

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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The Golden Agers and K-5th graders had a game and snack night at Love and Care last Friday.

As you can see, we had a fun time with the residents.



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
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PRAYER LISTS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, Lee Edwards, De Fleak, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Janet Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Dan McNemar, 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, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Dana Miles, Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Earl Selbe, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ We are thankful for all the prayers and thoughts in the past week during the tragic death of our niece, Christy Brammer. We thank you for all your support and love that has been demonstrated through cards, phone calls, personal visits, and attendance at the funeral. Thank you for your love and concern. In Christian Love, **Rick and Kay Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and gifts. I appreciate everything so much. **Shorty Frazier**
- ♥ Thanks for the Valentine cards, candy and cookies. Also the birthday cards and dinner. They were all greatly appreciated. **Neil Russell**
- ♥ So many have asked about the heart cath. I had last week. The blockage found is being treated with medication. Your care and concern is appreciated. Thank you, **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thanks to all who had to remind me I'm another year older. Many cards were received. **Marion Goldsmith**

CARE GROUP LEADER MEETING TODAY

Care Group Leaders and Co-Leaders will have a meeting today at 5:00 in Room 109.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room at 5:45 for dinner. We will begin our work at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

AREA WIDE TEEN DEVO.

The A.W.T.D. will be at the Barlow-Vincent congregation tomorrow evening. Our van will leave here at 6:30. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Cody and Kristi Hoover this Thursday at 6:30 in the MP Room. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Toys R Us.

MARCH BIRTHDAY CORRECTION

Gloria Frazier's birthday was incorrectly on the calendar as March 20th. **Her birthday is September 10.** Our records have been corrected.

PENNSBORO CONGREGATION MEETING

We will be taking the new bus to the meeting at the Pennsboro congregation March 14, 15. Ryan Currey will be the speaker. See Ralph Conner if you would like to go.

HOPEWELL LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

The Ladies Inspiration Day at the Hopewell congregation will be Saturday, March 18. If you would like attend, sign the list in the foyer. (Megan Currey will be the speaker.)

LLL CONVENTION

The LLL convention will be April 22-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you would like to make a donation, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hannah Shears placed second in the County Social Studies Fair. Steve Allen assisted with information for her project which was entitled *The Vietnam War*. A special thanks to Steve and Rose.

Weekly Bible Reading

- March 1** - Mark 6:30-56, Nu. 5-6
- March 2** - Mark 7:1-23, Nu. 7
- March 3** - Mark 7:24-37, Nu. 8
- March 4** - Mark 8:1-21, Nu. 9-10
- March 5** - Mark 8:22-38, Nu. 11-13
- March 6** - Mark 9:1-29, Nu. 14



We had a very good blood drive once again. We received credit for 36 units. Our goal was 35! A special thanks to the workers: Betty, Lenore, Lois, Annette and Joann.

Thanks again,
Marion Goldsmith

P.S. See each of you again at the next blood drive-the last of August!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chris and Teri (Porter) Cox in the birth of their daughter, **Kelsey Michelle Cox.**



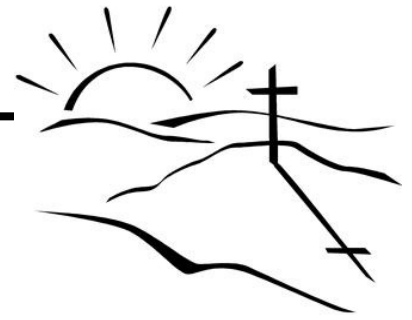
She was born last Saturday weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Ed and Lois Porter and big brother, Kyle.



LAWN CARE MEETING THIS EVENING . . .

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone willing to help with the lawn care this summer.

See Dwain Shears if you would like to help.



SERMON NOTES

What Shall it Profit? (Mark 8:34-37)

“Whoever desires to come after me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____ and follow me. For whoever desires to _____ his life will lose it, but whoever _____ his life for my sake and the gospel’s will _____ it. For what will it _____ a man if he _____ the whole world, and loses his own _____? Or what will a man give in _____ for his soul?” (Mark 8:34-37)

#1) Man has an immortal _____. “And God said ‘Let us make man in Our _____.’” (Genesis 1:26) **Our soul is what _____ us above other creatures.** “Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes _____, and the spirit of the _____, that goes down to the earth?” (Ecclesiastes 3:21) “The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the _____ will return to _____ who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:7) **There are _____ eternal destinies.** “And these will go away to everlasting _____, but the righteous to _____ life.” (Matthew 25:46)

