

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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**Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday
at 2:00AM.**



**Remember to spring ahead and set your clocks
forward one hour next Sunday!**

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Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
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We truly
appreciate you
choosing to
worship with us.



Pray always and remember to give thanks.

Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Mary Caplinger, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Mike Fleak, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Jim Merrill, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Steve Allen, Linda Baker (Friend of Jim and Sallie Hlnzman), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Billy Goodwin, Bill Hofmann, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Baby James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Jodi Mote (Grandson of Martha Metz), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Virginia Sias (Lucille Hardman's sister), George and Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle and aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office to add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.

Russ Alton is now home.

Mary Ann Barclay is in the Worthington Care and Rehab. Center.

Bill Hofmann is a patient in the Ohio State Medical Center.

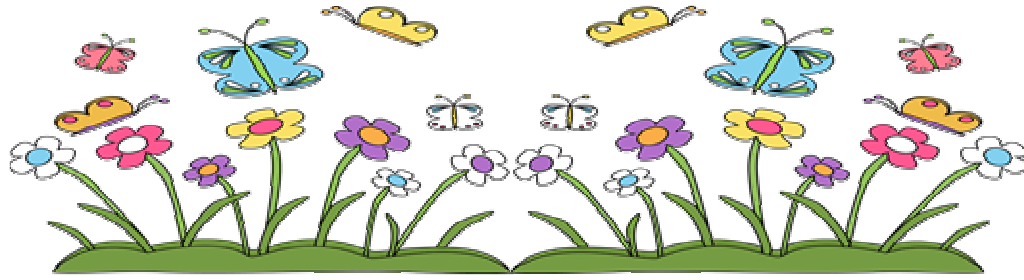
THANK YOU NOTE

♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and wishes. I appreciate each of them. **Addie Miller**



Congratulations to Braidon and Lexi Knotts in the birth of their baby girl, Payton Ann Knotts. She arrived Wednesday, February 25 weighing 6 lbs., 13.5 oz. and 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Rob and Kathy Hoover and Brian and Ann Knotts. Great grandparents are Bill and Sherry Hoover.



STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The OVU Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 7 from 1:00-4:00PM at Pike Street Lanes in South Parkersburg, \$3.00 per game, includes shoes. See Teresa Wade for more details.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

GOLDEN AGERS—YOUTH EVENT AT LOVE AND CARE

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers—Youth event at Love and Care Friday, March 13 at 6:00PM. Attendance sign-up sheet on the counter. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

WEDNESDAY 11:00AM BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday class that meets at 11:00 will continue through the end of March. We will have the 7:00PM Wednesday Bible study.

SENIOR SAINTS DAY

The annual Senior Saints Day will be held here Tuesday, March 31. Registration will begin at 9:30. 10:00-Noon—presentation and panel discussion. Tom Butterfield will be the speaker.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

ANNUAL MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY

The annual Ladies' Inspiration Day will be held at the Lubeck congregation April 18. Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Daily Bible Reading

March 1—Mk 6:30-56, Nu 5-6
March 2—Mk 7:1-23, Nu 7
March 3—Mk 7:24-37, Nu 8
March 4—Mk 8:1-21, Nu 9-10
March 5—Mk 8:22-38, Nu 11-13
March 6—Mk 9:1-29, Nu 14
March 7—Mk 9:30-50, Nu 15-16
March 8—Mk 10:1-31, Nu 17-18

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave here Friday evening at 5:10 for the sing at the Bridgeport congregation.

Friday Night Sing schedules are in both foyers.



I BELIEVE IN GOD

God is. God lives. God rules. God Cares for You!

The heavens declare the glory of God, the earth showeth His handywork, Ps. 19:1. Look up on a starry night. Millions of witnesses radiating light and energy, moving with minute mathematical precision, cry out "God Is".

Look at the earth. The simplest flower, even the primitive snail testify of a creator, God. Take a handful of dirt, a cup of water, a sample of air, analyze them and they give proof of an all-wise intelligence, God.

Before a mirror, view yourself. The intricate eye, the delicate ear, the articulate tongue, the magnificent mind are evidence of God's creation. Could such happen by accident?

Consider the Cosmos. The fact this world exists, demands a beginning. Every effect must have an adequate cause. What caused its beginning? God!

The Design and Purpose in the universe and all therein, demand an intelligent Designer. The existence of your watch demands an intelligent designer. The existence of your body demands no less.

The fact that you can conceive of God, that all men in every environment have a concept of God, is proof. For whence came this concept? God revealed it: Through things seen in the Creation, (Romans 1:19-20); through His Revelations; by dreams, visions and prophets in ancient times; by the Bible today.

