

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Oh – look we've
been invited to
Friends Day at
Camden Avenue!



FRIENDS DAY

Sunday, May 15th

We will have lunch under the tent located on the church lawn after worship and Bible class.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

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
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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Joann Collins, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, 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, Joe Civitello, Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Gary Hess, Anna Hicks, Brenda Jones, Joe and Celia Johnson, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, 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, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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

HOSPITAL

St. Joseph's

Sheila Conner (Room 238)
Joann Collins (Room 244) No visitors, please.

THANK YOU NOTES

♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards you sent. They made a great day even better -- I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Dustin Hughes

LLL RECOGNITION TODAY

The LLL recognition will be today after morning worship and Bible classes in the MP Room. Pizza will be provided. Everyone is invited! Bring finger foods, desserts and beverages. Students need to bring the awards they won at the convention.

FRIENDS DAY

Invite your family and friends to our FRIENDS DAY Sunday, May 15. We will have a fellowship lunch after morning worship and Bible class.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

The LLL girls will be conducting the next Tuesday Ladies class at 6:30 on May 17 at Love and Care. If you can help with refreshments, see Julie Taberner.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking their annual Amish Trip Thursday, May 19. The sign-up sheet and agendas are in the foyer.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Brandi Stewart and Jon Hescht on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00. They are registered at: Wal-Mart and Wal-Mart.com and www.giftregistry360.com/wishlist/brandiandjon. This site has items from various stores, including Target and Macy's.

BILL SMITH

Bill has been moved to the Heartland of Marietta (Room 312A). His address is: 5001 St. Rt. 60 Marietta, OH 45750. Bill would enjoy cards of encouragement from his Camden Avenue family.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Valeria Sprout in the passing of her brother, JW Sain. He passed away Monday morning. His funeral was held in Memphis. TN.



We would like to thank each person who has helped support our recent trip to the Lads/Leaderettes Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Without you this experience would not have been possible. There are many ways that your support was shown-a lot of hours of your time as event coordinators and mentors, your generosity in the picnic supplies that were donated, and the financial support of countless number of people that donated money.

Bill and I would like to say a special "Thank You" to the parents, grandparents and adults who went on our trip. What a wonderful way to express to our children how important they are to us, but more important in serving God.

In whatever way that you helped, it was very much appreciated.

Bill Mills and Todd Kirk

Weekly Bible Reading

May 1 - Luke 20:1-26, I Samuel 18-19
May 2 - Luke 20:27-47, I Samuel 20-22
May 3 - Luke 21:1-24, I Samuel 23-24
May 4 - Luke 21:25-38, I Samuel 25-26
May 5 - Luke 22:1-23, I Samuel 27-29
May 6 - Luke 22:24-53, I Samuel 30-31
May 7 - Luke 22:54-71, II Samuel 1-3



SERMON NOTES

What Do I Still Lack? (Luke 18: 18-27)

“And he said, “ _____ these I have kept from my _____.” Jesus said to him, “You still lack _____ thing Sell all that you have and _____ to the poor, and you will have _____ in _____; and come _____ Me.” But when he heard this, he became very _____, for he was very _____.” (Luke 18:21-23)

Much good could be said about the Rich Young Ruler. He was a good _____. He was a _____ man. He asked the right _____. “Good Teacher, what shall I _____ to inherit _____ life?” (Luke 18:18)

#1) The RYR lacked a true _____ of Jesus. He believed Jesus to be a _____. He referred to Jesus as _____. “Do not be called _____; for one is your _____, the Christ, and you are all _____” (Matthew 23:8-10) “Why do you call Me _____? No one is _____ but One, that is _____.” (Luke 18:19)

The RYR failed to understand that Jesus is _____. Jesus allowed the RYR to _____ before Him. Neither _____ (Acts 22:24-26), nor an _____ allowed men to worship them. (Revelation 19:10)

#2) The RYR lacked a true understanding of _____. He thought of himself as a _____, _____ man. Jesus said “You know the _____.” He said “ _____ of these I have kept from my _____.” (Luke 18:20-21)

The Law did not _____. “But, that no one is _____ by the Law in the sight of God is evident, for the _____ shall live by _____.” (Galatians 3:11)

We are not _____. “There is none _____, no, not one.” (Romans 3:10-11) “For all have _____ and _____ short of the _____ of God.” (Romans 3:23)

The Good News: God _____ sinners.

