

Camden Avenue Church of Christ
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*If we had no winter,
Spring would not be so pleasant.
If we did not sometimes taste of adversity,
Prosperity would not be so welcome.*

~Copied

We welcome you as we worship together this first day of spring.
Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Ralph Conner
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Todd Kirk
Everett Sams
Ray Sams
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Keith Smith
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HOSPITAL

Camden Clark

Linda Moncrief (Room CCU6)

Bill Daniel is in the Parkersburg
Care and Rehab. Center on Gihon
Road (Room 100).

He would enjoy cards and visits.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, Lee Edwards, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Janet Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Dan McNemar, Linda Moncrief, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Oliver "Butch" Smith, John Stevens, Mike Stone, Dorothy Weaver

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Joe Civitello, Randy and Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Tina Deem, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Brenda Jones, Joe Johnson, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Dana Miles, Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Kelsay Proffit, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Earl Selbe, Anne Spokes, Teresa Steed, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

(Please update the office of any changes in our Prayer Lists.)

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you to all my Christian brothers and sisters for all my birthday and get well cards and also the visits. I have enjoyed them all. They have meant so much to Mary and I. Love, **Bill Daniel**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards. They brought sunshine and joy to my day. **Garrie Miller**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and well wishes. I enjoy every year well spent among Christian friends and family. **Felicia Barclay**
- ♥ We appreciate all of the anniversary cards. We enjoyed each one. **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. **Kayla Inman**
- ♥ Thank you everybody for all of the birthday cards. They really made my day!!!!!! **Dennis Keller (Candyman)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Rosie Knox placed membership with us. We are so glad to have her worship with us. She will be in Care Group 4. She resides at 156 Gihon Meadows Apt. 142, Parkersburg, WV 26101 Telephone: 304.428.3449

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

COLLEGE DINNER PLANNING MEETING TODAY

There will be a meeting after services this evening in Room 112 to plan the next college dinner.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room. We will have a ham dinner at 5:45 then begin work at 6:20. Sign-up sheets for food and attendance are in the foyer. Plan to join us.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

ELDERS-DEACONS-PREACHER MEETING

The EDP meeting will be this Saturday following the Men's Breakfast. All men are invited.

DEACON'S MEETING NEXT WEEK

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

"IN GOD WE TRUST" THURSDAY EVENING SEMINAR

This is a four-week seminar presented by the Warren Christian Apologetics Center each Thursday, March 24, 31 and April 7 at 7:00PM at the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ. Our bus will leave here at 6:30 each Thursday evening.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Kathy Plant and family in the passing of her father, Jerry Davis. His funeral was Tuesday.

MID OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

The Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day will be held April 9 from 9:00-2:00 at the Belpre Church of Christ. Becky Mathis-Stump will be the speaker.

Weekly Bible Reading

March 20 - Mark 15:21-47, De. 3-4

March 21 - Mark 16, De. 5-6

March 22 - Luke 1:1-25, De. 7-9

March 23 - Luke 1:26-56, De. 10-11

March 24 - Luke 1:57-80, De. 12-14

March 25 - Luke 2:1-24, De. 15-17

March 26 - Luke 2:25-52, De. 18-20

Thank you...



A special **THANK YOU** to Annette Kirk and Joann Goldsmith for decorating the bulletin boards for spring.

Also, **thanks** to Janet Cook for her work in the auditorium. She fills the cards, pencils and keeps the songbook racks tidy.

GOLDEN AGERS OUTLET TRIP

Tuesday, March 29th the Golden Agers will be going to the Washington, PA Outlets.



Our bus will leave the building at 8:00.

We will stop at Quinets in New Martinsville for dinner.

The sign-up sheet and details are in the foyer.

LLL SHOWCASE

The Lads to Leaders Showcase will be in the MP Room Sunday, April 10 at 4:30.



