

**Camden Avenue Church of Christ**  
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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**Camden Avenue 500  
Family and Friends Day  
Next Sunday**



**Invite your family and friends!**

We will begin the day of worship and fellowship at 9:30AM for service, 11:00 AM for Bible Classes, followed by lunch on the grounds.

## Elders:

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Dearll Vincent

## Deacons:

Josh Barclay  
Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Brian Haught  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Everett Sams  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Scott Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

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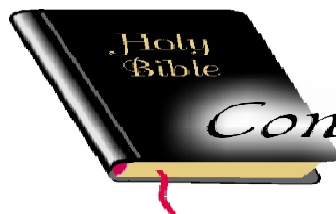
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# Congregation Prayer List

*Remembering You in Prayer*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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, Lawney "Buster" Kupfner, 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.



- I appreciate all the birthday cards and kind notes. **Dwain Shears**
- Thank you for the anniversary cards. We truly appreciate them all. **John and Karen Life**
- Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one of them. **Jenny Ware**
- Thank you for all of the wonderful birthday cards and well wishes. **David Nulter**
- Thank you, one and all, for the special birthday cards. I am truly blest to be a part of this church family. The cake and strawberries were great. **Bill Pralley**
- I would like to let everyone know that I got a very good report after my PET scan. I am nearly cancer free, just a small spot left that they are not even going to treat, just watch. I want to thank everyone for their prayers. Plus all of the kindness shown to me during my treatments. Thank you all so much. In Christian love, **Jim VanCamp**



## PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice that Jim and Sallie Hinzman placed membership with us. They will be in Care Group 2. We welcome them to the Camden Avenue family.

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

We will be conducting the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday at 7:00PM. Care Group 2 invites everyone to come worship with the residents.

## MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

## LADIES LUNCHEON TUESDAY

All ladies are invited to bring their lunch this Tuesday at noon to the Fort Boreman Park shelter.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 26

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

## LADIES TEA AND LUNCH - JUNE 2

Have YOU signed the new sheet in the foyer for the Ladies' Tea/Lunch Saturday, June 2 at 12:00 in the MP Room? A lot of planning has gone into this special day for you and your guests. We hope you will join us in this time of fellowship. Remember to sign up!!!!!!

## GRADUATION PICTURES

Pictures of 2012 graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by next Sunday. (Include graduate's name and school information.) We will feature the graduates in an upcoming bulletin.



## Daily Bible Reading

May 20 - John 5:1-18, I Ki 6-7  
May 21 - John 5:19-47, I Ki 8  
May 22 - John 6:1-24, I Ki 9  
May 23 - John 6:25-51, I Ki 10-11  
May 24 - John 6:52-71, I Ki 12-13  
May 25 - John 7:1-24, I Ki 14-15  
May 26 - John 7:25-29, I Ki 16-17  
May 27 - John 7:40-53, I Ki 18-19



OVU presents the 4th Annual  
**Gospel Quartet Concert**

Featuring  
The Miller Brothers  
One-A-Chord  
Distant City  
Vocal-A-Chord  
Valley Voices  
OVU Express

Saturday, June 9, 5:30PM  
OVU Alumni Gymnasium

\$5.00 Admission



## NEXT SUNDAY

### FAMILY AND FRIEND'S DAY

Invite your family and friends to our Camden Avenue 500 (Family and Friend's Day) next Sunday. **Please bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages for lunch on the grounds.**

### DEACON'S MEETING

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

### 6th-12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL

There will be a 6th-12th grade devo. next Sunday evening after services in the MP Room. Bring \$3.00 for pizza.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## The Power of an Invitation



Dr. Harold Shank, the President of Ohio Valley University, tells the story of his introduction to Christianity. When he was just a boy his family did not attend church. A neighbor invited Harold to Vacation Bible School at the local church of Christ. He enjoyed it so much that it was suggested he might enjoy coming to Bible class and church services on Sundays and Wednesday nights. He did.

This early invitation led to the conversion of his family, study at Christian university, becoming an educator, over thirty-five years in ministry, teaching Bible and now serving in the very important role of leading OVU - all because one Christian invited a little boy to Vacation Bible School.

I am reminded of the apostle Andrew. We are not really told much about Andrew's success as an evangelist - but one thing we are told - he brought his brother Peter to Christ, and his contribution to the church of the first century was great. We may not have the talent or the opportunity to be leaders in the church, but we can - all of us - show interest in the souls of loved ones, neighbors and friends, by inviting them to church.

### Family and Friend's Day - Camden Ave. 500

**Next Sunday - May 27<sup>th</sup>.** We have set an attendance goal of 500 for our Family and Friend's Day this year. Will we reach that goal? I don't know, but I do know that every one that attends will be blessed with the opportunity to worship and have fellowship with a faithful congregation of the Lord's church. I also know that each of us working together can make next Sunday a very special day for the church at Camden Ave.

Have you invited anyone yet? It's not too late! You may be wondering "Who should I ask?" Don't overlook anyone who potentially may come. **Have you considered:**

- **Mothers and Fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins and their families?** If your family is like most, we don't get together as often as we wish, going to church together is a wonderful opportunity - they will learn more about your faith in the process.
- **People you grew up with** - especially those you grew up with in the church? Many of them have not remained faithful through the years - this may be the first step back for them!
- **People who share common interests?** The guys who go 4-wheeling with you, the retiree's group that meets for breakfast once a month. The other moms and dads who participate in your kid's ball teams or school activities.
- **People you interact with daily?** The people at work. The man who cuts your hair, the clerk at the grocery store, the family in the neighborhood whose kids play with your kids, the older couple that lives across the street.
- **You can invite people that you don't even know.** Take some of the flyers and post them on public bulletin boards at work or in the post office or the grocery store. Come tomorrow night and help us pass them out in our neighborhood. We may not reach our goal of 500 - but one thing is sure - **people will not come unless we invite them!**

# **SERMON NOTES**

Compel Them To Come

Luke 14:15-24



# Count Your Blessings



~P. Nygard (Source Unknown)

Be careful what pranks you pull on your children or you may get a message from them that sound like this...

