

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

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
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Update

Jenny Reynolds was to be released from the hospital and was to be admitted to HealthSouth.

Prayer List

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jean Buckley, Sheila Conner, Lee Edwards, De Fleak, Marion Goldsmith, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, and 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, and Angel White

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

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I greatly appreciate everything for my birthday. You made getting another year older *nice!* Love, **Kimberlee Shears**
- ♥ The dinner was delicious. Cooks did great, servers were wonderful. Very enjoyable. Brenden said, "Just like a restaurant only you don't have to pay for it." I'm so "THANKFUL" to each one. Love, **Peggy Dearth**
- ♥ **Valeria Sprout** and **Wilma Lewis** want to thank Natalie Haught and the girls that raked their leaves.
- ♥ Thank you for inviting me to the widow/widowers dinner. The dinner was delicious and the fellowship was excellent. My thanks to the women and men that prepared the dinner and made it all possible. My thanks also for the youth that did a perfect job of registering and serving us. It is so good to see the youth working this way. May God bless you. You are a great family. **Susan Graham**

♥ A special thank you to Gary Farris for the goodies he donated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

LLL BULLETIN BOARD STUDENTS MEET NEXT SUNDAY

The LLL bulletin board students will be meeting in the workroom next Sunday after morning worship and Bible classes. Lunch will be provided.

DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

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

LOVE & CARE MONTHLY SING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be Monday, November 28 at 7:00PM. Come enjoy a time of worship and fellowship with the residents.

CABELA'S AND OGLEBAY WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TRIP

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

DECEMBER LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

We will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, December 4 and Thursday, December 8. Care Group 4 will be in charge. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

"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.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 10 in the MP Room at 9:00AM. Sign up sheets are on the counter for the attendance count and food donations.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

Our church food pantry is getting low on canned peaches, fruit cocktail, and canned potatoes. Items may be left in the library.

GOSPEL MEETING CD'S AVAILABLE

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



DANA'S DIRECTION

How will you spend Thanksgiving?

At times, it seems like holidays exist solely for the purpose of selling merchandise. Greeting cards, toys, candy, decorations. It's no wonder that the Christmas displays appear the day after Halloween! But, lost in all this shuffle, Thanksgiving seems to be almost overlooked.

We have pretty much developed a "tradition" for how to celebrate this day. We get together with family or friends and "pig out." We eat too much and then sit around watching football on T.V. until dinner settles enough so we can eat some cold turkey sandwiches. The next day we go out and battle the crowd at the mall on the heaviest shopping day for the next holiday - Christmas! While none of this is wrong, it has nothing to do with the intended purpose of Thanksgiving.

We have all heard the story of the first Thanksgiving when the pilgrims of the Plymouth Plantation gathered for a day of giving thanks in 1621. The previous year had been an extremely hard one. There had been bad weather, failed crops, disease. Many of the original founders of the colony had died. There was a growing feeling that they should give up and return to England. During this time they had designated many days of fasting and prayer. They determined to do so once more in late October 1621.

But an older, godly colonist challenged their thinking. He pointed out that even though times had been hard - God had blessed them! This year it looked like food was going to be plentiful. Many had died - but others had been blessed with children. And above all else, they now possessed that which was worth all the sacrifices they had made - their religious freedom. "The time" he said, "was not for fasting and mourning, but rather to celebrate and give thanks to God."

So that is the purpose for which the last Thursday of November has been set aside. To reflect on God's blessings and give thanks to Him. How much will "thanking God" be a part of Thanksgiving in America in 2011? Not as much as it should be - but I hope for all of us who are Christians, thanking God is a daily thing.



SERMON NOTES

Pray Boldly (Hebrews 4:14-16)

“For we do not have a _____ who cannot sympathize with our _____, but was in _____ points tempted as we are, yet without _____. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:14-16)

I) **We can pray boldly because we have _____ to God’s throne.** The High Priest offered sacrifices _____. (Hebrews 10:1) The blood of bulls and goats could _____ take away sin. (Hebrews 10:4) **Jesus is a _____ High Priest.** He has passed through the _____, and is sitting at the _____ hand of God. (Hebrews 4:14) His sacrifice is _____ for all. (Hebrews 10:10-12)

Reasons we can pray through Jesus. He is our _____. “For there is one _____ between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ.” (I Timothy 2:5) **He is our _____.** “If anyone _____ we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the _____.” (I John 2:1) **He is our _____.** “Our Father in _____, hallowed be Your name.” (Matthew 6:9)

II) **We can pray boldly because we have God’s _____ ear.** “He was in all points _____ as we are yet without _____.” (Hebrews 4:15)

III) **We can pray boldly if we meet the _____ of acceptable prayer.** “Let us hold fast to our _____.” (Hebrews 4:14) **Answered prayer is conditional. We must be faithful.** “And whatever we ask, we _____ because we keep His _____ and do those things _____ to Him” (I John 3:22). **We must pray in faith.** “Let him ask in _____, with no doubting... let not that man think he will _____ anything of the Lord.” (James 1:6-7) **We must pray through _____.** “If you ask anything in My _____, I will _____ it.” (John 14:14) **Our prayers must be heartfelt and _____.** “The effective, fervent prayer of a _____ man avails much.” (James 5:17)

IV) **God has promised to answer our prayer.** “That we may obtain _____ and find _____ to _____ in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16) **To life’s perplexing problems:** “If any of you lack _____, let him ask of God, who gives to all _____ and without _____, and it will be _____ him.” (James 1:5) **To situations that are out our control:** “My _____ is sufficient for you, for My _____ is made perfect in _____.” (II Corinthians 12:9)



Are You a Role Model?

