

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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## IF I WENT SHOPPING FOR A DAD

If I went shopping for a dad,  
Here is what I'd buy:  
One who would always stop  
To answer a little boy's "why?"

One who would always speak kindly  
To a little girl or boy,  
One who would give to others  
A bit of sunshine and joy.

I'd pick a dad that followed  
The Bible's Golden Rule,  
And one who went regularly  
To church and Sunday School.

I'd buy the very finest dad  
To place on our family tree,  
And then I'd try to live like him  
So he would be proud of me.

~Helen Kitchell Evans

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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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 Ralph Conner  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Brian Haught  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
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## PRAYER LIST

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Mary Caplinger, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, Corinna Francis, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Janet Johnson, Jo Langler, Dan McNemar, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, John Stevens, Mike Stone, Darrell Vaught

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Sheila Caplinger, Madison Cottrell, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Adam Hoschar, Brenda Jones, Joe and Celia Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Donna Keffer, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Kelsay Proffit, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Baby Taylor Roberts, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Debbie Shively, Anne Spokes, John Staats, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Linda Tallman, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Jenny Whitehead, Angel White

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara Saunders and family in the passing of her father, Don Walker. His funeral was held Wednesday in Hurricane, WV.

## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Cousins, Kiley Goldsmith and Jansen Goldsmith would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards they received. They were happy to receive several cards.
- ♥ May I thank all the children and their parents who came to my house and sang and visited. Thanks for the soup and cookies. They were great. **Neil Russell**
- ♥ I want to thank you for all your prayers and cards for me and my daughter, Cassandra. She is still very sick but is doing better. Love you all, **Wilma Davis**



## Congratulations to Gilbert and Lucille Hardman!

Their first **great grandchild** arrived.

James Morrison Hardman was born June 14 weighing 8 lbs 5 oz. 22 in. long.

His proud parents are Christopher and Dr. Amanda McCoy Hardman of Albany, NY.

(Chris attended preschool and Kindergarten here under Judy Metz.)

## Weekly Bible Reading

- June 19 - John 20:1-18, I Ch 18-19
- June 20 - John 20:19-31, I Ch 20-21
- June 21 - John 21, I Ch 22-23
- June 22 - Acts 1, I Ch 24-25
- June 23 - Acts 2:1-21, I Ch 26-27
- June 24 - Acts 2:22-27, I Ch 28-29
- June 25 - Acts 3, II Ch 1-3
- June 26 - Acts 4:1-22, II Ch 4-6



TAKE TIME TO READ AND STUDY GOD'S WORD.

## SUMMER SERIES

Wednesday 7:00PM



Our speaker this week will be Sam Bartrug.

The topic is Serve One Another.

## JULY LOVE & CARE SERVICES



Sunday, July 10 and Thursday, July 14 Care Group 2 will conduct the services at Love and Care.

Church Picnic Saturday, July 30

## MEETINGS TODAY

The monthly Men's Meeting will be today at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST NEXT SATURDAY

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be 8:30 Saturday at Haid's cabin. Sign the list on the counter if you plan to attend.

## RIVERBOAT SING NEXT SATURDAY

The River Boat sing will be Saturday at 10:00AM-Noon. Tickets are \$9.00 per person. Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

## 5th-12th GRADE GIRLS GIFT CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

The girls GIFT class will next Sunday after morning worship and Bible study in the LLL workroom (Rooms 250-251). The girls need to bring lunch money. Have questions/projects ready. We will cover chapter 2.

## DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

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

## 2011 CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

The Spencer and Millstone, WV congregations are combining their efforts to conduct a campaign July 24-28 at the Roane County Middle School 7:00 each evening.

**Volunteers are needed to canvas the area July 18-22.**

See John Rockhold III or Larry Wigal for details.

(The Friday Night sing July 22 will be at the Spencer congregation.)

## COUPONS

Remember to bring coupons to the Library for the exchange. Take any you can use.

## BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley has only nine baseball tickets available for the August 19 game in Pittsburgh. See him for details.

## CARD REQUEST

Bill Smith would like to receive cards. His address is: The Heartland (Room 305) 5001 State Route 60 Marietta, OH 45750

## CONGRATULATIONS

John Rockhold III and Renee' Buckley were married in Williamstown on Saturday, June 11. We wish them well.



