

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## Events this week. . .

Today - 5:00 Men's Meeting/5:30 Bible Busters

Monday - Monday Night For The Master  
(5:45 dinner/6:20 devotional and work projects)

Tuesday - 7:00 Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday - 1:00 and 7:00 Bible Study

Friday - Friday Night Sing at West Ripley

## 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  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Everett Sams  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Scott Smith  
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# HOSPITAL

## Chattanooga Memorial Hospital

Sheila Conner (Cardiac ICU)

# SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Susan Swackhammer in the passing of her mother, Marjorie Hart.

Funeral services were yesterday in Bethesda, OH.

# PRAYER LIST

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sheila Conner, Lee Edwards, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Jane Pralley,  
Leonard Shears, Valeria Sprout, Mike Stone

## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Halle Hudson, 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., 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.



# THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ **Delmas and Naomi Carr** would like to say Thank You to everyone for the cards and good wishes for our birthdays. Also, for the love, prayers and concern expressed during the loss of our nephew.
- ♥ We would like to 'Thank You' for all the lovely and sweet anniversary cards you blessed us with. They brought much joy to our 'Special Day'.  
**Keith and Peggy Cowdery**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER WILL MEET TOMORROW EVENING

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room at 5:45 for a spaghetti dinner and 6:20 for devotional and work projects. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

## TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

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

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS BEGINS THIS WEEK

The Wednesday afternoon class will begin this week at 1:00. It will be a study of Joshua and Judges.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual trunk or treat will be Wednesday, October 26 after services on the parking lot across from the MP Room. Refreshments will be served in the MP Room after the children collect their goodies. Bring finger foods and beverages.

See Julie Taberner or Natalie Haught for details.

## 6th - 12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL

There will be a 6th-12th grade devotional at the home of Mike and Pam Bayer on Saturday, October 29 at 4:30. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending.

## DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Any kind of breakfast cereal, canned fruit, canned carrots, canned potatoes, and cough drops are needed. Items may be left in the library.

### Weekly Bible Reading

October 16 - Colossians 2, Isa 42-44  
October 17 - Colossians 3, Isa 45-47  
October 18 - Colossians 4, Isa 48-50  
October 19 - I Thes 1, Isa 51-54  
October 20 - I Thes 2, Isa 55-58  
October 21 - I Thes 3, Isa 59-63  
October 22 - I Thes 4, Isa 64-66

As long as teachers  
give tests, there will  
always be prayer in  
schools.

Author Unknown





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## Dana's Direction

# "Fellowship in our Worship Assembly"

Usually when we think having "fellowship," our thoughts turn to covered dish dinners or a trip to a state park. But fellowship, which is defined as "mutual participation," for the Christian means so much more. Fellowship means to share. Actually, when we assemble together, every act of worship involves fellowship. Fellowship with God and fellowship with one another. Consider the following:

*Fellowship in Song.* In the church we read of in the Bible, singing was mutual and congregational. They were to sing to one another, to "teach and admonish one another." (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) When we all sing we are all involved in a joint effort to praise God and edify one another.

*Fellowship in Prayer.* When we pray as a congregation, we are turning our hearts and minds towards God in union. We are expressing common needs, common concerns. When we say 'Amen' at the end of that prayer, we are declaring that this common (public) prayer is our (personal) prayer as well.

*Fellowship in Preaching.* When Peter came to the house of Cornelius, he was told "we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God." (Acts 10:33) That is the same purpose of heart that should prevail when we as a church are instructed and admonished by God's word. Not only must the teachings from God's word be applied to our individual lives, we must also receive them as a congregation, working together to do God's will.

*Fellowship in Giving.* Fellowship in many cases a contribution. (Phil. 4:14-16,18) It is the sharing of our blessings with those who are in need. (II Cor. 8,9) Our individual resources may be limited, but when they are gathered together, we can meet many needs, support many good works, and be involved in taking the gospel into all the world. This is the fellowship of the gospel.

