

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

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END-OF-THE-SCHOOL YEAR DEVOTIONAL AND ICE CREAM PARTY

Wednesday evening, June 8 after services in the
MP Room for all school age children and their families

Sign the list in the foyer if you would like to donate
refreshments.

Students, this summer will be a good time to study God's
word.

**"Grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord."
II Peter 3:18**

Elders:

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

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 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Baby Edwin Hoover, Janet Johnson, Jo Langler, Dan McNemar, Linda Moncrief, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, John Stevens, Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joann Collins. She passed away Saturday, May 21. Her funeral was Friday here at the building.

Please keep Ed, Jack Newberry, Delbert Beach and the family in your prayers.

THANK YOU NOTES



- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. I sure enjoyed all of them. **Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards. They made my day! **Steve Allen**
- ♥ Thanks to all the kids and parents for the big surprise. The soup and cookies were delicious. Love to all, **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ We appreciate the many acts of kindness shown our family in the passing of my father, Jeff's grandfather and Madison and Carly's great-grandfather. A special thanks to those who attended the funeral, to all that have sent cards and the flowers sent by the church. It means so much to have such a loving and caring church family. **Joyce and Herb, Jeff, Julie and girls**
- ♥ We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. **Harold Kocher Family**
- ♥ Thank you for your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, and your attendance at the calling hours and funeral for my beloved sister, Martha Smith, of St. Marys. Fondly, **Mary Nesselroad and family**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards! Also I really enjoyed the youth who brought soup, crackers, and cookies for my mom. They were so cheerful. Thank you. **Belinda Buckley**

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The adult Bible Bowl class will meet next Sunday in the MP Room with Bill Mills. He will be discussing the first chapter of Judges (NKJV).

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a meeting in Room 109 at 5:00 next Sunday for all Care Group leaders and co-leaders.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PARTY

Wednesday, June 8 after services we will have an end-of-the-school-year ice cream party and devotional in the MP Room for all school age students and their families. We will celebrate the last day of school. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK NEEDED

The Potter Children's Home is asking for us to share recipes to be included in their Favorites From Home Volume 3 cookbook. Make sure to include your name, city and state, and the name of the congregation you attend. Please send your recipes to: Potter Children's Home, Attention: Barb, P.O. Box 479, Bowling Green, KY 42102 or email to Barb@potterministries.org.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

OVYC is asking for our help with a donation of supplies. The list indicating what they need is located on the counter in the foyer. Items need to be at the church building by this Tuesday. See Bill Kirby for details. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help send a child to church camp, see one of the Elders.

SUMMER QUARTER BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Department Heads-please turn in the list of teachers and topics for the summer quarter to the office ASAP. The summer quarter begins this Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RICK STANLEY!

Rick was recently appointed to serve on the board at the Mid-Western Children's Home.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY, DANA!

We are planning a "surprise" birthday get-together for Dana this Wednesday after services. We will have cake and ice cream in the MP Room. Plan to help Dana celebrate getting a year older!

Weekly Bible Reading

May 30 - John 8:48-59, II Kings 1-3
May 31 - John 9:1-12, II Kings 4-5
June 1 - John 9:13-41, II Kings 6-7
June 2 - John 10:1-21, II Kings 8-9
June 3 - John 10:22-42, II Kings 10-11
June 4 - John 11:1-27, II Kings 12-14
June 5 - John 11:28-57, II Kings 15-16
June 6 - John 12:1-26, II Kings 17

THE BIBLE IS YOUR MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION MANUAL.

Congratulations to Taylor and Haley!

Their names were omitted in the bulletin last week.



Emerson-Taylor Atkinson
(Scholarship List)

Fairplains-Haley Johnson
(Principles List)



Ohio Valley Youth Camp (Camp Hervida)

Senior Week June 12-17

Junior Week June 19-24

Intermediate June 26-July 1

(Registration forms are available in the foyers.)

West Virginia Christian Youth Camp (in Pennsboro)

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

SERMON NOTES
The Truth Shall Make You Free

John 8:31-36

A NOTE FROM LEN HAID, DEACON

Imagine That!

God gave man the pinnacle of all of His creation by making man in His own image: Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every living thing that creeps on the earth." (**Genesis 1:26-27**). God also blessed man and gave him to rule over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things under his feet. (**Psalms, Chapter 8**). Given all of this responsibility and potential to explore ones imagination to its limits, man exercises his ability to experiment, providing he remains within the boundaries set forth by God. And the Lord said: "Behold, they are one people and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose will be impossible for them." (**Genesis 11:1-9**). We can see that if man is left to his own devices, he will become vain in his imaginations to his own destruction.

The vastness and complexity of God's creation stimulates the human mind, causing him to seek gratification through exploration of many endeavors and the futility of wisdom. For man has no hope beyond this life if he devotes all of his attention on gaining the best from it. For man's purpose extends far beyond our imaginations and we can be summed up by fearing God and keeping His commandments. (**Ecclesiastes 12:9-14**).