Your capacity to love and hate; choose good or evil; feel remorse or wrong done, all testify that we are made in the image of God.

Belief and submission to God are essential to complete happiness. Man is incurably religious. He cannot "live by bread alone." To stifle religious needs distorts the personality of man. Believing in God, man can see and understand himself as he really is; a creature wholly dependant on God. It helps him see purpose in life and dignity in his fellowman. Belief enables one to live in harmony with God. It gives a sure hope of life with God after this life. I Believe. Do You?

Why I Believe in God: (Romans 1:18-20)

“Because what may be _____ of God is _____ in them, for God has _____ it to them. For since the _____ of the world, His invisible _____ are clearly seen, being _____ by the things that are _____, even His eternal _____ and _____, so they are without _____” (Rom. 1:18-20).

We come to believe in God by observation reinforced and explained by revelation. “Faith comes by _____ and hearing by the _____ of God” (Romans 10:17) “The _____ has said in his heart there is no _____” (Psalm 33:1).

What God reveals of Himself in the Bible: God is our Creator: “In the _____ God _____ the heavens and the _____” (Gen. 1:1). **God is eternal:** “Even from _____ to _____ Thou are _____” (Psalm 90:2) **God is good:** His _____ endures forever” (Psalm 11:3). **He is our Lawgiver and Judge:** “The Lord is a God of _____, and by Him actions are _____, the Lord shall _____ the ends of the earth” (I Sam. 2:3,10). “The Lord is our _____, the Lord is our _____, He will _____ us” (Isaiah 33:22). **God is _____:** (John 4:24). **God is _____:** (I John 1:5). **God is _____:** (I John 4:6).

Why we should believe there is a Creator, an Almighty, Spiritual being called God.

The existence of _____ makes necessary the existence of a Creator. “Every house is _____ by some man, but He that built all things is _____” (Heb. 3:4).

The order and _____ in the world and the universe. “The _____ declare the _____ of God and the _____ shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1). “I will _____ you for I am _____ and _____ made” (Psalm 139:14).

The fact that we have _____ proves we were created by an intelligent Creator.

The fact that man has a _____ nature – a conscience is proof that we were created by a _____ God.

The fact that man has a _____ instinct – a desire to seek after God which was put in us by God. “And He has made from one _____ every nation of men to dwell on the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed _____ and the _____ of their dwellings – so that they should _____ the Lord, in hope that they might _____ for Him and _____ Him, though He is not _____ from each of us” (Acts 17:26-27).



The Beginning of Life

Our bodies were received from our earthly parents; however our spirit came from God. God is the Father of our spirit (Hebrews 12:9). God alone forms the spirit of man within him (Zech. 12:1). Man alone, of all creatures of this earth, has a spirit and bears the image of his Creator. No animal possesses the image of God.

When does human life begin? The Bible answers this question! David, a man after God's own heart wrote the following words by inspiration: *For you have formed my inward parts: You have covered me in my mother's womb, I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in your book they all were written. The days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them*" (Ps. 139:13-16). Human life begins at conception. *"Then the word of the Lord came to me saying: Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I sanctified you: I ordained you a prophet to the nations"* (Jer. 1:4-5). Some believe that a baby does not have a soul and is not a person until it is born and takes its first breath. This surely is not true. A person is created and given human life as an eternal being at conception.

A child is born pure and innocent. Children do not inherit the sins of their parents. *"The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father"* (Ezek. 18:20). If one's spirit is evil from birth, how did it get that way?

Since life begins before the baby is born, abortion is wrong. It is sinful to take the life of an innocent baby. Human life is sacred...Since the *Roe vs. Wade* decision on January 22, 1973, to legalize abortion, millions of little innocent babies have been murdered. God gives to all life, breath, and all things (Acts 17:25). Man has no right to destroy God's gift of life.

Bulletin Digest, B. Key

YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. . .



As you know, in 1973 a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion. Sadly, more than 71 million unborn children have paid the price of the ungodly decision with their lives.

The ruling was not only immoral, it is unconstitutional, violating the very spirit of the 14th Amendment! We, as God's people have a wonderful opportunity to lend our voices in an effort to reverse *Roe versus Wade*, and put an end to the slaughter of unborn children.

Petitions are available in the foyers than you can sign. The petitions will go directly to the office of Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell and/or House Speaker John Boehner.

Prayerfully consider taking the time to complete this petition and mail today!

Chris Mullins

We appreciate our youth
at Camden Avenue! We
are proud of you!
Keep up the good work
and always look to God.
He's only a prayer
away!



