ - God's self-help book on \_\_\_\_\_. "Save \_\_\_\_\_ from this untoward generation." (Acts 2:40)

Things which will not save you: You can be a good \_\_\_\_\_ person and still be \_\_\_\_\_. Cornelius was a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

Cornelius was a \_\_\_\_\_. There are many people who \_\_\_\_\_ but are lost. "You \_\_\_\_\_ that there is one God? You do well. Even the \_\_\_\_\_ believe and tremble." (James 2:19-20) "Not everyone who says unto Me, '\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

Cornelius was a \_\_\_\_\_ man, He lived his life on the basis of his \_\_\_\_\_. "He gave \_\_\_\_\_ generously to the people and \_\_\_\_\_ to God always." (Acts 10:2) "Your \_\_\_\_\_ and your alms have come up for a \_\_\_\_\_ before God." (Acts 10:3-4)

God does not save men for being \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. "Of a truth I perceive that God shows no \_\_\_\_\_. But in every nation whoever \_\_\_\_\_ Him and works \_\_\_\_\_ is accepted by Him." (Acts 10:34-35) "My tongue will speak of your word, for are of your \_\_\_\_\_ are righteousness." (Psalm 119:172)

God emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_. "If your love Me, \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments." (John 14:15). "Who me you faith without your works, and I will show you my \_\_\_\_\_ by my \_\_\_\_\_." (James 2:18)

Cornelius was told to \_\_\_\_\_ for Peter. "He will tell you what you must \_\_\_\_\_." (Acts 10:5-6) The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:16)

To be saved you must be \_\_\_\_\_. “So they should \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, though He is not far from \_\_\_\_\_ of us.” (Acts 17:27) “So everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ receives and he who \_\_\_\_\_ finds, and to him who \_\_\_\_\_, it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:8) **Cornelius was** \_\_\_\_\_. **God will** \_\_\_\_\_ those who are seeking Him.

To be saved you must hear the \_\_\_\_\_. **God has placed our salvation in a** \_\_\_\_\_. “God, who at various \_\_\_\_\_, and in various \_\_\_\_\_ spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days, spoke to us by His \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 1:1-2) “Go into all the world and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature. He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved.” (Mark 16:15-16)

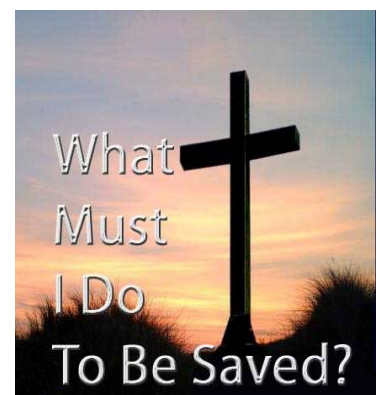
The gospel was proclaimed by Peter on \_\_\_\_\_. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what \_\_\_\_\_ we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ and let everyone of you be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.” (Acts 10:34)

To be saved, you must be \_\_\_\_\_. “Can anyone forbid \_\_\_\_\_, that these should not be \_\_\_\_\_ ... and he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.” (Acts 10:47-48)

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## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear (John 20:30-31; Romans 10:17)
2. Believe (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 1:16)
3. Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)
5. Be Baptized (Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:38)
6. Continue faithful until death (II Peter 1:1-11)







# The Great Chicken Controversy

~ Paul Nygard

If you are aware of the latest news, you may know that Chick-fil-A has been thrown into the center of the gay marriage controversy.

Supporters of both opinions are flag waving, chest beating, name calling, and generally acting the fool over what started innocently in a Pennsylvania town. It is shameful that donating a few chicken sandwiches and brownies to a small town marriage seminar would cause such a stir.

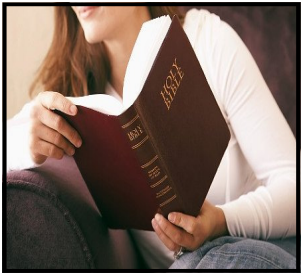
Now I am not going to attempt to influence your opinion over this particular matter, although I will say that I am not going to pass up a good chicken sandwich. However, I would like to take a moment to recall God's warning and distain of those who are scoffers against His morals and wisdom for mankind.

