

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

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**We are so thankful that you chose to  
worship with us today on our Family and  
Friends Day.**

If you have any questions or would like more  
information on anything we say or do, please let Dana,  
the Elders or one of our members know.

Bible studies and Bible  
Correspondence Courses are also available upon  
request.

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Pat Barclay  
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 Gary Herridge  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
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 Ron Riddle  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, 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, Gwendolyn Maynard, 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.



Please remember Linda Moncrief in your prayers. She will be having surgery at Charleston Area Medical Center this Thursday.



- ♥ Thank you for all the cards, calls and continued prayers while I was in the hospital and recuperating. **Marion Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you everyone for my birthday cards. Love, **Kiley Goldsmith**
- ♥ Where did that 1st year go? Thanks so much for the nice anniversary cards. They made our day even better. **Bob & Gala Miller**



## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY TODAY**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch following worship and Bible classes under the tent on the church lawn.

## **DEACON'S MEETING TODAY**

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

## **6th-12th GRADE DEVO. THIS EVENING**

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

## **LOVE AND CARE SING TOMORROW**

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. Your attendance is encouraging to the residents.

## **EVANGELISTIC MEETING TUESDAY**

The Evangelistic meeting will be Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 in the MP Room.

## **LADIES TEA AND LUNCH SATURDAY**

This Saturday, June 2 at 12:00 will be our Ladies Tea! We're hoping that you have decided to take a couple of hours out of your day to attend. What a better time spent than enjoying lunch, laughter and lots of fellowship! Today is the last day to add your name to the sign up sheet. Don't forget!

## **GRADUATION PICTURES**

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

## **BOOK DONATED**

Ed and Ileene Lemley (Friday Night Sings) donated a book to our church library entitled *All the Women of the Bible* in memory of Sheila Conner.

## **GOSPEL MEETING CD'S AVAILABLE**

CD's of our recent gospel meeting with Clarence DeLoach are available on the counter in the foyer.



## **Daily Bible Reading**

**May 27** - John 7:40-53, I Ki 18-19

**May 28** - John 8:1-20, I Ki 20-21

**May 29** - John 8:21-47, I Ki 22

**May 30** - John 8:48-59, II Ki 1-3

**May 31** - John 9:1-12, II Ki 4-5

**June 1** - John 9:13-41, II Ki 6-7

**June 2** - John 10:1-21, II Ki 8-9

**June 3** - John 10:22-42, II Ki 10-11

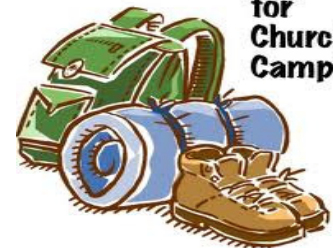
## **Ohio Valley Youth Camp at Camp Hervida**

Senior Week - June 10-15

Junior Week - June 17-22

Intermediate Week - June 24-29

**Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp!**



Registration forms are available  
in the foyers.



## **ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS**

The adult Bible Bowl class will  
begin next Sunday, June 3 in  
Room 154.

We will study Matthew  
chapters 1 and 2 from the  
New King James Version.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## The Importance of the Church



In a world where religious groups have wandered away from the beauty of the church as planned by God, many people have begun to think that the church is unimportant and irrelevant. This, however, is not true concerning the church Jesus built (Matthew 16:18). Its importance can be seen in various ways.

**The church must have been important to God, for it was included in His eternal planning.** Its existence is “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Ephesians 3:11). God designed the church so that His “wisdom might be made known to principalities and powers in the heavenly places” (Eph. 3:21).

**The church is important because of Jesus’ relationship to the church as its Builder** (Matthew 16:18), Foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), Head (Ephesians 5:23), the Groom and the church as His bride.

**The church’s importance is seen that it includes** those who submit to Jesus (Eph. 5:24). Those who because of their obedience to Jesus, have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into Jesus’ kingdom of light (Colossians 1:13)

**Jesus showed the importance He placed on the church by giving Himself for it** (Eph. 5:25) and purchasing it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Surely Jesus would not have died for something that was not important to Him!

**The church is so important to Jesus that His love motivates Him to care for it and provide for its needs.** He “nourishes and cherishes” the church (Eph. 5:25,29).