Leonard Haid - Deacon

June 2011 Youth Activities

- June 5** - GIFT Class at 4:30PM in Room 112 for 5th-12th grade girls
- June 5** - High School Graduation Recognition after PM service in MP Room
- June 8** - End-of-school-year devo. and ice cream party after service in MP Room for all school age students and their families
- June 12** - Lads to Leader Sign-Up for all ages after PM service in MP Room
- June 13 - 16 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:00-8:30 PM**
- June 18** - Youth Devo. (K-5th grade at Mills' home) and (6th-12th grade at Bayer's home)
- June 19** - GIFT class at 4:30PM in Room 112 for 5th-12th grade girls
- June 28** - Cedar Point trip for all ages

If you have any questions see Todd Kirk or Paul Saunders.



DANA'S DIRECTION

ANTICIPATING THE LORD'S RETURN

Early Christians anticipated the Lord's return -- and prayed that it would come quickly.

I suppose there has always been speculation about the date, but a careful reading of your Bible will disclose how useless date-setting is. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, not the Son, but the Father only" (Matthew 24:36). Surely no one can think that what was hidden from Jesus will be revealed to him! Nevertheless, countless time, ingenuity and labor has been wasted in speculation regarding the Second Coming of our Lord.

A far more practical course to follow is to heed the words of Jesus to be prepared. "You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour" (Luke 12:40). At that time the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will be dissolved with fire, the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up. And woe to those who are unprepared.

If however, one has continued to be faithful to his duties, if he has been watching and waiting, the uncertainty of the hour will be no cause for alarm or anxiety. That person has a blessing in store for him. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at the table, and he will come and serve them" (Luke 12:37).

Shocking isn't it! The waiting servant will be served by the Master -- at His table!
But we must be ready. "for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

~John Gipson

* I thought this article was appropriate considering all of the attention that was given in the media to the latest predictions of the end of time. According to Harold Camping, minister and spokesman for Family Radio, the rapture, tribulation, judgment and the end of the world, were going to be issued in with a giant, worldwide earthquake this past Tuesday, May 21, 2011. I guess, since you are reading this I don't have to tell you, it didn't happen. Mr. Camping has just proven to be another in a long line of false prophets. (Deut. 18:22) As brother Gipson's article clearly states no man can predict the time of the Lord's return. The only thing we do know is we are each closer to standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ than we have ever been. The only way to be ready is to live ready.

What Do Elders Do?

They check to see that the Truth is preached, counsel with those having spiritual problems, encourage new converts, decide on the policy the church will follow, propose a financial budget, listen to the complaints of members, teach Bible classes, praise those who do good works, spend time with children, pray, worry when someone quits attending worship, visit the sick, try to help people who don't want help, investigate sticky problems, cry with the brokenhearted, manage (difficult to handle) people, sit through long meetings, model Christianity, greet visitors, conduct home Bible studies, catch a lot of flack, hear the appeals of the missionaries, look for new areas of service, wonder why they feel lonely, go and see the elderly, don't sleep well at night, are involved in community activities, work for a living, try to restore the unfaithful, counsel young couples, read and study their Bibles, face special temptations, know they will be judged severely, smile when their efforts pay off, go on to the next problem, train others to take their places, and 101 other daily tasks.

Love them. Pray for them. Back them in their work. Defend them when you hear them criticized, and be thankful that God gave them to us.

~Copied



Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his young players, "Do you understand what cooperation is and what teamwork is all about?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"Do you understand that what really matters is not whether we win or lose, but that we play together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "Good," said the coach.

"And, when a strike is called, or you're thrown out at first, you don't argue, curse, attack the umpire with a bat, or throw dirt in the opposing team member's faces. Do you understand all that?" The little boy said, "Well sure coach. That's what you taught us."

"Good," said the coach. "Now, please go over there and explain all that to your mother!"

You know, it is sad to see parents who act in an irresponsible manner, because you know that they are teaching their children to behave in a similar manner. God has given parents the awesome responsibility to teach their children what is right. But God also expects parents to live in such a way that their children can see that they also practice what they preach! Parents **PLEASE** set the right example!

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

MEN SERVING JUNE 5

ELDER IN CHARGE— Gary Herridge

DEACON IN CHARGE - Larry Wigal

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Paul Inman

Close— Rob Hoover

6:00 PM—Pat Barclay

Close—Brian Haught

SCRIPTURE

AM—Clyde Yoho

PM—Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—John Life

PM—Keith Smith

Russ Alton

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here at 6:30 for the Friday Night sing at the Barlow/Vincent congregation.

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



UPCOMING TOPICS

June 5

Religious Confusion

AREA EVENTS

Saturday, June 4 at 5:30PM

OVU Summer Quartet Concert

July 25-28

Spencer Campaign

Canvassing the area July 18-22

The Friday Night sing will be at Spencer on July 22.

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

May 22, 2011

AM Service.....300

Bible Study.....236

PM Service.....204

Wednesday.....197

Contribution.....\$6800.91

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....3

Our Vacation Bible School will be June 13-16 at 7:00-8:30PM.

We will have classes for all ages.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

The Church of Christ

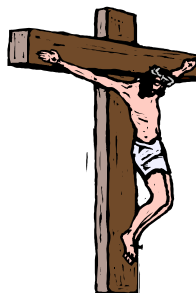
God Purposed It - Ephesians 3:11

Christ Died For It - Ephesians 5:25

His Blood Purchased It - Acts 20-28

The Saved Compose It - Acts 2:47

Surely YOU Should Investigate It!



Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00