

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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Pictures of our evening at Love and Care last Friday

Thanks to all that attended.

A special thank you to Herb and Joyce Wright and Len and Susan Haid for the delicious food and their hard work!

Photos by Hannah Shears



Pat Burkey, Eleanor Slingluff and Zoe Byrum are all members at Camden Avenue.



Thanks to the nice staff.

Minister:
Dana Slingluff
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Elders:
Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:
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Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
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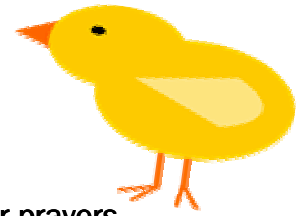
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Thank you for
being with us
today.
Your presence has
been a blessing!

Pray always and remember to give thanks for
our many blessings.



Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Mike Fleak, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, 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), Kelly Boyce, 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), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), George and Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle and aunt), Lisa Westbrook Smith, Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

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

Norma Fought is home. Her address is: 900 Olive Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. She appreciates the cards she has received.

We extend our sympathy to Lucille Hardman and family in the passing of her sister, Virginia Sias. Her service was held Friday in Columbus, OH. Our condolences also to the family of Beverly Wilson. She was Janet Plant's sister. Her service was held yesterday in Parkersburg.

Congratulations to Lillie Fox in the birth of great grandson, Dean Fox Eckhert. He was born March 18 weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long. Proud parents are Yale and Adriane Eckhert of Annapolis, Maryland.

Thank you to Jo Goldsmith
and Annette Kirk for
decorating the bulletin boards
for spring. They look so nice!



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and notes. **Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thank for all the birthday cards I received for my "deck of cards—(without the jokers)" birthday. Thanks also for the song and cake down at Love and Care. **Paul Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for our anniversary cards. We enjoyed all of them. **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ I enjoyed each and every one of the birthday cards. Thank you so muuuuch! In Christian Love, **Dennis Keller**
- ♥ A special thank you to everyone for the birthday cards and notes. I appreciated all of them. **Mark Dean**
- ♥ Thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls. I appreciate them. They are so uplifting. In Christian Love, **Sharon Armstrong**

Thank you to **De Fleak** for baking the communion bread this month.



BAPTISM

Melanie Knight was baptized last Friday morning by Dana. She is a friend of Earl and Donna McConnell. Her address is: 1058 River Hill Road, Washington, WV 26181. Telephone: 304.422.8761 She will be in Care Group 2. We welcome her!

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

LAWN CARE MEETING THIS EVENING

Anyone interested in helping with the lawn care this year, please see Dwain Shears. There will be a brief meeting this evening in Room 112 for those willing to help.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Mark 4:13-25 will be the open discussion topic. Sign-up sheet on the counter. All men are invited.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES SHOWCASE

Everyone is encouraged to view the projects at the LLL Showcase next Sunday at 4:30 in the MP Room. Come encourage the students.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES PICNIC ITEMS REQUESTED

The sign-up sheet is on the counter for items needed for the LLL picnic.

SENIOR SAINTS DAY

The annual Senior Saints Day will be held here Tuesday, March 31. Registration will begin at 9:30AM. Presentation and panel discussion from 10:00-Noon. Lunch and entertainment to follow. Tom Butterfield will be the speaker.

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETING

Make plans to attend our Gospel Meeting April 19–22 with John Miller. Care Group 1 will host the Fellowship Lunch that Sunday and invites everyone.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

We try to keep our church records current. If you have a new address and/or telephone information, please notify the office. Also, if you would like to update your email address or telephone number for the bulletin and Friday telephone call, please notify the office.

The 11:00AM Wednesday Bible study will meet this week and conclude until Fall. This week after class everyone is invited for lunch at Western Sizzlin'.





