

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Welcome to our Friends and Family Day!

We are so glad to have you worship with us today.

Please join us after morning worship and Bible classes for lunch under the tent on the church lawn.

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
Scott Smith
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THE WILLOWS

Sheila Conner has been moved to The Willows (Room 224).
Her address is: 723 Summers Street Parkersburg, WV 26101

Let's remember her with prayers, cards and visits.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Dana Sponseller in the passing of his mother, Kay Landers. Her funeral was held last Saturday in Alabama.

We also extend our sympathy to Joyce Wright in the passing of her father and Jeff Taberner's grandfather, Harold Kocher. His funeral was Wednesday in Lousville, OH.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Sheila Caplinger, Joe Civitello, Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Adam Hoschar, Brenda Jones, Joe and Celia Johnson, Donna Keffer, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Kelsay Proffit, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Sandy Rooks, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Earl Selbe, Martha Smith, Anne Spokes, John Staats, Teresa Steed, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Linda Tallman, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

(Please notify the office of any updates in our Prayer Lists.)

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the cards and visits while I have been in the hospital. I appreciate everything. **Sheila Conner**
- ♥ Thanks for the birthday cards and well wishes. **Dwain Shears**
- ♥ I appreciate the thoughtful birthday gifts and cards. I am happy to see so many of you still have a sense of humor in these trying times. Sincerely, **Bill Pralley**
- ♥ We appreciate all the anniversary cards we received and Pam also enjoyed all the birthday cards and gifts. Thank you. **Mike and Pam Bayer**

FRIENDS DAY TODAY

We will have a fellowship lunch under the tent today after morning worship and Bible class. Everyone is invited.

MEN'S MEETING TODAY

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

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS THIS WEEK

The LLL girls will be conducting the Ladies Class this Tuesday at 6:30 at Love and Care. If you can help with refreshments, see Julie Taberner.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP THIS THURSDAY

The Golden Agers will be going to the Amish Country this Thursday. The sign-up sheet and agendas are in the foyer.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Brandi Stewart and Jon Hescht this Thursday at 7:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at: Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart.com and www.giftregistry360.com/wishlist/brandiandjon.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a meeting next Sunday at 5:00 in Room 112 for the mother's of girls in grades 5-12. Also, the monthly Deacons meeting is next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 28 at 8:30 at the Golden Corral. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

CARD REQUEST

Jo Langler has been diagnosed with asthma and other health issues. She would like to receive cards. Her address is: PO Box 2346 Parkersburg, WV 26102-2346. Also, remember Wilma Davis' daughter, Cassandra Davis with prayers and cards. She is having a reoccurrence of cancer. Her address is: 14 Jumper Road Dallas, PA 18612

THANK YOU, MRS. SAYRE!

A special thank you to Patty Sayre for the beautiful "WELCOME" decoration in the front foyer. She also helps keep the foyer bulletin boards looking nice. **Thanks!**

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS/EVENTS

May 15

Sunrise congregation
Speaker: Dr. Charles Aebi

May 16, 17, 18 at 7:00 each evening

Mt. Alto congregation
Speaker: Amos Prince

Saturday, May 21

47th Annual Ladies Inspiration Day
National Road Church of Christ in Wheeling
Speaker: Dr. Billie Jo Long

May 22-26

Crum Ridge Church of Christ
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

Saturday, June 4 at 5:30PM

OVU Summer Quartet Concert
Featuring Vocal-A-Chords
The Harmony Four
The Doaks
Distant City and OVU Express
OVU Alumni Gymnasium

July 25-28

Spencer Campaign

Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

GRADUATION PICTURES



We will be printing pictures of our Kindergarten, fifth grade, high school, and college graduates in an upcoming bulletin.

Please give your photo to Kimberlee or leave it in the office by next Sunday, May 22 (include name and school information).