# SERMON NOTES

## Directions for Dads (Ephesians 6:1-4)

“And you, \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children to wrath, but \_\_\_\_\_ them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

A \_\_\_\_\_ theology of fatherhood: God has spoken \_\_\_\_\_ make a difference. “I know him, that he will \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do \_\_\_\_\_ and justice.” (Genesis 18:19)

**Negative: Do Not Do this.** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children.” (Ephesians 6:4 NIV) “Fathers, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children lest they become \_\_\_\_\_.” (Colossians 3:21)

**Ways Fathers can Exasperate or Frustrate their children:** By being overly \_\_\_\_\_; By being overly \_\_\_\_\_; By showing \_\_\_\_\_; By having unreasonable \_\_\_\_\_; By being \_\_\_\_\_.

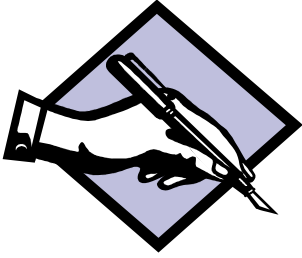
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**Positive things fathers must provide.** Fathers should \_\_\_\_\_ their children. “He who \_\_\_\_\_ the rod \_\_\_\_\_ his son, but he who \_\_\_\_\_ him disciplines him promptly.” (Proverbs 13:24) “No \_\_\_\_\_ seems to be joyful for the present, but \_\_\_\_\_; nevertheless, \_\_\_\_\_ it yields the peaceable fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)

**Positive things fathers must provide.** Fathers should \_\_\_\_\_ their children. “But \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord God in your \_\_\_\_\_, and be ready to give an \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who asks you the \_\_\_\_\_ for the hope that is in you with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear.” (I Peter 3:15) “Train up a child in the \_\_\_\_\_ he should go, and when he is old he will not \_\_\_\_\_ from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

**God’s Point man.** Our goal is not to \_\_\_\_\_ our child, but to teach them to let \_\_\_\_\_ control them. “Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind, that you may prove what is that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

**We pray that God will...** “Turn the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fathers to the \_\_\_\_\_” (Malachi 4:6)



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## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN LIFE, ELDER

The young boy said to his girlfriend, “I would climb the highest mountain for you. I would swim the deepest ocean for your love. I would brave the coldest snowstorm or cross the hottest desert to be with you. I would challenge a thousand roaring lions for your hand. And I’ll be over Friday evening, if it’s not raining.”

This reminds me of many members of the body of Christ who suggest to the Lord, “I will do...” or “I will give...” but refuse to even live for Him. We sometimes make the same mistake Peter made; that is, we make a promise to God but then fail to live up to that promise (cf. **Matthew 26:31** ff). How often do we verbally commit ourselves to the Lord and His work, but then allow the pressures and cares of this life to interfere with that which we’ve committed to? It’s great that people commit themselves to Christ and His church. Unfortunately, not everyone makes it count.

It’s imperative that we commit ourselves to Christ and to the work of the church. It too is essential that we make such commitments count! Following through with our commitments is possible if we would but keep our eyes on the Lord (**Hebrews 12:2**) and continually “*press toward the mark for the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*” (**Philippians 3:14**).

*“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established” (Proverbs 16:3)*

### How Committed Are We?

Terry R. Townsend

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If you knew Christ would return next Monday,  
would you change your plans for this  
weekend?

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## A MEMORY ON FATHER'S DAY



Daddy was special – a hard working, honest, church-going, funny. He had a deep bass singing voice that thrilled me in church, and delighted me when he sang all manner of funny and crazy songs at home: *Bullfrog Went a Courtin'*, *Old Grogan's Goat*, *Beautiful K-a-a-ty*, *I'll Dance With the Dolly With a Hole in Her Stocking*, etc.

Nor can I forget how he nipped my life of crime in the bud. I remember well the day. Late in the afternoon, daddy sent me into the grocery store to pick up a loaf of bread. Once inside, my eyes fastened intently upon a barrel – no ordinary, run-of-the -mill barrel, mind you, but a whole barrel brimming over with candy. In the evening sun those beautiful cellophane wrappers took on as many shades as Joseph's coat. Now admittedly, I didn't know much about the Devil, but when he told me to take some candy, I did.

How was I to know that my father was sitting in the car watching me through the plate-glass window of the store? My first crime had been committed, and it was followed quickly by conviction, confession and correction.