**The destiny of the church shows its importance.** It is made up of those whose names are written in heaven (Hebrews 12:23). Because their names are in the Book of Life, they will enter the heavenly city (Revelation 21:27), while those whose names are not there will be cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:15)

### Conclusion

There is no institution on the face of the earth that is as important to God as is the church of Christ. The kingdoms and organization on earth will all pass away, but the church that Jesus built will stand forever. It contains those who, because of their faith in Him, (John 8:24) have obeyed Him (Hebrews 5:9) by repenting (Luke 13:3), confessing (Romans 10:10), and being baptized, are forgiven of their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). The Lord adds to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47). Through one baptism they enter into His one body (I Corinthians 12:12), which is the church (Eph. 1:22-23) Following baptism, the members of the church of Christ must steadfastly (I Corinthians 12:13) live a new life for Him (Romans 6:4), being faithful unto death in order to receive their crown of life (Rev. 2:10) which is the hope of a home in heaven (I Peter 1:3,4).

-adapted from article by Owen Olbright

# SERMON NOTES

## Come Unto Me (Matthew 11:25-30)



An invitation from God. Who does the Lord invite? “All you who \_\_\_\_\_ and are heavy \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matt. 11:28) **Jesus calls those who are burdened beneath the weight of \_\_\_\_\_.** “Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.” (John 8:34)

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in a life of sin. But the \_\_\_\_\_ are like the troubled sea when it cannot \_\_\_\_\_, whose waters cast up mire and dirt, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ says God to the wicked.” (Isaiah 57:20) **The life of sin is an \_\_\_\_\_ life.** “I have come that you might have \_\_\_\_\_, and have it \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 10:10). **There is no consolation in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.** “You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_ and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 8:32)

**Who is invited?** “We have all \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (Romans 3:23)

**Jesus invites us to \_\_\_\_\_.** The decision to follow Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_. **Jesus invites us to see Him on the \_\_\_\_\_.** Jesus invites us to see the empty \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus invites us to learn.** “Take my \_\_\_\_\_ upon you and \_\_\_\_\_ from Me.” (Matt. 11:28) **Jesus is calling us to be \_\_\_\_\_.** “If you \_\_\_\_\_ in My \_\_\_\_\_, you are my disciples indeed.” (John 8:31) “He who \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and does not receive My \_\_\_\_\_, has that which judges him. The word that I have spoken will \_\_\_\_\_ him in the \_\_\_\_\_ day.” (John 12:48) “As His divine power has given to us \_\_\_\_\_ things that pertain to \_\_\_\_\_ and godliness through the Knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ who called us to glory and virtue.” (II Peter 1:3).

**Jesus teaches us how to be \_\_\_\_\_.** “Go into all the world and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved; but he who does not believe will be \_\_\_\_\_.” (Mark 16:15-16)

**Jesus invites us to submit.** “Take my \_\_\_\_\_ upon you.” (Matt. 11:29) “For I am \_\_\_\_\_ and lowly in heart.... My yoke is \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_ is light.” **God’s commands are not a \_\_\_\_\_ they are a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The blessing of Jesus’ invitation.** “I will give you \_\_\_\_\_...and you shall find rest for your \_\_\_\_\_.” “Peace I leave with you. My peach I give you, not as the \_\_\_\_\_ gives give I unto you. Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be troubled, neither let it be \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 14:27). **Won’t you \_\_\_\_\_ him come in?**

# The Importance of Hope

~P. Nygard



Hope can be described in many ways. It is an anchor for our soul in turbulent times. It is a comfort when we are unsure of the direction our lives are taking. Hope is a beacon of light piercing through a fog of confusion.

It is a simple word used in the most complex situations. A cancer survivor may say that it was hope and faith that saw them through the darkest of nights. Wounded soldiers from the battlefield shroud themselves in hope, of survival, of seeing family again, of being whole.

In the process of life, one can quite easily lose hope: in others, in God, and even in them self. Despair is often cyclical, spiraling into depression and helplessness, leading to even greater despair. The result is that one sad thing leads to another seemingly without end, until we feel that we can't possibly break free. It can all be a bit too much for our souls to handle, but with hope we have someone to turn to for help.

As humans, we *need* hope. Our life would be meaningless without it. Hope is part of the lifeblood of our spiritual survival and it is often the only thing that can pull us out of the deep trenches of pain and hurt in our lives.

