

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Friday evening.

7:00PM

We will have a time of fellowship in the MP
Room following the sing.

Bring finger foods, snacks, desserts, and
beverages.

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

Minister:

Dana Slingluff
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THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ The family of Marjorie Hart would like to thank everyone at Camden Ave. Church of Christ for the cards, prayers and visits during the recent passing of our beloved Mother and Grandmother. The food for the visitation on Friday evening was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Linda Camp and Wes Cochran for organizing and delivering everything. **Susan Swackhammer and Holly Swackhammer** A very special thank you to Don and Mary Nesselroad for all the kindness: the visits, flowers and donations to Love and Care in Mother's name. What a nice gesture. Also a very special thank you to Gary and Sharon Herridge for coming to the hospital and praying with the family and for Mother. It meant so much. **Susan Swackhammer**
- ♥ I would like to thank those who gave me the beautiful birthday cards and gifts plus many birthday greetings. You all made my birthday very special. In Christian love, **Sue VanCamp**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards - we love and appreciate you for your thoughtfulness. **Bill and Sherry Hoover**
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards, prayers, concern and thoughts during my long battles after the accidents. You, my extended family and with God's help, have enabled me to begin to attain my goal and dream of walking again.
Love, **Jenny Reynolds**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the memorial gifts, flowers, prayers, food, visits and special thoughts during the death of Mom. You are all so very special and are helping me to make it through this and the near future. In Christian love, **Jenny and the Reynolds family**

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Opal Ray. She passed away Tuesday evening. Her funeral was Friday at the Leavitt Funeral Home.

Remember these folks in prayer. . .

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jean Buckley, Sheila Conner, Lee Edwards, De Fleak, Jane Pralley, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Linda Keller, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Frank Love, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Wes, McIntyre, Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch today in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items and desserts.

LLL BULLETIN BOARD MEETING TODAY

The LLL students involved in bulletin boards will meet today at 5:00 in the LLL workroom and will begin meeting every other Sunday.

LADIES LUNCHEON TOMORROW

All ladies are invited to bring their brown bag lunch (fast food) and enjoy a time of fellowship at noon tomorrow in the MP Room. Bring a copy of your favorite cookie recipe to share.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS MEETS THIS WEEK

The Tuesday Evening Ladies class will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 in the MP Room.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING THIS FRIDAY

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BRIDGEPORT YOUTH RALLY THIS FRIDAY - SATURDAY

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the Bridgeport Youth Rally. We will leave at 5:00PM Friday, November 18 and return at approximately 3:30PM Saturday, November 19. For further details, see Paul Saunders.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS MEET NEXT SUNDAY

The Men's Meeting will meet at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30 next Sunday .

"SILVER FOR CHILDREN" CANS - POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME

A representative from Potter's Children's Home will be here December 4 to pick up the filled Silver for Children coin banks. Return your coin bank to the office by Sunday, December 4.

CABELA'S AND OGLEBAY WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN WHEELING, WV TRIP

We will be providing transportation Saturday, December 3 to Cabela's Sporting Goods and the Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights. We will leave the building at 10:00AM and returning around 9:00PM. The trip will be weather permitting. There will be a \$10.00 fee per person. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the foyer.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow will be the blood drive at the Lubeck Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Blood donations are needed.

SACK THE PULPIT

December will be
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to restock our church food pantry.
(A list of needed items will be printed in
the bulletin. Monetary donations may
be given to the Elders.)

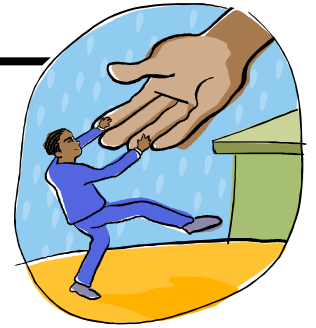


CD'S AVAILABLE

CD's of the Gospel Meeting with
Brother Tom Miller are available
on the counter in the foyer.



Dana's Direction "Hypocrites in the church"



A young man was telling me, recently, why it had taken him so long to become a Christian, he said, "I had a hard time dealing with the hypocrisy that I saw in the church."

Well, it is true that there are hypocrites in the church. It would be hypocritical of me to deny it! But what does that have to do with my responsibility to serve the Lord? Isn't it hypocritical to use what others do, or do not do, as an excuse for failing to be what we need to be?

Hypocrisy is the act of pretending to be something we are not. Usually it is an attempt to cover up attitudes or motives that are not as acceptable as the ones that are pretended. Hypocrisy is nothing new, nor is it confined to the realm of religion. Certainly, having just gone through an election season, we have seen many candidates who try to stand on every side of issues, to appeal to whatever audience they are speaking.

For those who are "offended" by hypocrisy in the church, what about the hypocrisy of the world? Isn't it the height of hypocrisy when cigarette companies offer information to help people stop smoking, the liquor industry sponsors campaigns against drinking and driving, and gambling interests encourage us to "play responsibly?"

It is true that only sincere service is acceptable to the Lord. Jesus rebuked those who prayed standing on the street corners and gave alms "to be seen of men" (Matthew 6). He warned of those who had a beam in their eye trying to remove the speck from the eye of their brother (Matthew 7:1-5). In Matthew 23, Jesus referred to the scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites no less than nine times? "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you saying: 'These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me!'" (Matthew 15:7-8).

But we never let hypocrites keep us from doing or being what we want to be in other areas of our life. Not everyone who comes to the football game is a real fan - many just come to be with their friends. Even when they cheer and wear the home team colors, they are doing so just to fit in. But, you don't allow their lack of commitment deter you.