*Fellowship in the Lord's Supper.* "Communion"-Why do we call the Lord's supper "communion?" Because that is what it is: communion with the Lord and with one another. Fellowship is communion. We join together with Christians all over the world, who each first day of the week come together to break bread. Together, we contemplate the cross of Jesus and our mutual salvation that was purchased with His blood. We must never partake without "discerning the Lord's body," both His physical body which was broken for us, and His spiritual body, the church.

*Worship is fellowship.* Worship is personal - only you can offer your worship to God. But worship also involves the Family of God. The same things we do to draw closer to God, also draw us closer to one another. Do you want to enjoy more fellowship? Come and worship!



# SERMON NOTES

## The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-11)

“Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you which was also in \_\_\_\_\_, who being in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, did not consider it robbery to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God, but made Himself of no \_\_\_\_\_, taking the form of a \_\_\_\_\_, and coming in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. And being found in \_\_\_\_\_ as a man, He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and became \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of death, even the death of the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Phil. 2:5-8)

I) **The Mind of Christ is the Mind of \_\_\_\_\_.** **Selfishness and \_\_\_\_\_ are destructive in the church.** “Let nothing be done through selfish \_\_\_\_\_ or conceit.” (Phil. 2:3)

II) **The Mind of Christ is the Mind of \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself. He came in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. He accepted the role of a \_\_\_\_\_.** “Whoever desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ among you, let him be your \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 20:28) **Jesus knew His \_\_\_\_\_.** “Jesus knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ had given all things into His hands and that He had \_\_\_\_\_ from God and was going to God... arose from supper and \_\_\_\_\_ his apostles feet.” (John 13:3)

III) **The Mind of Christ is the Mind of \_\_\_\_\_.** “He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and became \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of \_\_\_\_\_, even the death of the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Phil. 2:8) **Jesus died for us because of \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus died for us because of \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus did it all for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_.** **If we really love God, there is nothing that we will \_\_\_\_\_ from Him.** “I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your \_\_\_\_\_ a living \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable to God, which is your \_\_\_\_\_ service.” (Romans 12:1)

**Sacrificing for the church.** “By this we know \_\_\_\_\_, because He laid down His \_\_\_\_\_ for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the \_\_\_\_\_.” (I John 3:16) “Let each of you look out not \_\_\_\_\_ for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the interests of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Phil. 2:4) “I will very \_\_\_\_\_ spend and be \_\_\_\_\_ for your souls.” (II Cor. 12:5)

**When we have the Mind of Christ we will be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.** “Humble yourself under the mighty hand of \_\_\_\_\_, that He might \_\_\_\_\_ you in due time.” (I Peter 5:6)

# Meekness vs. Weakness

-Paul Nygard

What kind of person do you picture in your mind when you hear them described as *meek*? If you see a overly submissive, spiritless, tame or otherwise *wimpy* individual, then you have conjured an image of what society and our dictionaries describe as meekness.

Let's face it, Americans do not often like to be seen as *meek* as it is often associated with abject weakness. We are a "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" kind of people. You can do anything and be anyone you want to be if you work hard and become strong enough to achieve it. Our society measures success by the amount money we make, our corporations by the degree we hold, and our government by the amount of power we wield. Today's ethics change with the wind as new books are published by "experts" telling us how we should deal with each other.

Why then did Jesus say that the *meek* are blessed (Mt 5.5) if *meekness* is such a terrible character trait to have? The answer lies within the Christlike heart and understanding what our Lord was teaching.

You see, the people listening to Jesus' great sermon would have understood a *meek* man or woman to be a gentile, kind and forgiving person, one who is humble before God. Likewise, a Christian with a *meek* heart today is also blessed or happy because they have found God and are willing to let Him be their guide by His word through this troublesome world.

As we follow Christ through the gospels, you will find that it takes a strong person to be truly *meek*. Is this hard to believe? Here's even clearer evidence that growing in Christlikeness entails gentleness (or meekness). Jesus seldom used adjectives to describe Himself. When He did, though, look at the very first descriptor He chose: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle [*meek*] and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:29).