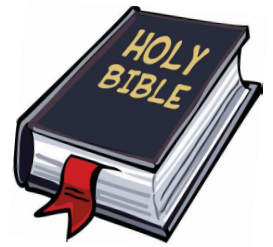
WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

There is much confusion in the minds of men as to the nature of God's church. God chose several descriptive terms to help us clearly perceive the true nature of his church:

1. The word *church* is from the Greek *ekklesia*, (the called out people). Hence, the Lord's church is those people called out of a life of sin into fellowship with Jesus. Thus Christ purchased the church with his blood, Acts 20:28. Those in His church must keep themselves unspotted from the world, Jas. 1:27. In Bible terminology, the church is never the building, rather it is the saved people.
2. The church is also called the *kingdom* of God, heaven and Christ. These terms describe the type of government the church has. Christ is King, I Timothy 6:15. He has *all authority*, Matthew 28:18. He alone makes the laws or rules of his kingdom. The church is no democracy, it is a monarchy. No man can justly claim to be head of the church, nor can any council, synod or assembly make rules for it.
3. The church is Christ's *body*, Ephesians 1:22. The analogy of a human body is used to describe our relation to and total dependence upon Jesus. Christ is the *head* of the *body*, Colossians 1:18. A body separate from its head is dead. A body that does not respond to the will of its head is diseased. So the church must be totally submissive to Jesus and ever cling to him, the head. Also the mind of man expresses itself through the various members of the body. So Christ works through the members of His body, the church, to accomplish His will today, I Corinthians 12:12-27.
4. The church is the *bride of Christ*, Ephesians 5:22-32. This reflects the intimate love and association Christ has with His church. It also reminds us of our relationship to Jesus. It must be one of love, honor, respect and submission. He will likewise love us, provide for and protect us. Finally he will take us home to live with Him in heaven, Revelations 21:2.

The church is all the saved people in the world. If you are truly saved, you are a member of the church of Christ "Christ also is head of the church, being himself the savior of the body", Ephesians 5:23. Are you saved? Are you in His church? If not, obey Jesus now. Let Him add you to his church, Acts 2:47, (KJV).

Why I believe in the church of the Bible: (Matthew 16:13-19)



#1) Because it is the church _____ and _____ by Jesus.

“I say to you that you are Peter, and on this _____ I will _____ My _____” (Matthew 16:18). **The purpose of the church is the _____ of souls.** “The Son of man has come to _____ and to _____ that which was _____” (Luke 19:10). **The word Ekklesia means _____.** “Having called us _____ of darkness into His _____ light” (I Peter 2:9). “The Lord _____ to the _____ daily those who were being _____” (Acts 2:47).

#2) Because it is the one spoken of by the _____ of old. The church was part of God’s _____ from the _____.

“Now the manifold _____ of God might be made known by the _____ to principalities and powers in heavenly places” (Ephesians 3:10-11). **750 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah predicted** “For out of _____ shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from _____” (Isaiah 2:2-4). **500 years before Christ, Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream by saying** “In the days of these _____, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be _____” (Daniel 2:44). **Jesus said** “There are some _____ here which will not taste of _____ until they see the kingdom present with power” (Luke 9:27). **The church had its beginning on the Day of _____.** (Acts 2).

#3) Because of its intimate connection to Christ. The connection between Christ and the church found in the book of Ephesians.

He is the _____ of the church. (Ephesians 1:22)

The church is the _____ of Christ. (Ephesians 1:23)

The church exists to bring _____ to God. (Ephesians 3:21)

Christ _____ the church and gave Himself for her. (Ephesians 5:25)

He is the _____ and the church is His _____. (Ephesians 5:25,29).

#4) Because it serves as a pattern for those who faithfully serve the Lord. Characteristics of the New Testament church:

Taught salvation by _____ for the _____ of sins.

Names given indicate the ownership of the church.

Each congregation was _____ (self-governed)

The roles of leadership belonged to the _____.

Worship must be in _____ and in _____. (John 4:24)

Worship consisted of _____, prayer, teaching and preaching from God’s _____, communion (the Lord’s _____), and giving.

The church assembled every _____ day of the week.



In just over a week we will be leaving for the convention in Louisville. The students are putting the finishing touches on their work. As has been announced the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Showcase will be next Sunday in the Multi-Purpose Room. Last week we looked at the work that our kids have completed throughout the year. This week I would like to look at their activities at the convention. Our kids will have 36 opportunities to grow as they present their work in a public forum. They will compete in song leading, speech, bible reading, debate and the bible bowl. Of these 8 will be competing in the winner circle group, which means they have won their group in prior years. This is not about winning but, this goes to show us the great talent we are growing at Camden Avenue!