Dear Mom and Dad,

Just thought I'd drop you a note to let you know about my plans. I've fallen in love with a guy named Jim. He quit High School after his junior year to get married. About a year ago, he got a divorce. We've been dating two months now, and I plan to marry him in the fall. At any rate, I dropped out of school last week, but I do plan to finish sometime in the future.

(On the second page, she continued...)

Mom and Dad, I just want you to know that everything I've written thus far in this letter is false. None of it is true. However it is true that I got a "D" in Western Civilization, I bet your relieved huh?. Hope to see you soon.

Love, Your Daughter.

What's a girl with such an imaginative plan for delivering news about a bad grade making a "D" on her report card? I'm not sure, but whatever is the case, it doesn't take a great mind to figure out this girl's strategy, does it? Even bad news can sound pretty good if it's kept in perspective. There have been times in my life when I've been tempted to wallow in self-pity, but it seems like every time I fall into this mood, people have crossed my path who force me to change my perspective and give thanks for the relatively few real problems I have.

So, the next time you're tempted to feel sorry for yourself and complain about how bad you have it...don't! Just look around. Would you trade your problems with that of your neighbors? Would you trade your aches and pains with those who are suffering in the hospital? Would you trade your discipline issues you have with your children with those parents who visit the grave site of their children? Would you trade the frustrations of your marriage with those who have suffered through divorce?

We all would do well to remember that there are many people in this world who would trade places with you and your problems in a heartbeat! Instead of focusing on your problems, try thanking him for your blessings!

# June Birthdays and Anniversaries

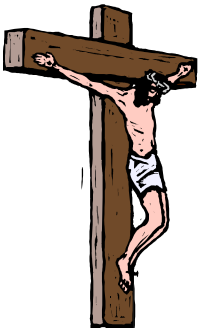
June 1 - Dana Slingluff  
June 2 - Khadija Drake, Jansen Goldsmith  
June 3 - Glenn Snider, \* Len and Susan Haid  
June 5 - Bill Mills  
June 6 - Jim Hughes  
June 8 - Peggy Dearth, Holly Haught  
June 10 - Ed Collins, Brenda Feick  
June 11 - Debbie Tallman  
June 12 - Gypsy Newberry  
June 14 - \* Jim and Sandy Hughes  
June 16 - Cathy Ballengee, David Frazier  
June 17 - Larry Plant  
June 18 - Pat Barclay  
June 21 - \* Kyle and Sarah Inman  
June 22 - \* Greg and Cassie Hennen  
June 23 - Kyle Cox  
June 24 - Mary Ann Barclay, Wilma Davis, Jo Langler  
June 25 - Jodriana Barclay, Jennifer Thomas  
June 26 - Dorothy Weaver  
June 28 - \* Bill and Carolyn Davis  
June 30 - Robin Anthony, Stan Inman



If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the church office this week.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



When a person works an eight-hour day and receives a fair day's pay for this time, that is called a WAGE.

When a person competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his performance, that is called a PRIZE.

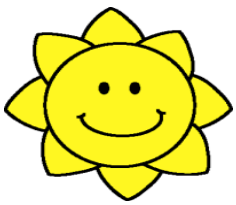
When a person receives appropriate recognition for his long service or high achievements, that is called an AWARD.

But when a person is not capable of earning wage, can win no prize, and deserves no award - yet receives such a gift anyway - that is GRACE. That is what we mean when we talk about the grace of God.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-10)

God loves you and God loves me. And by His grace He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. Even when we didn't deserve it!

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



# DRESSING FOR GOD THIS SUMMER

The warmth of summer is upon us, praise God! But with the warmer weather comes the temptation to dress down to the point of being immodest. Paul writes in I Timothy 2:9, "Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly. . ." Church, (men and women) it matters to God how we dress when it comes to exposing ourselves.

The way we dress can bring reproach upon the church not to mention cause a brother or sister to stumble. Now we cannot allow ourselves to become legalistic by establishing a dress code for men and women. So what do we do? Let me give you a principle to help you in selecting your clothing. Ask yourself this question. "Does my apparel bring honor to God or bring attention to myself?" I believe this principle if answered honestly will ensure that God's people are properly clothed.

Bulletin Digest  
(Ray Rose)

## THIS WEEK . . .

### TODAY

2:30 Love & Care service  
5:00 Men's Meeting  
5:30 Bible Busters

### TUESDAY

12:00 Ladies Luncheon at Fort Boreman Park

### WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Bible Study

### THURSDAY

7:00 Love & Care service

### FRIDAY

Friday Night Sing - Sunrise congregation

### SATURDAY

8:30 Men's Breakfast

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



**UPCOMING TOPIC**  
May 27  
MORAL PURITY

## Friday Night Sing



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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Next Sunday, May 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay  
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay  
PM - Korey Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Don Gaston  
Close - Jim Hughes  
6:00 PM - Kyle Inman  
Close - Russ Alton

### SCRIPTURE

AM - David Lamp  
PM - Chris Tallman

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Mills  
PM - Jimmy Galloway  
Brian Haught

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Steve Allen, Delmas Carr, Todd Kirk, and Daniel Nygard.



## Facts and Figures

May 13, 2012

AM Service.....319  
Bible Study.....196  
PM Service.....193  
Wednesday.....216  
Contribution.....\$6700.51

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....4  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....2  
Placed Membership....10

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30  
Bible Study.....11:00  
PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00