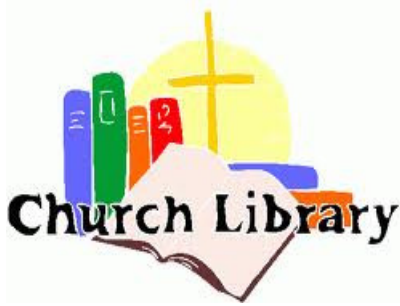
Let God be the source of hope in your life. Paul tells the Romans that our hope rests in a bright future that we cannot see with our eyes, "*For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?*" (Rom 8.24)

We have hope in the form of a promise, that as Christians, we will be adopted as children of God and heirs to the kingdom. We have hope because God can provide patience and comfort through His word while we are on earth (Rom 15.4). Most importantly, we have confidence and hope of eternal life with God.

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Tit 1.2)

God is the source of all hope for a world that desperately needs Him. Unfortunately, many people do not realize they need Him until the depths of despair are closing in. They need a beacon leading their souls to safety. Are you a beacon of hope for the Lord?

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

The church is comprised of members, each one a minister; deacons, who serve in special services; evangelists, who proclaim the word in a public setting; finally, elders, who have the responsibility to watch out for the flock. Therefore, elders are shepherds.

J.J. Turnerm PhD, continues his “Wake Up” series in his short treatise - Shepherds, Wake Up! Ancient Training for Modern Shepherds. Turner, thoughtfully and logically examines the shepherd model. To be a God-driven shepherd one must know the flock and the flock must know him. Too often today overseers of God’s children have abandoned God’s design in exchange for the “cooperate board of directors” model. Shepherds know they are part of the family of God.

This book is power packed with insight for the flock and the shepherds. It seeks to improve the relationship to each other, to restore New Testament Christianity in the twenty-first century with required Biblical leadership - shepherd leadership and knowledge of shepherds to flock, and flock to shepherds. This book should be required reading for everyone.

These featured books were donated in memory of my mother, Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.

John Rockhold III

### Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Our physical bodies demand water. That shouldn’t surprise anyone since 55% of the human body mass is water. Our blood is 83% water and our muscles are 75% water. Even our bones are 22% water. Our survival depends on getting enough water, and just 2% deficiency means we are dehydrated.

Thirst is a sensation we all experience, but few can explain. All we know is that when we’re thirsty, we begin searching for something to drink.

How’s your spiritual thirst? Jesus pointed to this reality: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” (John 7:37-38)

Do you crave the righteousness of God, found in the pages of Scripture? How long has it been since you’ve had a drink?

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



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Next Sunday, June 3

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson**

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Brian Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Paul Inman

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover

Close - Mike Wade

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Rick Stanley

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Barry Mills

PM - Jeff Taberner  
Don Dougherty

**PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk**



## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1. You may read about it in the Bible. (Romans 16:16)
2. It assembled for regular worship (Hebrews 10:25)
3. It has no creed but Christ, and binds no name on its members. (Acts 11:26)
4. It speaks where the Bible speaks, and is silent where the Bible is silent. (I Peter 4:11)
5. It exalts Christ as the only head. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23)
6. We plead for the unity of all believers in Christ. (John 17:20-21; I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-6)
7. It is not a denominational, nor a group of denominations, but simply the body of Christ. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23)
8. Its founder is Christ Himself. (Matthew 16:18)
9. Its aim - to save souls by preaching the gospel. (Romans 1:16)

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

They include Steve Allen, Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, and Dwain Shears.



## Facts and Figures

May 20, 2012

AM Service.....286

Bible Study.....191

PM Service.....213

Wednesday.....210

Contribution.....\$5928.79

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....2

Placed Membership....10

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

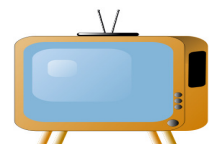
1. Hear (John 20:30-31; Romans 10:17)
2. Believe (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 1:16)
3. Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)
5. Be Baptized (Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:38)
6. Continue faithful until death (II Peter 1:1-11)

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 5:00 Friday for the sing at the Eastside, OH congregation.

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



**UPCOMING TOPIC**

June 3

**OVERCOMING WORRY**

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00