SERMON NOTES:

I'll Never Forsake the Lord

(Mark 14:27-31; 54-62)

“Peter said to Him, ‘Even if all are made to _____, yet I will not be’ Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the _____ crows, you will _____ me _____ times.’” (Mark 14:29-30) “Then he began to _____ and swear, ‘I do not _____ this man of whom you speak... Then Peter called to mind the word that _____ had said to him... and when he thought about it he _____.’” (Mark 14:71-72)

Remaining Faithful to Jesus requires more than good _____. “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____ and follow Me.” (Mark 8:34)

To Remain Faithful we must _____ and _____. “Be sober, be _____, because your _____ the devil, walks about like a roaring _____, seeking whom he may _____.” (I Peter 5:8) “See that you walk _____, not as fools, but as _____.” (Ephesians 5:14) “No _____ has overtaken you except such is _____ to man, but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are _____, but with the temptation, will also make a way of _____.” (I Corinthians 10:13)

We Cannot Remain Faithful if we try to _____ at a _____.

We Will Not Remain Faithful _____ ourselves at the enemy’s _____. “Blessed is the man, who _____ not in the counsel of the _____, nor _____ in the path of _____, nor _____ in the seat of the scornful.” (Psalm 1:1) “Do not be _____, evil _____ corrupt good morals.” (I Corinthians 15:33) **Choose your friends from God’s _____.**

The Lord is _____ of our struggle. Jesus _____ at Peter. Peter remembered what the Lord had _____. Peter went out and _____ bitterly.

Failure doesn’t have to be _____. Failure is not _____ unless we **make it so.** “If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and _____ to forgive us our sins and _____ us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9) “Whoever confesses me before _____, him I will _____ before My Father in heaven. But, whoever _____ Me before men, Him I will also deny before My Father who is in _____.” (Matthew 10:33-34)



A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS AND DEACONS. . .

EVERETT SAMS, DEACON

Lord, Help Me through Today (Matthew 6:34)

These are difficult days filled with anxiety, frustration, and stress. There are all kinds of problems: family, financial, health, moral, aging, grief, and the nagging pressure of time. The accumulation of so many problems can make you sick! Many become chronically tired, tied up in knots with aching muscles, feeling overwhelmed with work, or getting easily irritated and hard to get along with. Several Biblical characters understood these anxieties:

Jacob described his 130 years of life to Pharaoh as “few and unpleasant” (Genesis 47:9)

Moses spent a period of his life “wearing himself out” by taking on the tasks too heavy for him to bear alone (Exodus 18:18)

Job depicted life as “short-lived and full of turmoil” (Job 14:1)

Jeremiah complained that his preaching only brought “reproach and derision all day long” (20:8). He became so discouraged that he said. “Woe to me, my mother, that you have born me.” (15:10)

Jesus gave us a marvelous prescription to deal with our daily pressures in Matthew 6:34. He said “therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” For many just getting through today is a struggle of its own. We ask what we can do about today. Can God help today to have peace and Joy? What will help me to bear my burdens and trials on this day? “I’m living one day at a time. But, Lord help me through today.”

God does indeed hear the cries of His children and help them survive. Asaph said “God is the strength (rock) of my heart and my portion forever” (Psalm 73:26). David, with all his troubles could sing Psalm 145:

The Lord sustains all who fall,
 And raises up all who are bowed down...
 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
 To all who call upon Him in truth
 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
 He will also hear their cry and will save them
 The Lord keeps all who love Him. (14, 18-20)



DANA'S DIRECTION

Seven Reasons For Being Baptized

IT IS COMMANDED. “And He commanded them to be baptized” (Acts 10:48). Obedience to divine commands is essential. Christ is the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. (Hebrews 5:3,9) “Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14).

CHRIST TAUGHT IT. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15). We must heed what Christ taught. “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them. I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock” (Matthew 7:24).

THE APOSTLES PREACHED IT. When Paul preached at Corinth “Many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.” Peter told the Jews on Pentecost, “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).

IT IS AN ACT OF FAITH. “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, Who, hath raised him from the dead” (Colossians 2:12). Faith must work through love to avail. (Galatians 5:6). We show faith in God when we submit to baptism as His word directs.