The true hypocrite is the one who says "the reason I don't serve the Lord is because of the hypocrites in the church." If you look at the church and all you see the hypocrites, you are looking in the wrong places. You should be looking at Jesus - He is certainly everything that He claimed to be. Look at your brothers and sisters in Christ who are sincere and are genuinely seeking to serve the Lord. Some of what we may condemn as hypocrisy may just be imperfect people doing their best. And finally, look at yourself. When you remove the sin from your own life, then you will be able, not to condemn your brother, but to help him do better.



In Search of The Lord's Way

~Paul Nygard

Twice in the book of Acts, the apostle Paul gives a report to the brethren in Jerusalem. He tells them of '*all those things which God has done among the Gentiles through his ministry*'. (Acts 15.4,21.19-20)

It is encouraging to hear that the Lord's work is being done in the world. News of success can act like a charger for our spiritual batteries, reenergizing our own efforts to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all who will hear.

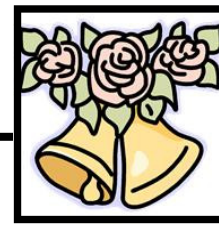
The 'drive-through', 'got to have it fast', 'thirty second attention span' that seems to be most prevalent in America creates challenges for us as we do our best to teach others about Christ. Researchers such as the Barna Group report that nearly 46% of adults listen to a Christian radio broadcast in a typical month. (www.barna.org). In fact, most Americans get their 'religious' information from radio, television, and ever increasingly, the internet.

What does this mean to us? Well, like Paul, we must become all things to all people. If the only way we can get Christ into a non-believers home is television or the internet, then we must use those tools to evangelize the world.

This does not mean that we should ever stop shaking hands and speaking to one another face to face. However, the elders here at Camden Avenue wisely recognize that we must go to the people, in whatever way that is effective.

This is why we as a congregation support the 'Search' television broadcasts. Now, do you want to hear some encouraging news for the Parkersburg area? Of course you do! The campaign efforts you participated in a year ago are bearing fruit. Not only have Bible studies in the area been conducted, resulting in some conversions, but the Search audience on Sunday mornings has more than tripled since May 2010! This is good news. I am happy that we are able to glorify God through this program.

Now I have to consider, how much more can we do? Remember the command of our Lord, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mt 28.19)



CARD SHOWER

Cotton and Patty Sayre's 11 year old granddaughter, Lidia DiConcilis (who lives in Uniontown, PA) is undergoing chemo treatments.

She would be delighted to receive get well cards from our congregation, including notes from children.

Please place them on the card table in the rear of the auditorium and Cotton and Patty will be sure she receives them.

MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON HUBER
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR
PRESENCE AT THE MARRIAGE OF
THEIR DAUGHTER
KASSANDRA KAY

TO

JUSTIN CHARLES ADKINS
SON OF MR. AND MRS. MARK ADKINS

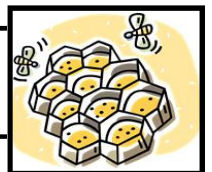
SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF
NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE
AFTERNOON

CAMDEN AVE. CHURCH OF CHRIST
2900 CAMDEN AVENUE
PARKERSBURG, WV

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT DU PONT
PARK.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP



Strange as it may seem, the honeybee makes her honey from exactly the same nectar that the hermit spider distills one of the deadliest poisons known to man! The honeybee's makeup allows her to produce honey, while the hermit spider's makeup allows it to produce poison. Only one of these products can bring a smile to the lips of a child.

In a similar way, two people can respond to the same circumstance in completely different ways. Do you get angry when someone cuts you off while driving? Do you lash out when your spouse or a fellow worker does something you feel is wrong? I hope that you don't let others decide what your attitude will be. We can do right despite what someone else does. God expects us to make the best of the circumstances we are given.

We can use every circumstance in our lives to either produce "honey" to the glory of God, or to produce "poison" to the shame of the maker. Which will you do?

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

MEN SERVING NOVEMBER 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Everett Sams

Close - Brian Haught

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Kody Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - David Wadlington

PM - Bill Mills

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Gary Herridge

PM - Ryan Gaston

Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Barry Mills

Close - Delmas Carr

6:00 PM - Dave Lamp

Close - Mike Wade

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Jimmy Galloway

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Ed Collins

PM - Jeff Taberner

Bill Merrill

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Jim VanCamp

2 - Dearll Vincent

4 - Lenore Vaught

PM

1. Herb & Joyce Wright

2. Calais Nygard & Hannah Shears

3. Jordan Kirk & Holly Haught

4. Jennifer Tallman & Ashley Nygard

5. Paul & Carrie Nygard

6. Kyle & Sarah Inman

Weekly Bible Reading

November 13 - Hebrews 4, Jer 51

November 14 - Hebrews 5, Jer 52

November 15 - Hebrews 6, Lam 1-2

November 16 - Hebrews 7, Lam 3-5

November 17 - Hebrews 8, Eze 1-3

November 18 - Hebrews 9, Eze 4-7

November 19 - Hebrews 10, Eze 8-11

AREA EVENTS

November 20

Barlow-Vincent congregation

Parenting

Speaker: Brian Sheppard

Lower Paw Paw congregation Homecoming

Speaker: Larry McKinney

Facts and Figures

November 6, 2011

AM Service.....318

Bible Study.....234

PM Service.....210

Wednesday.....235

Contribution.....\$9152.23

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

every Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

November 20

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Afternoon Study....1:00

Bible Study.....7:00

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Your presence has been a blessing!