You have heard of how one sin leads to another. I was a thief, and when my father asked me what was in my pocket I became a liar. "Nothing," was the answer I gave. But dad's searching hand quickly convicted me of wrong doing.

What followed is hard to forget. Back into the store I went with orders to tell the checker I had stolen the candy. Through humiliation and tears I made my confession. But I knew there was more to come. Correction would surely follow confession. The drive home was about ten blocks, but it took hours to get there. Finally arriving, dad lead me to the back yard where man-sized sunflowers were growing. Quickly he uprooted a few well-chosen stalks and began to apply them unsparingly to the legs of one young thief attired in short pants.

To this day I have a strong aversion to sunflowers, short pants, and stealing.

Did I grow up to hate my father because he disciplined me? *Not on your life!* You see, I had a daddy who loved me!



## VACATION

I dreamed that God took a vacation  
 He did not say where He would go,  
 He just packed his Spirit and left us.  
 He wearied and tired of much praying  
 And listened to every weak plea.  
 Two weeks were just what He'd been needing  
 Away from the world and me.  
 Just then I was faced with a crisis  
 My heart was in deep despair,  
 My elders, my friends, nor my neighbors  
 Could help with an answer to prayer.  
 Oh, how I longed for His presence,  
 The touch of His soothing, calm hand;  
 To feel He was there close beside me,  
 And know that He would understand.  
 I woke up to find out I was dreaming,  
 And fell on me knees and I cried.  
 Oh, how I thanked God up in Heaven  
 That He was still here by my side.  
 And again, it is time for vacations,  
 I may go by land, sea, or air,  
 Wherever I am on the Lord's Day  
 I know I shall worship Him there.

(The date and the Author of this poem is unknown.)



## Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

Do you find yourself repeatedly giving excuses for your actions? Unfortunately most of us do exactly that. But what exactly is an excuse? Here is one of the best definitions that I have heard: "to give an excuse is to give a trivial reason to remove blame." That definition hits us right where it should, with our self centered egos. We use excuses to meet our own personal needs at the expense of others.

Jesus used a parable to discuss this very issue. He told of a man who held a feast and invited his neighbors to come. But they all sent back excuses. So he sent invitations to those on the highways and byways and invited them to his feast. Jesus was using this parable to talk about those who give excuses for not obeying his commands.

Using an excuse to stay away from being an active participant in church worship is simply wrong. Jesus knew it, and in our hearts, we know it. The next opportunity you have to be at church services, don't make an excuse. **Go!**

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



## A PRAYER FOR OUR FATHER'S

Lord,  
 We thank you for our fathers,  
 Who have gathered here today,  
 To praise your holy name,  
 For giving them strength and courage  
 To tell them how we love them,  
 To tell them how much we care,  
 To tell them we are ever so grateful,  
 Because they were always there.

D. Alsup

# COMPLAINTS

Never once did our Lord have a path free from trouble.

When He went into the wilderness, He was tempted of the devil.

When He tried to rest, the multitudes followed Him.

When He taught in the synagogue, the hearers became angry and sought to throw him off the brow of the hill.

When He gave others rest for their souls, He had no place to lay His head.

When He sought peace in the garden, they came with swords and staves and led him away to the hall of judgment.

When He did His best to be kind and loving in face of mockery, they took Him as a sheep to the slaughter and drenched Calvary with His precious blood. And yet, in spite of it all, He never grumbled about His burden. Jesus did not complain at all!!! He just went about doing good.

Let us be like Him! The busiest are the happiest. Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. The busy, the active, the happy, the cheerful - don't have time to complain.

Bulletin Digest

## MEN SERVING JUNE 26

**ELDER IN CHARGE**— Bill Mills

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Larry Wigal

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Korey Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Sean Plant

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - David Lamp

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem

PM - Bill Mills

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Russ Alton

PM - Don Gaston

Ryan Gaston

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

## Facts and Figures

June 12, 2011

AM Service.....321

Bible Study.....229

PM Service.....240

Wednesday.....232

Contribution.....\$5925.15

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....3

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING



The Friday Night sing will be at the Newport congregation. Transportation will leave here at 6:00.

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



### UPCOMING TOPICS

June 26  
FOR ALL TIME

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Steve Allen, Mike Bayer, Cody Hoover, Korey Inman, and Dwain Shears.

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00



Happy Father's Day!