#2) We have a _____ of how we will live. “Enter in by the _____ gate: For _____ is the gate and _____ is the way that leads to _____, and there are many who go in by it. Because _____ is the gate and _____ is the way which leads to live, and there are _____ who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

#3) The choice we make will determine our _____ destiny. The _____ Day is the bottom line. “That God will render to each one according to his _____.” (Romans 2:6)

#4) Whatever we allow to stand in the way is the price paid for our _____. “What will a man give in _____ for his soul?” **Selling your soul to the Devil. The Rich Young Ruler sold his soul for earthly _____.** “He went away sorrowfully because he had _____ possessions.” (Luke 18:23) **Felix sold his soul to hold on to his _____ and corrupt _____.** “When I have a more _____ season, I will call for you.” (Acts 24:15)

#5) Who would ever put a _____ on their soul? What will it _____ if we gain the whole _____.

What is the bottom line? Our eternal _____. “Let us hear the _____ of the whole matter: Fear _____ and keep His _____, for this is the whole _____ of man. For God will bring every _____ into judgment, including every _____ thing, whether it is _____ or whether it is evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



Mission's and Our Responsibility

Matthew 28: 18 - 20 is known as the great commission, we are told to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* Amen.

The elders at the Camden Avenue are committed to proclaiming the Gospel locally and foreign locations. We are presently helping support the following areas of work: Joe Worndle (Haiti), Jon Galloway (Scotland), Roger Shepherd (Tanzania, Africa), Joe Galloway (Greenville, Tennessee), Richard Taylor, Sr. (Thailand), Jeff Sole (WVSOP), Gene Clemons (China), Matt Cook (Cusco, Peru), Shane Conley (Franklin, WV), Charles Pugh, Fort Gay, WV, University Church in Morgantown, WV, Apologetics Press, and Gospel Broadcasting Network.

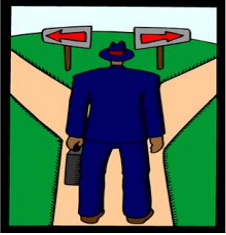
We also help many individuals going on various mission trips. Some of the areas we have sent missionaries on short term mission trips are Costa Rica, Guyana, Ukraine, China, Africa and some in the states.

In the elders recent report to the congregation one of our goals was a mission trip either overseas or in the USA. We have an opportunity to go with the Oakwood Road Church of Christ this summer to Costa Rica. We received an invitation from Brent Gallagher and the elders at Oakwood Road. If anyone is interested I will give you details and a contact.

We will also have an opportunity to participate in the Roane County, WV Campaign in July and assist the Mineral Wells congregation this spring. There will be more information on these upcoming events.

In I Corinthians 1:21 God demands the message to be preached so those hearing might believe and obey the gospel. In John 20:21 Jesus said to the apostles *“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you”*. Also Luke 8:11 tells us that the seed is the Word of God. If we don't take the seed to those that haven't heard they will not have an opportunity to hear, believe, and obey so they might receive salvation. We all have the opportunity to do mission work, whether it is in a foreign country, our job, neighbors, or school.

Bill Mills, elder



DANA'S DIRECTION

"As His Custom Was . . ."

The simple definition of a habit is "an action which is repeated often until it is the natural behavior in one's life." There are those habits which are good, those which are neutral and those which hinder us in our development. Think of the power of habitually doing that which is right, almost without thinking, because we have trained ourselves to always do that which is right. Take time to look at one of the habits of Jesus' life.

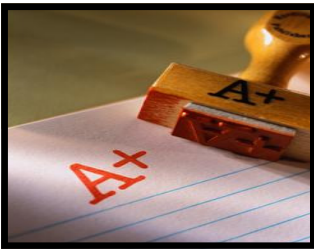
His custom was always to worship God. After His baptism and His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus began His public life. He returned to the town where He had been raised. *"So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day..."* (**Luke 4:16**). Did you notice those words in the text, "as His custom was"? It was the Sabbath day, the day the Jews gathered for worship. Where was He? Had you been around Him you would have immediately known where to find Him. It was the Sabbath -- Jesus was at the place He always was on that day.