#3) The RYR lacked understanding that we cannot _____ our _____. We are saved by the _____ of God. “Not by works of _____ which we have done, but according to His _____ He saved us.” (Titus 3:5)

There is no _____ _____ by which we are saved. We are not saved by _____ only. “He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved.” (Mark 16:16) “Through the _____ of _____ and renewing of the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5) We must still _____ away from _____ thing that means more to us than _____. “Whoever desires to _____ after Me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____ Me. For whoever desires to save his life will _____ it, but whoever _____ his life for My sake and the _____ will save it.” (Mark 8:34-35)



PRAYER

The song book we use here at Camden Avenue has nearly 75 songs about or mentioning prayer and our prayer life. One to concentrate on today is - "Ere you left your room this Morning".

The song asks, in modern language, "Before you left your bedroom this morning, did you think to pray?"

But what are we to pray for?

In Matthew 7:11, we are shown that we will be given what we need, because if we would do good for our children, God would obviously do good for us, His children.

I John 5:14 tells us ***"And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us."***

Again we ask. What does that **anything** consist of?

It is offering thanks and praise to God, praying for the work of the church and the growth of Christians. It is also for our personal needs - wisdom, fleeing from temptation, forgiveness, health issues, financial stability, etc. And, it also for the needs of others - sickness, loving our enemies, rulers of our lands and so on.

What attitude should we have in prayer?

A wonderful example of the attitude we should have is that of Stephen, as he was being stoned.

Acts 7:60, says he "kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." And then he died. This is very much like the request Jesus made of the ones who crucified him, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

We are to go to God with the attitude of forgiveness toward others, and thanksgiving to Him and with a confidence that we will receive what we need to sustain ourselves.

What conditions do we pray under?

A condition of:

Faith - Hebrews 11:6 tells us that He is the rewarder of those that diligently seek after Him

Doing God's will - I John 3:22 tells us that "whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

Unselfishness - James 4:3 tells us that "ye may ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts"

Humility - I Peter 5:6 tells us to humble ourselves so He may exalt us.

Forgiveness of others - The prayer example that the Lord gave us, Stephen's prayer, and the prayer of Christ on the Cross, all show us we are to pray for the forgiveness of others.

And always, we pray in Christ's name - John 14:13, and 16:23 tells us that whatever we ask "in My name, that will I do", so the Father would be glorified.

So the next time you go to God in prayer, use the examples and patterns He has laid out for us and enter into prayer humbly, but boldly because He only wants what is best for us. And remember, He may answer yes, wait a little while until the time is more proper, or even no, but all of those are answers.

Pat Barclay, Elder

DANA'S DIRECTION Do What You Can



One of my favorite accounts in the gospels is in Mark 14 when Jesus is at Simon the leper's house (v. 3-9). While there, Mary, the sister Lazarus and Martha, took a flask of very costly oil and anointed Jesus' head with it (see also, John 12:1-7). Some there, apparently led by Judas, were very upset at the waste of the oil. But Jesus defended her noble actions, saying that she had done a good work for Him in that she was anointing His body for burial. He also said that whatever the gospel is preached, what she had done will be told as a memorial to her; obviously it has time and time again over the ages.

But the words that stick most in my mind concerning the actions of Mary are when our Savior said, "She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8). In those six short words, volumes are said about the attitude of Mary in serving and honoring the Christ. In fact, it is interesting to note that what she didn't do says just as much as what she did do. Notice for example:

She didn't wait to be asked to do something. What a great example to us! She found a way to do what she could. Too many brethren don't do anything for the Lord because they are never asked. Follow Mary's example; find something and do it.

She didn't make excuses about her limitations. I'm sure there were a lot of things she did not have (ability, time, or resources) to properly do for Jesus. But she didn't dwell on that, she sought out something that she could do. You can do a lot with even a little. Sadly, there are Christians today who make excuses for not doing for the Lord.

