

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Today It Is Spring

Patches of green and blossoms of white
Spring is a heavenly wonderful sight,
Cotton fluff clouds in the blue skies above
A world of beauty, a heart full of love.

A plump little robin is busy it seems
Building a nest filled with so many dreams,
The whole world aglow, in the wake of the dawn
The last trace of wintertime quickly is gone.

Springtime so precious, with soft budding flowers
Sweet saucy April, to send us her showers,
A freshness to treasure, in each drop of rain
Thrilled in our hearts that it's springtime again.

The birds sing and chatter, what joyous delight
A part of the gladness of morning's first light,
So much in beauty, and sunshine to bring
God's world is smiling, today it is spring.

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(Thank you Betty Lamb for sharing poem selections.)



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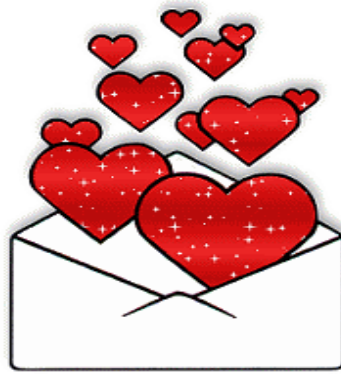
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**THANK
YOU**

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. It was nice to hear from so many of you. **Kayla Inman**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards. A special thanks to the 4th & 5th grade Sunday class. **Jim Galloway**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards and well wishes. They were all very much appreciated. **Billie Coe**
- ♥ We appreciate all of the anniversary cards. **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ Thank you for all the thoughts, cards, prayers and visits during the loss of my Grandfather. It was very much appreciated. **Cody, Kristi and Edwin Hoover**
- ♥ The birthday cards and encouraging notes are very much appreciated. **Lee Edwards**
 - ♥ A special thank you to Annette Kirk for baking the communion bread for March.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone, Jim VanCamp, Kelsie Wadlington

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Jack Plumley, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Bob Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' brother), Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Sarah Hinzman was baptized Wednesday evening. She is the daughter of Doug and Shannon Hinzman. She will be in Care Group 2. We are so glad to have the Hinzman family with us.

DEACON'S MEETING TODAY

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

BASEBALL TRIP AFTER EVENING SERVICE TODAY

Anyone planning to go on the annual baseball trip in August to Cincinnati, meet with Rick Stanley this evening in Room 109.

MONTHLY SING AT LOVE AND CARE TOMORROW

The sing at Love and care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 31 in the MP Room at 8:30. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

6th-12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL

The 6th-12th grade students are invited to a devotional Saturday, March at 6:30PM at the home of Eric and Amy Young. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO JEFFERSONVILLE, OH OUTLETS APRIL 17

The Golden Agers will be going to the Jeffersonville, OH outlets Tuesday, April 17. We will leave here at 7:00AM. The sign-up list is in the foyer.

SPRING BANQUET (PROM ALTERNATIVE) APRIL 28

The Spring Banquet for 9th grade - college students will be April 28 at the Woodridge Plantation Golf Club in Mineral Wells. Registration forms are available in both foyers. Registration deadline is April 1.

LLL PICNIC ITEMS, DONATIONS, SHOWCASE

Items are needed for the LLL picnic. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer on the counter. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the Lads to Leaders convention in April, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk. Everyone is encouraged to attend the LLL showcase Sunday, April 1 at 4:30 in the MP Room.

ELECTRIC DRYER FOR GIVE-AWAY

Free electric clothes dryer, works fine. See Marion Goldsmith for details.



Golden Agers will be going to the OVU lectures on Monday, April 2 from 9:00AM-Noon. We will be eating together at the Golden Corral afterwards. Transportation will leave the building at 8:30. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome.

Change in VBS date: June 16 Super Saturday VBS. You may remember our Saturday VBS's in the past. We hope to have a truly Super Saturday this year on June 16th. Since this is an Olympic summer, we will be using the texts of scripture that speak of running the Christian race as our study, with fun activities. If you would like to be a part of VBS this year, we will be meeting for a planning session in the morning on April 21st. Please see Todd Kirk, or Dana for more information. Make sure your calendar is free for June 16th!

Camden Avenue 500! We are setting a goal for 500 on Sunday morning, April 27th. Information on how you can help will be coming soon. For now MAKE SURE to arrange your plans to be here and to include your family and friends!

Clarence DeLoach Memorial Scholarship – FHU

As many of you know, Clarence DeLoach served as minister at Camden Avenue for nine years from 1968 to 1977. Clarence is scheduled be with us for a Gospel meeting from April 29 thru May 2, 2012.