Thank You
Todd Kirk

Ali Cochran

Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Second language

Dawn Mullins

Year Round Bulletin Board
Second Language
Year Round Songs of Praise
Keepers

Ben Haught

Bible Bowl Team
Bible Bowl Test
Debate
Know the Books
GUARD
Song Leading – Winner Circle
Year Round Song Leading
Speech
Group Banner

Claire Moser

Bible Bowl Team
Bible Bowl Test
Know the Books
Second language
Year Round Songs of Praise
Keepers

Emma Hershman

Art Says It – Drawng/Sketching/Photography
Keepers
Bible Bowl Team
Bible Bowl Test
Debate
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Second Language
Song of Praise
Year Round Songs of Praise
Speech
Group Banner

√ LLL Showcase next Sunday, March 29 at 4:30 in the MP Room. Everyone is encouraged to come view the projects and support the students.

√ Items are needed for the LLL picnic. Sheet is on the counter.

√ 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.

Senior Saints Day



March 31, 2015

“Each Day I’ll Do...”

Tom Butterfield,
Guest Speaker

9:30 Registration
10:00–Noon
Presentation and Panel
Discussion
Lunch and Entertainment to
follow

POSSESSIONS OF JESUS

In the lifetime of Jesus we do not hear Him speak of “my house”, “my land”, “my farm”, “my books”, “my business”, “my money”. We do, however, hear Him speak of “my Father” (Matthew 10:33), “my friends” (John 15:14), “my disciples” (John 15:8), “my church” (Matthew 16:18), “my name” (Matthew 18:20), “my words” (Mark 8:38), “my sheep” (John 10:27), “my joy” (John 17:13). It is significant that our example thought more of spiritual possessions than of material ones.

How empty is the life that’s filled with **things**. Jesus invested His life in you. Have you shown any interest?



“Wherefore, my beloved brethren let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God”

James 1:19-20.

Selected

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Martin Niemoller was a preacher in Germany in the 1930’s. He eventually became one of the millions of victims arrested and killed in Hitler’s concentration camps. Shortly before his death he wrote the following:

“In Germany they first came for the Communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn’t speak up because I was a Protestant. And then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up.”

Neimoller learned too late that indifference kills. Is your voice being heard in the abortion battle? Is your voice being heard in the battle for the sanctity of marriage? Party loyalty or economic philosophies must take a backseat to moral issues. If we do nothing, we can expect the same thing to happen! “Soldiers of Christ arise and put your armor on!”

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 29

ELDER IN CHARGE—Bill Mills
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesseslrode
 PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Mike Wade
 Close—Brian Haught
 6:00 PM—Paul Saunders
 Close—Bill Merrill

SCRIPTURE

AM—Chris Tallman
 PM—Ryan Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Lemley
 PM—Stan Inman
 Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Mike Wade
 2—Ray Sams
 4—Bonnie Sams

PM

1. Scott & Gwen Johnson
2. Marion & Jo Goldsmith
3. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
4. Barry Mills & Cody Young
5. Tammy Kerns & Betty Lamb
6. Doug & Alisha Hershman



UPCOMING EVENTS

Alkire Road Church of Christ

2015 Bible Bowl Competition

March 28, 2015

John chapters 1-21

9:30AM

2015 Stark County Men’s Retreat

April 17–18 (Registration due by April 5.)

(Details on bulletin board in the foyers.)

Ohio Valley University Lectureship

April 12–15

Facts and Figures

March 15, 2015

AM Service.....286
 Bible Study.....232
 PM Service.....236
 Wednesday.....187
 Contribution.....\$7275.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....3
 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

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Waverly congregation. Please plan to attend

Friday Night Sing schedules are available in the foyers.



Daily Bible Reading

March 22—Lu 1:1-25, De 7-9
 March 23—Lu 1:25-56, De 10-11
 March 24—Lu 1:57-80, De 12-14
 March 25—Lu 2:1-24, De 15-17
 March 26—Lu 2:25-52, De 18-20
 March 27—Lu 3:1-18, De 21-22
 March 28—Lu 3:19-38, De 23-25
 March 29—Lu 4:1-15, De 26-27

VAN SCHEDULE TO OVU

3/22—Steve Moser, Scott Johnson
3/25—Barry Mills
3/29—Mike Bayer, Breck Hesselrode
4/1—Delams Carr