Justin Moore

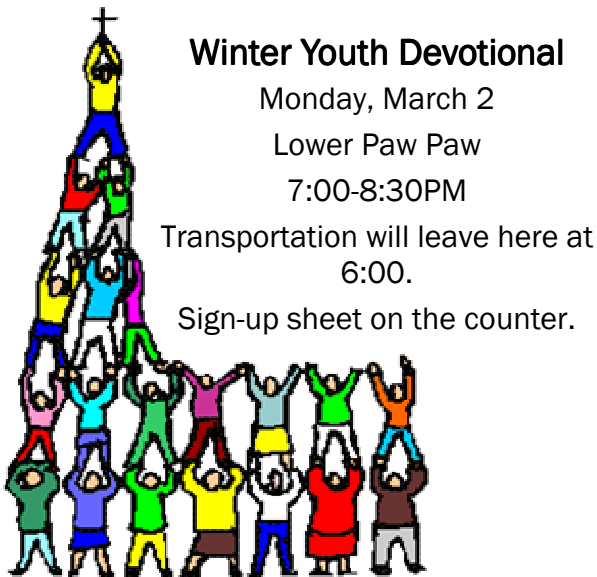
We welcome Justin Moore to the Camden Avenue family! He was baptized January 21 by Dana.

Justin is married to Allie Plant Moore, the daughter of Sean and Kathy Plant. Justin and Allie have one son, Cameron (age 4).

Justin is employed by Nestle. He enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoor sports and traveling. His birth date is March 24.

Justin and Allie are in Care Group 4. They reside at 9 Wyndham Knob in Parkersburg.

We are glad to have the Moore family worshipping with us and know they will be a valuable asset to the work here.



Winter Youth Devotional

Monday, March 2

Lower Paw Paw

7:00-8:30PM

Transportation will leave here at
6:00.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Minute of Meditation

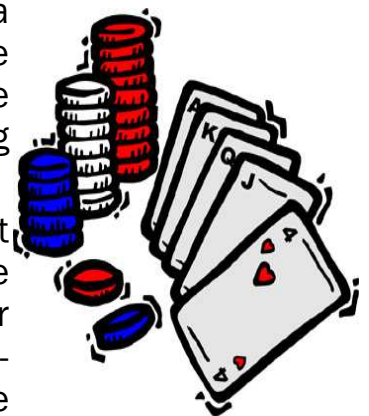
Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Do you know that gambling is addictive? Gamblers Anonymous say—Yes! Does this mean that one can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that! A stand has to be made somewhere, and Gamblers Anonymous members have found that the first bet is the one to avoid even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee.

But even more than the addiction, gambling goes against what God would have us do. Gambling violates the Golden Rule, because the gambler must desire upon his opponent what he does not want for himself. Gambling encourages the sins of greed and materialism, because it breeds covetousness, which is a desire for more at someone else's expense. And gambling is poor stewardship of the blessings God has given us. **THE BOTTOM LINE IS—MY MONEY IS REALLY GOD'S MONEY!**

Don't bet on gambling. The odds are against it!

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, March 8

ELDER IN CHARGE—Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE – Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Gary Alton
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ryan Gaston
Close—Richard Cozad
6:00 PM—Gary Herridge
Close—Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bob Armstrong
PM—Mike Wade

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Kyle Inman
PM—Bill Hoover
Jeff Taberner

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Gary Herridge
2—Delmas Carr
4—Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Sarah Hinzman & Emma Hershman
2. Robin Anthony & Susan Anderson
3. Ira Kimes & Bill Pralley
4. Rob & Kathy Hoover
5. Paul & Nancy Inman
6. Ed Collins & Barry Hupp

Facts and Figures

February 22, 2015

AM Service.....190
Bible Study.....165
PM Service.....205
Wednesday.....200
Contribution.....\$7147.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....1
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....1
Placed Membership....1

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM



ENCOURAGEMENT

Encourage our elders as they lead us by example. Encourage our deacons to labor as faithful servants. Encourage our preacher to only preach the truth. Encourage our ill members as they fight health issues. Encourage our weak members to hold on to our hope. Encourage our strong members that there is work yet to do. Encourage our fallen members to return to the God of their salvation. Encourage each other to strive for unity, work in harmony, worship whole heartedly, and give God continuous thanks and all the glory!

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40th Annual Men's Inspiration Day

March 7, 2015

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

“SUFFERING FOR THE LORD”

Speaker: Dick Harris

We will be providing transportation. Sign-up sheet on the counter if you would like a ride. We will leave at 7:00AM.

OVU College Student Pick-Up

3/1—Breck Hesselrode, Mike Bayer
3/4—Dan Rich
3/8—3/11 SPRING BREAK