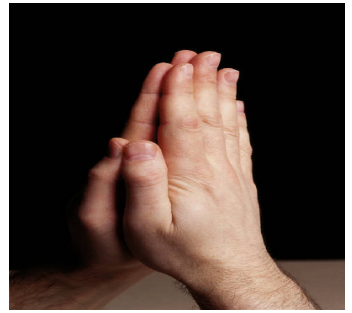
Clarence was recently honored at the Freed Hardman University Lectureships for his over 60 years of preaching the Gospel in Georgia, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. In conjunction with this recognition, FHU is planning to establish a Clarence DeLoach Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor Clarence's contributions. Each of the congregation's where Clarence has preached have been contacted and asked if they would like to contribute to the establishment of this Scholarship fund. Their goal is to receive \$30,000 that will then be used to fund an annual scholarship for young people who will be attending FHU .

If anyone here at Camden Avenue would like to contribute to this recognition for Clarence, would you please contact one of the elders. They will see that all contributions are sent to the appropriate representatives at FHU for inclusion in the Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many contributions Clarence has made to the kingdom of God!

The Elders

SERMON NOTES

How God answers prayer: (Matthew 7:7-11)



I) Sometimes God answers _____.

Hannah prayed for a _____, God answered "Yes." He gave her _____ (I Sam. 1:1-12;17-18)

Hezekiah prayed that he might _____. God answered "Yes" He extended his life _____ years. (Isaiah 38:1-5)

In order for God to answer "Yes," we must pray according to God's _____. "This is the _____ we have in Him, if we ask _____ according to His will - He _____ us." (I John 5:14-15) **And, we must be doing God's will in our _____.** "And whatever we ask, we _____ from Him, because we _____ His commandments, and do those things which are _____ in His sight. (I Jn.3:22)

II) Sometimes God answers "No." Loving Fathers must do what is _____ for their children. God will say "No" if our prayers are _____ or greedy. "You ask and do not _____, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it upon your pleasures." (James 4:3) "No" does not show a lack of _____, it is the _____ of it.

III) Sometimes God answers "Not _____." God has a _____ - things will be done on His _____ not ours. "Men ought to pray and not lose _____." (Luke 18:1) "Ask, and it will be _____ to you; _____ and you will find; knock and it will be _____ unto you." (Matt. M7:7-8)

IV) Sometimes God answers "Yes" but not as you _____. Faith is to trust and accept _____ answer. "For we know not what we should _____ as we ought." (Romans 8:26) "And we know that _____ things work together for good to those who _____ God and are called according to _____ purpose." (Romans 8:28) Trust in the _____ with all your _____, and do not lean on your own understanding; In all your ways _____ Him, and He shall direct your _____." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

V) When God says "NO," He often substitutes something _____, especially in a spiritual sense - God has a _____. Paul prayed for _____, God gave him spiritual _____. To grow spiritually may require _____. God answers prayer _____, over a _____, according to His _____.

VI) God will use our _____, and His _____ to _____ us.

What Amazes Jesus?

~Written by: Steve Higginbotham



Apparently, we like to be amazed. I draw that conclusion from the myriad of television shows such as, "Amazing Rescues," "Amazing Car Chases," "Amazing Animal Stories," and do you remember from a generation ago, "That's Incredible."

But now, have you ever wondered what amazes Jesus? What turns his head? If you haven't, I'll tell you... "When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, 'I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'" (Luke 7:9).

Faith! That's what amazes Jesus; the kind of faith possessed by a Roman soldier. Jesus marveled! He was amazed! He said he had never seen anything like it, not even in Israel, among God's people.

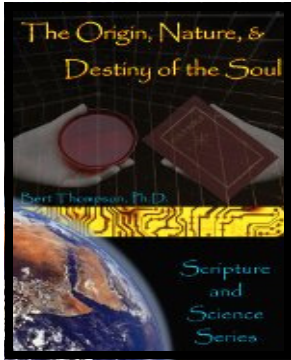
Friends, you may never make it on some "Amazing" television show. In fact, your life may seem quite ordinary to your friends and neighbors, but if you have faith; faith like this Roman soldier, you too will turn the Savior's head, cause Him to marvel at you, and say, "Why, have you ever seen such a thing?"

For those who are interested, here's some additional information that helps to explain what was so amazing about this Roman soldier's faith.

