

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arm of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.



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Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
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- ♥ Thanks to everyone for the birthday cards. They made a great day even better. **Dustin Hughes**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. You helped make my birthday special. **Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ We want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and the congratulations for our 66th anniversary. Enjoyed all so very much. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the Birthday cards. **Kristi Hoover**

We extend our sympathy to Neil Russell in the passing of his niece, Freda Craft. Her funeral was Thursday in Akron, OH.



Prayer Requests

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Marion Goldsmith, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Jim VanCamp, Kelsie Wadlington

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, 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, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Josh Kupfner, 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, Ronnie Smith, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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



GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY THIS TUESDAY

Golden Agers will be going to the Amish Country this Tuesday, May 15. Details are with the sign-up sheet in the foyer. * There will be a meeting this evening after service in Room 109 for anyone planning to go on this trip. *

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS MEETS THIS WEEK

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet at Love and Care this week at 6:30.

VBS WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY EVENING

Anyone willing to help with our VBS meet this Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 in Room 109. (Our Super Saturday VBS will be June 23.)

MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

LADIES LUNCHEON, MAY 22

All ladies are invited to bring their lunch Tuesday, May 22 at noon to Fort Boreman Park shelter.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, MAY 26

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up list is in the foyer.

CAMDEN AVENUE 500 - FRIEND'S DAY, MAY 27

Invite your friends and neighbors to our Camden Avenue 500 (Friend's Day) Sunday, May 27.

LADIES TEA AND LUNCH - JUNE 2

The ladies' tea/luncheon (formerly the mother-daughter banquet) will be Saturday, June 2 at 12:00 in the MP Room. It has been three years since we have hosted a day for our ladies of all ages. This will not be fancy, just a couple of hours of fellowship and fun surprises are being planned. Please sign the new list in the foyer.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP AT CAMP HERVIDA

Food items are still needed. See the list in the foyer. Items may be left in the parking lot foyer (by the coat rack) and need to be at the building by next Sunday.



Daily Bible Reading

- May 13 - John 1:1-34, II Sa 17-18
- May 14 - John 1:35-51, II Sa 19-20
- May 15 - John 2, II Sa 21-22
- May 16 - John 3:1-21, II Sa 23-24
- May 17 - John 3:22-36, I Kings 1
- May 18 - John 4:1-26, I Kings 2-3
- May 19 - John 4:27-54, I Kings 4-5
- May 20 - John 5:1-18, I Kings 6-7

GRADUATION PICTURES



Pictures of 2012 graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by Sunday, May 27.

(Include graduate's name and school information.)

We will feature the graduates in



DANA'S DIRECTION

Camden Avenue 500 Friends and Family day

Sunday, May 27

A goal has been made and a challenge set before the congregation here at Camden Avenue; to have **500 for morning worship** services on our Friends and Family Day, two weeks from Sunday! Why is this important? It is an evangelistic outreach - because 500 people represent 500 souls. This is an opportunity to invite people and introduce them to the Camden Avenue Church of Christ. People are much more likely to accept an invitation to be part of a special event than just a general invitation to attend services with you "someday." **When we reach our goal, it will be the first time in 10 years that we have had this many in attendance!**

What can you do to help?

Make a list of those you could possibly invite. We all have a broader circle of friends than we often realize. Invite your neighbors, co-workers, family members, school-mates, fellow soccer- moms, etc.

Put the number of those you hope to bring on one of the "cars" on the bulletin board outside of the office. This way we can keep a running tab on how many we have invited.

Take fliers and post them in the places you go and hand them to people.

Help us go door-to-door - Monday night, May 14th beginning at 6:00PM, and Saturday morning, May 26th, beginning at 9:00AM.

Download an invitation from our Webpage and forward it to all of your email addresses and Facebook friends.

Invite people at a 2 to 3 ratio. If the three hundred of us who normally attend bring 200 we will meet our goal. Try to double the size of your normal attendance. If you are a single, bring a friend. If you are a couple, bring 2 guests. If you are a family, bring 3 or more. It will work!

Invite any family that may be together for Memorial Day, to come and share the holiday with us.

Plan early to have food prepared for your family and another family of the same size.

Pray for the success of this initiative. Having 500 for services is not our end objective. Our hope is to open more doors to teaching the gospel.



SERMON NOTES

Things that Mothers Teach Us

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

The role of a mother:

“Admonish the young women to _____ their husbands, to love their _____, to be _____, chaste, home _____, good, _____ to their own husbands.” (Titus 2:4-5)

The meaning of _____.

“As one whom his _____, so I will comfort you.” (Isaiah 66:13)

Mothers are _____ and kind.

Mothers do not _____.

Mothers are not easily _____.