IT PUTS US INTO THE BODY. “For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (I Corinthians 12:13). Since we are baptized into the body, those who have not been baptized are outside Christ's body, the church.

IT STANDS BETWEEN THE SINNER AND SALVATION. Ananias told Saul, “And what tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). “The like figure wherein even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (I Peter 3:21).

IT IS THE MEANS OF PUTTING ON CHRIST. “For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). How many have put on Christ? Answer: As many as have been baptized into Christ; no more, no less.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 2 - Macey Dean

April 3 - Pam Bayer

April 4 - Oren Gore, Katie Smith, * Mike and Pam Bayer

April 5 - Ruthanne Bush

April 6 - Calle Logston, Mike Wade

April 8 - Alex Saunders

April 10 - Delbert Beach, Sarah Gray, Sharon Smith, *Dave and Lois Nulter

April 12 - Deanna Hilliard

April 13 - Steve Gray, Marcella Mullins

April 14 - Jimmy Galloway

April 17 - Dustin Hughes

April 18 - Ryan Caplinger

April 19 - Zoe Byrum

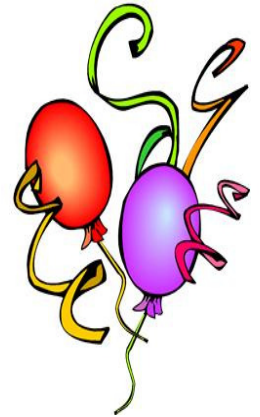
April 21 - Carly Taberner

April 24 - Lizzy Hoover, Lois Porter

April 27 - Adeline Grimm, Mandy Hudson

April 28 - Carolyn Davis

April 29 - Sarah Buckley



* Anniversary

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

Here is a message for our young people. Have you ever been tempted to lie? Maybe you did something you knew you were not supposed to do - like going somewhere after school rather than going straight home. When your mother asked you if you came straight home, you felt panicked and did not want to tell her the truth. The urge to lie, to cheat, or to deceive in order to avoid facing the consequences of our actions is a strong temptation.

When small children get into the habit of lying, it can set a pattern for life. It is not very serious when a little boy accidentally spills his milk on the table. But it is very important for children not to lie about such things. Children who get away with enough lies in their early years find it easy to tell lies as adults. They can become so comfortable with lying that it no longer bothers them to do so.

The Bible tell us about many people who lied, and about the consequences that took place because of their lies. Paul was very specific when he told the Colossians, "Do not lie to one another." (Colossians 3:9) The bottom line is simply this - No matter what the situation, **always tell the truth!!**

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



MEN SERVING MARCH 27

ELDER IN CHARGE— Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Rick Stanley

Close—Dan Rich

6:00 PM—David Lamp

Close—Mike Wade

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dave Nulter

PM—Korey Inman

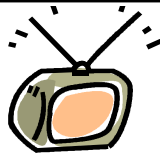
COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bob Smith

PM—Leon Hupp

Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



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

UPCOMING TOPICS

March 27

What Now?

Friday Night Sing



The Friday Night sing this week is at the Waverly congregation.

(Transportation will leave our building at 6:30.)

First Impressions. . .

While on a walk one day, I was surprised to see a man hoeing his garden while sitting in a chair.

"What laziness!" I thought.

But suddenly I saw, leaning against his chair, a pair of crutches. The man was at work despite his handicap.

The lesson I learned that day has stayed with me for years now:

The crosses people bear are seldom in plain sight.

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Facts and Figures

March 13, 2011

AM Service.....288

Bible Study.....227

PM Service.....218

Wednesday.....240

Contribution.....\$6964.99

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 20-25 Washington Street (Fairview, WV)

Giants in My Life

March 27-31 Chandlersville Road congregation

Speaker: Randy Baker

April 3-6 Little Hocking congregation

Speaker: Willie Franklin

April 3-6 Bridge Street congregation

Speaker: Terry Jones

Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.