~Paul Nygard

Most people have role models in their lives, but have you considered that you are probably a role model for someone else? This may be a responsibility that scares us at times, but we can be a strong spiritual role model for others.

The apostle Paul points out plainly that Christ is our perfect role model.

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. (I Cor 11.1)

You are teaching through example in the life you live before God.

By your godly or sinful life. (Tit 2.11-12)

By your seeking to please God. (Mt 6.33)

By your worldly or spiritual life. (Mt 6.19-21)

By your following or rejecting Christ. (I Pet 2.21-22)

By your good or evil deeds. (Phil 1.27)

By your good or evil words. (Js 3.5-10)

By your loving or hateful ways. (Jn 13.34-35)

By your attendance in worship. (Heb 10.25)

By your singing or refusing to sing. (Eph 5.19)

By your knowledge of the Bible. (II Tim 2.15)

By your prayer life. (I Thes 5.17)

By your striving (diligence) to reach heaven. (Rev 21.4)

As we go through our daily lives, let's all remember that someone is out there watching, even if we do not know it. The Christian example we set before others may just be the model by which they decide whether or not they too want to be *like Christ*.

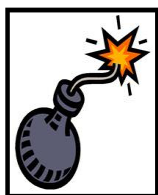
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 1 - Jeff Taberner
 December 2 - Bob Eddy
 December 3 - *Chris & Debbie Tallman
 December 4 - Sheri Gaston
 December 7- Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad
 December 9 - Sheila Conner
 December 10 - Ryan Logston
 December 11 - Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover
 December 12 - Barbara Saunders
 December 13 - Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly, Cindy Slingluff
 December 14 - Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught
 December 15 - Gene Cooper, Janet Looney, Jean Martin
 December 16 - Tammy Kerns, Amy Young, Eric Young
 December 17 - *Don & Sheri Gaston
 December 18 - Mary Vaught
 December 19 - Jordan Kirk
 December 20 - *Larry & Janet Plant, Ray & Bonnie Sams
 December 21 - Brian Haught, Tori Plant
 December 22 - Cayleigh Walton
 December 23 - *Larry & Mary Wigal
 December 24 - Kim Ledsome, *Herb & Joyce Wright
 December 25 - Matt Alton, Josh Gray, Heath Rogers
 December 26 - Annette Kirk, Dana Sponseller
 December 27 - *Cotton & Patty Sayre
 December 28 - Rosemary Merrill
 December 29 - Jay Goldsmith
 December 30 - Madison Taberner
 December 31 - James Dailey



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

The December calendar will be available next Sunday.



Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Did you know that the bombs from World War II are still killing people in Europe? They turn up - and sometimes blow up - at construction sites, in fishing nets, or on beaches seventy years after the guns fell silent. Hundreds of tons of explosives are recovered every year in France alone. Thirteen old bombs exploded in France in 1993, killing twelve people. According to one expert, "unexploded bombs become more dangerous with time. With the corrosion inside, the weapon becomes more unstable and the detonator can be exposed."

What is true of lingering bombs is also true of lingering anger. Buried anger may explode when we least expect it. God wants us to forgive, forget, let it go, and trust in Him to right all wrongs. Solomon said, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he who rules his spirit better than he that takes a city." (Proverbs 16:32) Watch out for that unexploded anger. It can be deadly!

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

MEN SERVING NOVEMBER 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Len Haid

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Marion Goldsmith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Don Gaston

PM - Chris Tallman

Kyle Inman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

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

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Herb Wright

2 - Gilbert Hardman

4 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Kody Inman & Daniel Nygard

2. Scott & Gwen Johnson

3. Gary & Sharon Herridge

4. Todd & Annette Kirk

5. Keith & Eloise Smith

6. Len & Susan Haid

Weekly Bible Reading

November 20 - Heb 11, Eze 12-13

November 21 - Heb 12, Eze 14-16

November 22 - Heb 13, Eze 17

November 23 - James 1, Eze 18-20

November 24 - James 2, Eze 21

November 25 - James 3, Eze 22-23

November 26 - James 4, Eze 24-26

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

November 27

God's Love

Facts and Figures

November 13, 2011

AM Service.....296

Bible Study.....221

PM Service.....219

Wednesday.....256

Contribution.....\$5689.95

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

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

He Gave Thanks

Ten times in the gospels, Jesus is recorded as giving thanks mainly at the Lord's Supper and some other meals. The Lord gave thanks before He fed 4,000 (Mark 8:6). He gave thanks to the Father for hearing Him (John 11:41). We also should give thanks when we eat (Romans 14:6).

Thankfulness is an attitude of gratitude. A thankful person is a tank full person. Such a person is full of good thoughts and appreciation. It is so much easier to work with someone who is thankful, rather than ungrateful. It cuts out a load of griping and whining. It brings out praise and good ways instead.

He gave thanks; therefore I need to learn to give thanks.