- √ It crossed barriers. He was a Gentile, but he had come to have faith in God.
- √ It involved him in the work of God. He put his faith in action and built the Jews a synagogue.
- √ It worked for the good of others. He was concerned about a servant, who under Roman laws was simply viewed as a living tool.
- √ It was humble. He felt unworthy before Jesus.
- √ It acknowledged that nothing was too hard for God. He believed Jesus could do what he was unable to do.

FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

These featured books were donated in memory of Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.



What is the part of us that makes us, as humanity, unique? The answer is the soul. Does the soul exist? What is its origin? These and other questions are straight forwardly answered by Bert Thompson, Ph.D., in his book, The Origin, Nature, & Destiny of the Soul.

Thompson examines: "Soul and Spirit in Scripture", "The Origin and Source of the Soul", "The Nature of the Soul" and "Man's Soul and Man's Sin". The final one discusses hell as the possible destiny of the soul.

If you have questions, be willing to pay the price, which will produce a rich wealth of information and knowledge.

John Rockhold III



Daily Bible Reading

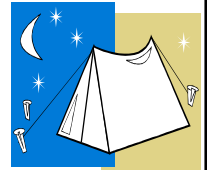
March 25 - Luke 2:1-24, De 15-17
March 26 - Luke 2:25-52, De 18-20
March 27 - Luke 3:1-18, De 21-22
March 28 - Luke 3:19-38, De 23-25
March 29 - Luke 4:1-15, De 26-27
March 30 - Luke 4:16-44, De 28-29
March 31 - Luke 5:1-16, De 30-31
April 1 - Luke 5:17-39, De 32

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

Senior Week (Ages 14-19) June 10-15
Directors: Tom Tucker, Bob Long

Junior Week (Ages 8-11) June 17-22
Directors: Mark Tonkery, Donnie Watts

Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) June 24-29
Directors: Elvis Galbreath, Dana Slingluff



Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The fear of rejection is one of the most basic fears of the human experience. I heard a story of a man who decided to ask his boss for a raise in salary. He told his wife that morning what he was about to do. All day he felt nervous and apprehensive, but when he finally approached his employer, he was delighted to find out that the boss agreed to a raise.



The man arrived home to a beautiful table set with their best china. Candles were lighted. His wife had prepared a festive meal. He immediately thought that someone from the office had tipped his wife about the good news. Next to his plate he found a beautiful note that said, "Congratulations, darling! I knew you'd get the raise!" Later, while on his way to the kitchen to get dessert, he noticed that a second card had fallen from his wife's pocket. It said, "Don't worry about not getting the raise! You deserve it anyway! These things will tell you how much I love you."

Total acceptance! Total love. Her love for him was not contingent upon his success at work. That is the way families should be with each other. And I like to think that 's the way God is with us, too!

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

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

April 1
WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH?

Friday Night Sing



The Friday Night Sing this week will be at the Waverly congregation.

Transportation will leave here at 6:30.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

APRIL 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Dave Kimes

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Barry Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Leon Hupp

PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Russ Alton

PM - Chris Tallman

Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Todd Kirk

2 - Dave Lamp

4 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Mike & Pam Bayer

2. Phil Deem & Bill Pralley

3. Bill Mills & Dustin Hughes

4. John & Linda Hall

5. Shorty & Gloria Frazier

6. Don & Brenda Dougherty

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN GOD WE TRUST- FOUR WEEK SEMINAR

In God We Trust - A four week seminar held at the Dewey Avenue congregation in St. Marys, continues each Thursday through April 5 at 7:00-8:30PM.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

North End Church of Christ

March 25-28

Speaker: Albert Farley

Mineral Wells congregation

April 9-12

Various speakers

Rosemar congregation

April 15-18

Various speakers

West Union congregation

April 15-18

Speaker: Gary C. Hampton

Congregation located at the corner of Walter Street/Rt 23 and Kyle Avenue in Salem, WV

April 29-May 4

Speaker: Melvin Rogers

7th ANNUAL LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

April 14

Pursley congregation

Speaker: Janna Menear

24th ANNUAL GOLDEN AGERS DAY

Saturday, April 14 10:00AM - 2:30PM

New Concord congregation

STARK COUNTY MEN'S RETREAT

The Stark County Men's Retreat will be conducted by the Northwest congregation in Canton, OH April 13-14. Brother Earl Ash preaches at this congregation.

*** Details are on the bulletin boards in both foyers. ***

We will provide transportation to some of these events.

Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.

Facts and Figures

March 18, 2012

AM Service.....297

Bible Study.....231

PM Service.....220

Wednesday.....208

Contribution.....\$6112.25

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00