His custom to worship began early in His life. This custom to worship began even before He had an awareness of where He was. It began when, as an infant, His mom and dad, on that day appointed by God, brought Him to the temple. Luke describes that day, *"And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law ..."* (**Luke 2:27**). Think about the importance of this statement. From infancy His parents lived to obey God, and Jesus was reared in a home where it was customary to serve and worship Him. Parents, if your child has to ask, "Are we going to worship or Bible class?", you are sinning against your child!

His custom to worship continued into His adolescent years. *"And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast"* (**Luke 2:42**). Years later when the God-appointed feast day arrived, where would you expect to find Jesus? You know the answer. This verse gives insight into why He was there. It was His habit, His custom--in infancy, in adolescence and in adulthood. His custom was always to worship and serve God.

Some in the first century had another custom. God commanded the early church, *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some ..."* (**Hebrews 10:25**). The saints of the early church assembled to worship, to learn, to sit at the feet of Jesus. Jesus was there (**Matthew 18:20**), but some had a habit of not assembling!

Two customs about worship -- which one is yours?



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOR ROLL STUDENTS!

Blennerhassett Elementary - Holly Haught (Principal's List)

Criss - Emma Hershman (Honor Roll), Brenden Smith (Scholarship List), Haylee Smith (Honor Roll)

Fairplains - Haley Johnson (Honor Roll)

Gihon - Jake Eddy (Scholarship List)

Lubeck - Jordan Kirk (Honor Roll)

Mineral Wells - Hannah Shears (Honor Roll), Natalie Tanner (Scholarship List)

Blennerhassett Middle School - Zoe Merrill (Principal's List), Alex Saunders (Honor Roll),

Edison - Amber Cottell, Madison Taberner, Cayleigh Walton (Principal's List)

Van Devender - Jill Ballengee, Luke Ballengee (Principal's List)

Belpre High School - Calle Logston (Honor Roll)

Parkersburg High - Ruthanne Bush (Commendation List), Jon Drake (Principal's List), Tiffany Selbe (Honor Roll)

Parkersburg South - Sarah Gray (Principal's List), Emily Saunders (Principal's List), Tera Steed (Honor Roll), Cody Young (Commendation List)

We are proud of all the students at Camden Avenue!

Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP



When a young Norman Schwarzkopf (later to become General Schwarzkopf) returned from Vietnam, his back was severely damaged from numerous parachute jumps. Spinal surgery was all that could save him from paralysis. The surgery was successful, but the recovery was slow and painful.

Schwarzkopf became depressed and contemplated retiring. But an amputee in his ward shook him out of his depression. He asked, "Sir, if I can walk on one leg, how come you can't walk on two?"

In reading this story, I thought of how we as Christians must sometimes push one another. In Hebrews, we read, *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:24-25)

As you know, it is easy for children of God to become discouraged and to drop out of service to the Lord. As Christians, we must provoke and exhort them to stay in the race.

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

MEN SERVING MARCH 13

ELDER IN CHARGE— Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Ethan Ash

PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ron Riddle

Close—Russ Alton

6:00 PM—Walter Morgan

Close—Leon Hupp

SCRIPTURE

AM—Gary Herridge

PM—Don Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Chris Tallman

PM—Paul Saunders

Dwain Shears

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

Events this week . . .



TODAY

- Care Group Leaders/Co-Leaders 5:00 meeting
- Lawn Care meeting after PM service in Room 109

MONDAY

MNFTM 5:45PM
A.W.T.D. (see page 3)

WEDNESDAY

Bible class 7:00

THURSDAY

Hoover Baby Shower 6:30PM

FRIDAY

Friday Night Sing at the Sissonville congregation
(Transportation will leave here at 6:45)



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

UPCOMING TOPICS

March 13

Is God Active Today?

March 20

Why Do We Suffer?

March 27

What Now?

"An Evening of Values"

An inspirational and motivational program on what makes America great.

March 10 at 6:30PM

Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV

Warren Christian Apologetics Center

Speakers include: Lonnie Johnson and Willie Franklin (2 Former NFL Players), Bill Hanlin (Hall of Fame Coach) and Doug Jones (PHS)

Master of Ceremonies-Chip Pugh

Details on bulletin boards in both foyers.



Cheering the Winners

If I should win, let it be by the code
With my faith and my honor held high;
But if I should lose, let me stand by the road
And cheer as the winners go by.

Author Unknown

Facts and Figures

February 27, 2011

AM Service.....294

Bible Study.....231

PM Service.....233

Wednesday.....242

Contribution.....\$7058.80

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....0

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.....7:00