First and foremost, Jesus called Himself gentle. That's worth contemplating. To emulate Jesus Christ, consider His disposition. It was *gentle*. Consider His approach to sinners. It was *gentle*. Consider how He typically handled conflict and adversity. *Gently*. Consider how He invited, and continues to invite, people to know God through knowing Him. *Gently*. He is God's standard of meekness.

Following Jesus, then, means consistently growing in gentleness. It is developing a character strong enough to become increasingly meek. That means for many of us, we have to change our dispositions, in some cases... to *radically* change.

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**November 1** - Luke Ballengee, John Rockhold  
**November 2** - Kevin Inman  
**November 3** - \*Everett and Ruth Sams  
**November 4** - Rochel Young  
**November 5** - Clifton Inman, Rebecca Miller  
**November 6** - Jodi Bradley  
**November 8** - Natalie Haught, Leon Hupp  
**November 9** - Greg Hennen  
**November 11** - \*Bill and Sherry Hoover  
**November 14** - Kimberlee Shears  
**November 16** - Lexi Hoover, Stacy Piersol  
**November 17** - Gary Alton, Norma Fought, Drake Logston  
**November 18** - Mary Caplinger, Larry Wigal  
**November 20** - Wes Cochran  
**November 21** - Gwen Johnson  
**November 22** - Van Putnam  
**November 23** - Carol Vincent  
**November 24** - Kay Stanley  
**November 25** - Jo Florence, Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad  
**November 26** - Bonnie Sams  
**November 28** - Bonnie Life, Jack Newberry  
**November 29** - Chelsea Fleak



\* Anniversary

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

The November church calendar will be available next Sunday.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP

In Australia the railroad company has had a very difficult time keeping obstructions from hindering the running of the trains. They have finally been able to keep the cows, horses and other large animals off the tracks. However, the biggest problem they have encountered has not been some large animal, but one of the smallest - a millipede.



When the trains run over the millipedes, they secrete a juice that coats the tracks. And the wheels of the train just spin on these slippery tracks!

In a way, this is similar to us and our sins. We many times are able to get the “big” sins out of our lives. However, it is the “small” things that we leave in our lives that cause us the most difficulty.

When you attempt to clean up your life, don’t just fix the big things and then overlook the small things. Sometimes they can end up being the most devastating to our lives. Just remember pride, ego, gossip, self-centeredness, and lying are small things that can ultimately destroy us!

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

## **MEN SERVING OCTOBER 23**

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - John Life

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Doug Hershman

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Korey Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Paul Inman

Close - Ron Riddle

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Clyde Yoho

PM - Kody Inman

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Mike Wade

Steve Allen

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SING**



Transportation will leave at 6:00 for the Friday Night Sing at the West Ripley congregation.

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



### **UPCOMING TOPIC**

October 23  
The Resurrection

## **Opportunities to Serve Today**

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Inman

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Kyle Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Ryan Gaston

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Barry Mills

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Cody Young

PM - Drake Logston

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Leon Hupp

PM - Russ Alton

Keith Smith

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** (Doors Listed)

1 - Paul Inman

2 - Steve Allen

4 - Ray Sams

### **PM**

1. Betty Lamb & Valeria Sprout

2. Steve & Linda Gray

3. Margaret Dawkins & Rebecca Miller

4. Phil Deem & Rick Stanley

5. Don & Sheri Gaston

6. David & Mary Lamp

## **Facts and Figures**

October 9, 2011

AM Service.....317

Bible Study.....216

PM Service.....220

Wednesday.....250

Contribution.....\$6387.50

### **OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011**

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....7

Placed Membership....3

**The Lawn Crew for this week is the Taberner crew.**

They include Josh Barclay, Kody Inman, and Jeff Taberner.



## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### **Wednesday**

Bible Study.....7:00

## **Area Events**

**October 16-19**

Lubeck Church of Christ

Speaker: Joe Wells

**October 16-20**

Harmar Hill Church of Christ

Speaker: Phil Gear

**October 17-21**

Crum Ridge Church of Christ

Speaker: Sam Bartrug

**October 23-27**

West Virginia School of Preaching Victory Lectureship

Various speakers

Details for these events are on the bulletin boards in both foyers.