Mothers _____ all thing, _____ all things, _____ all things... love never _____. (from I Corinthians 13)

The demonstration of love is _____.

“Her _____ rise up and call her _____, her husband also and he _____ her.” (Proverbs 31:28)

Teaches us about _____.

“Bring them up in the _____ and admonition of the _____.” (Eph. 6:4)

Teaches us about _____.

“Train up a _____ in the way he _____ go and when he is _____, he will not _____ from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) “My son, keep your father’s command and do not _____ the law of your _____. Bind them continually upon your _____ ... when you roam, they will _____ you; when you _____ they will keep you; when you are awake, they will _____ with you. For the commandment is a _____ and the law is a light.” (Prov. 6:20-23)

Teaches us about _____.

Honor your father and your mother, which is the first commandment with _____: that it might be _____ with you and you may _____ long on the earth.” (Eph. 6:2) “If any widow has _____ or grandchildren, let them first learn to show _____ at home and to _____ their parents; for this is good and _____ before God.” (I Tim. 5:4)



Honoring Mom

~Paul Nygard

During this time of year, on this weekend in particular, Mom may be in our thoughts more than anytime else. Volumes of greeting cards demand our attention as soon as you walk into the local Wal-Mart. Waiters and waitresses volunteer for shifts on Mother's day. Taking mom out for lunch is a time honored tradition here in America after all.

Our creator has something to say about honoring mom as well. ["Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you"](#) (Ex 20.12). The command to honor our parents is repeated in the Lord's gospel.

So if you are wondering what you should do for mom today (and every day), here are a few suggestions given to us through God's word.

[Honor her with your words.](#) Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. (Prov 3.27, 31.28, I Jn 3.18)

[Honor her with your actions.](#) My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (I Jn 3.18, Prov 10.1, 15.20, 23.25)

[Honor her with your memory.](#) The memory of the righteous is blessed...(Prov 10.7)

[Honor her with your faith.](#) For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mt 16.26, Jn 3.16)

Happy Mother's Day Mom's...you are precious to us and to the Lord.



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Sometimes the only worship experience I have on Sunday morning is the short prayer I utter as we enter the church building; “Lord, please let Charlie be decent today and brother Bank’s sermon be short.” Charlie is my two-year-old wiggleworm who has known from birth that the excellent acoustics in the church building were created just for him. He automatically becomes all arms and legs as we enter the door, and delights in wrapping them around me at the worst possible times. Song books become a challenge to tame, pencils become weapons to duck, and the collection plate would make a great hat if he could just get his hands on it. We don’t dare sit on the end of the aisle because the man serving the Lord’s Supper would lose his coat button (one did). But we can’t sit in the middle because we always make a pilgrimage to the nursery.

Do I ask myself “Is it worth it?” Sometimes. I know, however, that training up a child in the way he should go is a seven-day-a-week job, not just Monday through Saturday responsibility. Sleeping on Sunday morning might be a temptation if we didn’t consider our Charlie a very special gift from God - - - a gift that is a bundle of responsibilities. I am certain that what we do now on Sunday will affect what he does on Sunday twenty years from now. So we keep going, knowing that some future Sunday, Charlie is going to sit quietly though the whole service, and it won’t be due to the ropes and gag I threaten to use each week. With patience and discipline, we prayerfully hope to see him grow to be a Christian man, strong and faithful to his Lord.

Selected

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

During the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Benjamin Franklin gave a speech of which the following was an excerpt from that speech:

“God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, it is probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of the tower of Babel.”



What Ben said 225 years ago, is still so very true today. Except now the house is built, but it is crumbling. If we as a nation choose not to have God on our side, do you really believe that the house will stand? I think not! A house divided against itself will NOT stand!

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



MOTHER, WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING. . .

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the
refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you
feed a stray cat,
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you
make my favorite cake for me,
and I knew that little things are special things.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you
say a prayer,
and I believed there is a God I could always talk
to.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss
me goodnight,
and I felt loved.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears
come from your eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but that
it's alright to cry.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you
cared
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked . . .
and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw
when you thought I wasn't looking.

Author Anonymous
(Thanks, Mom!)

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

UPCOMING TOPIC
May 20
KNOWING CHRIST



Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at
5:15 Friday for the sing at
the Belle congregation.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Next Sunday, May 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade
Close - Marion Goldsmith
6:00 PM - Walter Morgan
Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover
PM - Glenn Snider

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Ed Collins
PM - Stan Inman
Daniel Nygard

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Dean crew.

They include Mark
Dean, Dwain Shears,
Chris Tallman, and
Donovan Walton.



Facts and Figures

May 6, 2012

AM Service.....289
Bible Study.....247
PM Service.....245
Wednesday.....217
Contribution.....\$9363.71

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....4
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....2
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