Weekly Bible Reading

May 15 - John 2, II Samuel 21-22
May 16 - John 3:1-2, II Samuel 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
May 21 - John 5:19-47, I Kings 8
May 22 - John 6:1-24, I Kings 9

SERMON NOTES

Come to the Feast (Luke 14:15-24)

“A certain man gave a great _____ and _____ many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited ‘ _____, for all things now are _____.’ But they all with one accord began to make _____.” (Luke 14:16-17) Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the _____ and the hedges, and _____ them to come in, that my house may be _____. For I say to you that _____ of those men who were _____ shall taste of my _____.’” (Luke 14:23-24)

I) God has made wonderful provisions for our _____. The kingdom of God is _____. In this kingdom God has provided a banquet of _____. “Blessed be the God and _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with _____ spiritual blessing in the _____ places in _____.” (Ephesians 1:3) **Heaven is God’s _____ feast.** “Blessed are those who are called to the _____ feast of the _____.” (Revelations 19:9)

II) God has _____ many. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His _____ begotten Son, that _____ believes in Him should not _____ but have _____ life.” (John 3:16) **Whosoever will may come, on His _____.** “Repent, and let everyone of you be _____ for the remission of your _____.” (Acts 2:38)

III) Not everyone who is _____ will partake of this feast. Many allow menial things to _____ in the way. **Reasons or Excuses?** “If anyone comes after me and does not hate his _____ and _____, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and his own _____ also, he cannot be my _____.” (Luke 14:26)

IV) Those who enter the feast may _____ us. “I say to you that _____ and _____ shall enter the kingdom of God before you.” (Matthew 21:31) “Those who are _____ have no need of a _____ but those who are sick. I have not come to call the _____ but _____ to repentance.” (Matthew 9:12-13)

V) The _____ of those who will not enter the feast. “For I say unto you that none of those men who were _____ shall taste of my supper.” (Luke 14:24) “When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking _____ on those who do not know _____, and on those who do not _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting _____ from the _____ of the Lord and the glory of His power.” (II Thessalonians 1:7-9)



A NOTE FROM DOUG HERSHMAN, DEACON

THE WORK OF THE YOUTH IN OUR CHURCH

Two weeks ago I attended the Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is a very powerful event in shaping our youth.

Some of the projects are completed the week of the convention, but most of them are worked on weeks, months or even year round before going. Our kids (and some of our adults) put a lot of time and effort into their projects. Most of the things that they do goes on behind the scenes.

We have: Photographers, Artists, Narrators, Vocalists, Scholars, and Good Samaritans, just to name a few. They have written songs, speeches, debate arguments, created bulletin boards, scrapbooks, banners, sketches, photographs, taken tests, memorized and read the Bible and sang, or have done service projects throughout the year.

Over the past ten years, Camden Avenue has sent 197 participants for separate events and have won 501 awards. This year we won 102 awards. It's pretty amazing when you look at the numbers.

I'm sure that you know the participants. Please take a minute to congratulate them for the job that they have done to grow into the future of our church.

Please give a special thank you to Bill Mills for this great cause. He has been involved for the past ten years.

If you would like to check out the other great things that come from Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes you can visit www.lads-to-leaders.org.

We are already working on next year's projects.

Doug Hershman, Deacon



A Precious Friend

I think that God will never send
A gift so precious as a friend;
A friend who always understands
And fills each need as it demands;
Whose loyalty will stand the test,
When skies are bright or overcast;
Who sees the faults that merit blame,
But keeps on loving just the same;
Who does far more than creeds could do
To make us good, to make us true,
Earth's gifts a sweet enjoyment lend
But only God can give a friend.



~Rosalie Carter



DANA'S DIRECTION SALVATION. . .ASSURED!

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!" The wonderful words of this song have been on the lips of nearly all of us many times. However, I wonder if what the song says is truly an expression of our hearts. Are we "rejoicing always" because we are assured eternal life?

By looking at the New Testament, it is clear that God wants us to have the confident, assured attitude. He does not want us to live in constant fear and insecurity. We ought to experience daily the joys of salvation.

Paul said that hard times didn't bother him because, "I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day" -- II Timothy 1:12. Paul had a secure feeling about his relationship with God. Yet this is the man who persecuted the church, killed Christians, called himself the chief of sinners, a blasphemer, persecutor and violent aggressor -- Acts 8:1-2; I Timothy 1:13-15. If Paul had done so many ungodly things, and could still say confidently, "I'm saved," then shouldn't we be able to do the same?