Proverbs tells us that God scorns those who are themselves scornful, and that He gives grace to the humble. (Prov 3.34)

Peter says that there will be scoffers and fools who will come and say things such as, "Where is the promise of His (Christ's) coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." (II Pet 3.4)

Someone said that "America is laughing itself into hell." Perhaps they are onto something. When our nation rejects God's moral law and laughs at His faithful people. When a finger is pointed in God's face telling Him what marriage should or should not be, then they are fools!

Honestly, this is not something new. Isaiah pronounced long ago woes upon those who "call evil good, and good evil". (Is 5.20) Children of God, remain steadfast in your faith, stand on the side of the Lord. Do not get caught up in foolish disputes, but rather be a light to a darkening America. Strengthen your family bonds and marriages. Be less scornful of others by loving as Christ loved. Teach your children. Do the work of the Lord in humbleness; and oh yes, if you happen have a chicken sandwich along the way...that's OK too I suppose.



## A Challenge . . . For One Month

1. Resolve not to miss a single service of the church. No excuses this time, make a few sacrifices for the Lord.
2. Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, **pray!** And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies (those with whom you don't get along too well). Remember to pray and thank God for the blessing in your life too.
3. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them....pray for them.
4. Take at least one afternoon or evening to go visiting. Not with the ones you know or like the best. This time, visit someone you do not know too well, perhaps someone with whom you feel a 'little "strained." Get to know them and see the difference it makes.
5. Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to turn off the TV.

Follow these simple rules, and you might just be surprised at the results.

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### Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Amos Alonzo Stagg was the founder of football. When Stagg reached 102 years of age, a reporter took his picture at a nursing home. As the reporter got ready to leave, he said to Stagg, "I hope I can come back next year and take your photo when you are 103." Stagg said, "You look pretty healthy to me. I think you'll make it." Evidently, Alonzo Stagg still had his wit and his sense of humor.



As we grow older, we should strive to keep ours also! Solomon said, "A merry heart goes good, like medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

Our attitude determines our altitude. Just because we may be getting older, does not mean we must become cantankerous. If we are aging then we are being blessed by God.

I have found these years of retirement to be a wonderful joy and a great blessing. I am enjoying the company of my wife, children, my grandchildren, my friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ and the church. Tell me, what else could a man ask for!?

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



## THE BIG SALE

It was advertised that the devil was going to put his tools up for sale. On the date of the sale, the tools were placed for public inspection; each tool being marked with its sale price. There was a lot of implements, "Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Deceit, Lying, Pride," and so on. Laid apart from the rest was an extremely harmless looking tool, well worn and priced extremely high. "What is the name of that tool?" asked one of the purchasers, pointing to it. "That is Discouragement," replied the devil.

"Why have you priced Discouragement so high?" The devil eagerly remarked, "Because it is more useful to me than the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's heart with Discouragement when I cannot get near him with any of my other tools. Once I get inside, I can make him do what I choose. It is badly worn because I use it on almost everyone at one time or another, since very few people realize it belongs to me."

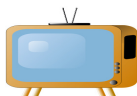
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### WHAT IF YOU WOKE UP TOMORROW



ONLY WITH THE THINGS YOU  
THANKED GOD FOR TODAY?

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



**UPCOMING TOPIC**

August 5

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
here at 6:30 for the Friday  
Night sing at the Little  
Hocking congregation.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Next Sunday, August 5

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Jim Galloway

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

#### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

#### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Daniel Rich

6:00 PM - Josh Barclay

Close - Glenn Snider

#### SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Scott Johnson

#### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Gary Herridge

PM - Todd Kirk

Marion Goldsmith

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk

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

They include Josh  
Barclay, Korey Inman,  
Kyle Inman, Scott  
Johnson, and Jeff  
Taberner.



### Facts and Figures

July 22, 2012

AM Service.....256

Bible Study.....211

PM Service.....201

Wednesday.....000

Contribution.....\$6138.00

#### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership....13

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

#### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00