She didn't worry about criticism. And she was criticized, but she did it anyway. Which is more important, the praise of the Lord or the approval of men? We spend too much time worrying about what others will think or say. To gain the approval of the Lord, do what you can and don't worry about man.

She didn't fret over the cost. It was very costly, but that was unimportant as far as she was concerned - Jesus was worth it. There are a lot of things that some people consider too valuable to give up for the Lord. But for the true follower, nothing is too big to sacrifice for the One who has sacrificed for them.

Look at it this way: Can you do it? Then do what you can.

CHOOSING TO FORGIVE

by Don Loftis

On December 1, 1997 a student at Heath High School in Paducah opened fire on students assembled for a preschool prayer session. His actions killed three and left five others injured, including Missy Jenkins. Missy was paralyzed from the shooting. Recently, she has released a book entitled *I Choose to Be Happy*. It tells of her faith which allowed her to have a positive attitude in her ordeal and of her choice to forgive the shooter and to actually visit him in prison.

Jesus said, "For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions" (Matthew 6:14,15). In frequent dealing with the topic of forgiveness, the biblical writers seem to highlight two of its great values.

Forgiveness offers a release from anger associated with mistreatment. Anger leads to bitterness, hatred, revenge, and ultimately spiritual burnout. Paul states, "Be angry and sin not, do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity" (Ephesians 4:26,27). Forgiveness shuts the door on the devil and allows us to move on with our lives.

Forgiveness also helps us to appreciate and accept the forgiveness the Lord provides through the cross. Paul continued in verse 32 of Ephesians 4: "And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Forgiveness is neither the denial of a hurt nor the refusal to recognize its ongoing consequences. Forgiving is not the same as forgetting. My forgiving another does not change the relationship with God, but it does change my relationship with them. It is a choice to release someone from a "debt" and to move on; or as Missy says, "Choose to be happy."

Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP



Some in our media advise us not to tell our kids about abstinence. They say because if you do, they will be curious about it and will go out and have sex. That is Ridiculous! We certainly don't use this irrational logic in reference to other things. For example, we don't tell our kids about not murdering or not stealing, because if we do, they will be curious about it and will go out and murder and steal. We do tell our children not to touch a hot stove, because we know what will happen if they do.

No, we tell them about not doing it, because we do **NOT** want them to do it! We know this is the best method for preventing them from hurting themselves.

The evil influences in the world want our children to fail. They know that if they can get our children to believe as they do and act as they do, they have only to wait one generation to destroy the very moral culture that has sustained us as the greatest country in the world.

As Paul said, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

Listen to God, **NOT** to man!

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

MEN SERVING MAY 8

ELDER IN CHARGE— Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM— Jim Galloway
PM— Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM— David Kimes
Close— Jimmy Galloway
6:00 PM— Ryan Gaston
Close— Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM— Stan Inman
PM— Mike Wade

COMMUNION TABLE

AM— Rick Stanley
PM— Pat Barclay
Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM— Todd Kirk

"As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15



A small house will hold as much
happiness as a big one.

Anonymous

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS/EVENTS

May 1-6

Daybrook Church of Christ in Fairview, WV
Speaker: Peter Ray Cole

May 8-12

Rosemar Church of Christ
Various speakers

Cairo congregation

May 9- Speaker: Mike Jones and

May 10-Speaker: Larry Wigal

We will be providing transportation.

May 9-11

28th Annual INMAN Biblical Preaching Seminar

May 10

Beallsville Church of Christ in Beallsville, OH
Ladies Inspiration Day
Speaker: Patty Sayre

Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.



The Lawn Crew for this
week is the Taberner
Crew.

They include Josh Barclay Kody Inman,
Bill Kirby, and Jeff Taberner.

Facts and Figures

April 24, 2011

AM Service.....324

Bible Study.....197

PM Service.....219

Wednesday.....202

Contribution.....\$6729.61

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

Friday Night Sing



The Friday Night sing is at
the Dewey Avenue
congregation.

Transportation will leave
here at 6:15.

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



UPCOMING TOPICS

May 8
THE EDUCATION OF OUR
CHILDREN