God doesn't expect perfection from any of us. He does expect (and rightly so) that we try to obey Him. One who continually does wrong is not trying. But the one who desires to do right, and is always trying to do right (that is, obeying God's Word), that one has a loving and merciful God caring for him Exodus 34:6-7.

John wrote: "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you many known that you have eternal life" I John 5:13. John says you can "know" you have salvation. It was meant to be that way.



*Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stewart
along with
Ms. Sonya Hesch and Mr. Blaine Hesch
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Brandi Carol
and
Jonathan David
Saturday, the twenty-first of May
Two thousand and eleven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
McDonough Wildlife Preserve
Rosemar Road
Vienna, WV 26105*

Reception to follow

**Wedding to be moved to the Chapel of Ohio Valley
University in the event of incimate weather*

Youth Activities

Friday, May 20 - Grades K-5 Devo at
Saunder's home at 6:30 **and**
Grades 6-12 Girls Sleepover at the
Walton's 6:00

Saturday, May 21 - 9:30 Love & Care

Friday, May 27 - Grades K-12 Girls
sleepover at the bulding

Saturday, May 28 - K-12 Boys
sleepover at the Hershman's

BIBLE BOWL

Grades 1-6 students interested in
participating in the Bible Bowl this year,
see Barbara Saunders.

(The Bible Bowl will be based on the
book of Judges. NKJ)

Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP



Someone once said, "Married life is full of excitement and frustration: In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen."

Of course, it doesn't have to be that way! God's plan is for one man and one woman to live and love each other for a lifetime. Marriages are like a garden that must be cared for each day. In a garden, there must be watering and feeding of the plants; and there must be weeding. Without good soil, no plant can flourish. And without love and tenderness, no marriage can flourish. Just as weeds rob a garden of needed nutrients, so bad habits, unkind words, and ugly behavior rob a marriage of the love and gentleness so needed.

Good marriages never happen by accident; they grow intentionally by two people who work at it and it is great to see married couples displaying common courtesies and loving affection.

Paul said it best in Ephesians chapter 5 when five times he repeated that husbands are to "love their wives"!

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

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where you are always welcome!

We hope you were made to feel welcome and that you enjoyed the fellowship of our Christian family.

The Church of Christ is a non-denominational body of believers who seek to be Christians. We have no organization that goes beyond the local congregation. We use the Bible as our only guide in matters of faith and worship because of our commitment to the New Testament as God's final word and binding authority for His church.

As in the New Testament and the example set by the church of the first century we sing through the use of a cappella music (not accompanied by musical instruments), partake of the Lord's supper each first day of the week, and teach salvation through baptism (immersion) of penitent believers for the remission of sins. As taught in the scripture, our congregation is autonomous and overseen by an eldership consisting of godly Christian men.

If you have any questions or would like more information about anything we say or do in our worship, please let us know.

Please worship with us again!

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

Senior Week June 12-17

Junior Week June 19-24

Intermediate June 26-July 1

West Virginia Christian Youth Camp

Senior Week (Ages 14-18) July 3-9

Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) July 10-16

Junior Week (Ages 7-11) July 17-23

All Age Week (Ages 8-18) July 24-30

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here at 6:30 for the Friday Night sing at the Sunrise congregation.

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



UPCOMING TOPICS
 May 22
 CALLING FOR REPENTANCE

MEN SERVING MAY 22

ELDER IN CHARGE— Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Larry Wigal

Close—Chris Tallman

6:00 PM—Everett Sams

Close—Dave Nulter

SCRIPTURE

AM—Ethan Ash

PM—Paul Saunders

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Camp

PM—Dennis Keller

Steve Allen

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week is Kirby the crew.



They include Dennis Keller, Ted Miller, Don Nesselroad, Donovan Walton, and Bill Kirby.

Facts and Figures

May 8, 2011

AM Service.....302

Bible Study.....196

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....209

Contribution.....\$6025.30

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services
Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00