

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Autumn Roads

A country road in autumn
Holds treasures without end.
One can't foretell the picture
That's just around the bend!
Cornfields are strewn with pumpkins.
A shy deer may leap by
Or wedge of geese be outlined
Against an azure sky.
Perhaps a pond is nestled
Beneath tall, burnished trees.
Huge, scarlet leaves unfettered
Go sailing in the breeze.
Bright, roadside stands may beckon
With autumn's bounteous yield;
With glossy harvest apples,
Plump pears, and grapes be filled.
A gleaming hill of beauty
May glow with goldenrod.
The countryside's a canvas;
The Master Painter - God.

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(Thank you, Betty Lamb for providing this poem.)



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HOSPITAL

Chattanooga Memorial Hospital

Sheila Conner

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jenny Reynolds and family in the passing of her mother, Ruth Reynolds.

Her funeral was Monday, October 17 at Lambert-Tatman. She will be sadly missed by her church family at Camden Avenue.



PRAYER LIST

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, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Sonya Greene, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON'S MEETING TODAY

The Deacons will meet at 5:00 today.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual trunk or treat will be this Wednesday 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We are hosting the Friday Night Sing November 18 at 7:00. Make plans to attend.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our church food pantry is in need of chicken noodle soup, saltine crackers, and canned fruits. Items may be left in the library.

SUMMER SERIES CD'S AVAILABLE

The 2011 Summer Series CD's are now available in the Tape Room.

COUPONS

Please bring coupons to the library for the exchange. Feel free to take any you can use.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for helping us celebrate our birthday. We appreciate each and every one of the cards and wishes for our birthday. **Ashley and Megan Ware**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards and gifts. They all sure made my day special. Thanks! **Janet Cook**
- ♥ Thank you all so much for the cards and birthday wishes. I had a great day and couple of weeks while reading the encouraging words from each of you! Again, thank you very much! **Kyle Inman**
- ♥ Just a note to thank all of you for the words of sympathy and cards due to the passing of our mother, Hattie Turner. Her memorial service will be November 18 at National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. **The Turner Family** A belated thank you too for her birthday cards. She enjoyed everyone of them. **Pat Newberry**
- ♥ Many thanks for all of the birthday cards I received this year. A special thanks to Lois and Dave Nulter for the nice meal and enjoyable evening and to Lenore for the special birthday cake! **Dave Kimes**
- ♥ Thank you for the well wishes and cards for our anniversary. **Paul and Carrie Nygard**

Dana's Direction

Lions and Tigers and Bears – Oh My!



An area of Southeastern Ohio, not far from here, became the focus of national news as Muskingum County officials sought to kill or capture 56 exotic animals that were released from a private game preserve by a disgruntled owner who killed himself in the process. The animals at large included lions, tigers, bears, mountain lions, monkeys and wolves. The animals were not well cared for and some were known to be diseased. Schools were closed, citizens were instructed to keep children and pets indoors, a flashing sign on Interstate 70 warned “Caution – Exotic Animals, stay in car.” Muskingum County Sheriff, Matt Lutz defended the shooting of the animals, “People were at risk.”

Every day we are faced by forces even more dangerous because they place our souls at risk. The Bible describes them as beasts of prey that seek to destroy us.

Satan: Satan is frequently referred to in scripture as a dangerous beast. In his first mention in scripture he appears as a serpent or snake. He is called “the dragon” and “the beast.” Peter refers to him as a lion. People often fail to comprehend the danger of wild animals. In pictures or in cages at the zoo, they can seem tame, even pet-like. Tragically when people become comfortable or complacent around them they can turn on them and destroy. Peter gives the same warning of Satan. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversity the devil walks about like **a roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8).

False Teachers: Jesus warns, “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are **ravenous wolves**” (Matthew 7:15). Many of us are lulled to a false sense of security because false teachers appear to bring their teachings from the Bible. They may seem to be sincere and devoted servants of God. We must, however be certain that what they teach is true to God’s word. There are those who use the preaching of the gospel to make followers for themselves or even just to make money. They preach a feel-good gospel that draws crowds and makes them popular. But by not teaching the truth they destroy the souls of those they lead astray. These teachers can arise even in the church. Paul warned the elders from Ephesus, “For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves** will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse thing, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **Therefore watch.**” (Acts 20:29-31).

Persecution and opposition: Through the influence of Satan and his use of false teachers, those who seek to serve God and preach the truth will be opposed. Paul stated “All who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (II Timothy 3:12). It has always been this way. As Jesus sent out seventy disciples to spread the gospel, he warned them “Go your way; behold I send you out as **lambs among wolves**” (Luke 10:3).

The safety of the fold: There is only one place that is secure from the attacks of such dangerous predators – in the arms of Jesus who said “I am the Good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). “Jesus the loving shepherd calleth thee now to come. Lingering is but folly, wolves are abroad today, seeking the sheep who’re straying, seeking the lambs to slay. Jesus the loving shepherd calleth thee now to come, enter the fold of safety, where there is rest and room.”

SERMON NOTES

Lifting up Christ (Colossians 1:9-18)

Jesus should be lifted up because He is _____. “He is the _____ of the invisible _____.” (Col. 1:15)

Jesus should be lifted up because He is our _____. “In Him all things were _____ that are in _____ and that are on _____... All things were created _____ Him and for Him.” (Col.1:16)

Jesus should be lifted up because He is our _____. “In whom we have _____ through His _____, the forgiveness of sins.” (Col. 1:14)

In the _____ Christ is to be lifted up. “And He is the _____ of the body, the _____, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He may have the _____.” (Col.1:18)

The Church is _____ to Jesus. Jesus loves the _____. “Husbands love your wives as Christ also _____ the church and gave Himself for her.” (Eph.5:25)

We lift Jesus up when we truly _____ Him as our _____.

We lift Jesus up in our _____ and praise. “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of _____ to God, that is the fruit of our _____, giving _____ to His name.” (Hebrews 13:15) “Worthy is the _____ who was slain to receive _____ and riches and wisdom, and strength and _____ and blessing.” (Rev. 5:12)

We lift Jesus up when we become true _____. “If you abide in My _____, you are My _____ indeed.” (John 8:31)

It's all doctrine. The essence of Christian living: “That you may walk _____ of the Lord, fully _____ Him, being _____ in every good _____ and _____ in the knowledge of God.” (Col. 1:10)

The result of lifting up Jesus? “But speaking the truth in _____, may grow up in all things to Him who is the Head – Christ- from whom the whole body, _____ and knit _____ by what every joint supplies, according to the _____ working by which every part does its share, causes _____ of the body for the _____ of itself in love.” (Eph. 4:15-16) “And I, if I am _____ up... will draw all _____ to Myself.” (John 12:32)

The Sexualization of Halloween

-Steve Higginbotham



As I child, I could hardly wait for the stores to put out their Halloween costumes. Remember those costumes? Hard plastic masks that made your face sweat and allowed you absolutely no peripheral vision? And what did the poor kids with glasses do?

These masks were held on by an elastic band that went around your head. If you stretched it too far, the elastic strip would tear out of the mask and you would either have to tape it or have a parent put a new hole in the mask. It was always very important to get to the store quickly so you could have the choice of the best masks. While there were some rather “creepy” masks during that era, most of them were pretty tame, like the one in the picture to the left.

However, for the past several years, I haven’t even wanted my children looking at the costumes that are in the stores. To do so subjects them to about the same exposure as browsing through a soft-core porn publication. Trick-or-Treat has been sexualized. Little Red Riding Hood doesn’t look at all like she’s going to her grandmother’s house, and Goldilocks looks as though she’s been sleeping in everyone’s bed. Whether it’s a nurse, Raggedy Ann, a Cowgirl, a waitress, a school girl, or even a nun, everything has been subjected to a sexual slant.

And if you think I’m just describing “adult” costumes, you are mistaken. For the past several years, I’ve been shocked by the costumes worn by little girls who have come to our house for candy. Just the other day, I saw a costume for a little girl. The name of the costume was “Little Bo Peep-Show.” Two years ago, one boy came to the house dressed as a Pimp and his younger sister came dressed as a prostitute. Both their parents were walking with them, just as proud as could be for their “cleverness.” No wonder the term, “prostitots” has been coined in our society. I am forced to wonder what the long-term affects of this sexualization will have on our society. For more than a generation, we’ve seen more and more, targeted for younger and younger. Where will it end? Can innocence ever be regained? If it can, it cannot be left up to the world to lead the way. It’s time for people who wear the name of Jesus to stand up for holiness, dig in their heels, and resist the current, even if it means they stand alone.

Moms and Dads, remember the ethical standards of Jesus don’t change because it’s a “holiday.” That which doesn’t respect or reflect the life and teachings of Jesus has no place in the life of a Christian, even if it is “just a costume.”

(You can read more of Steve’s great articles at www.preachinghelp.org)

~Paul Nygard



SOUND FISHY?

I hate to CARP at you, but I hope you give a HERRING while I exhort you a little bit about Bible School. Please use your BIG MOUTH to let everyone know. Don't CLAM up. PERCH on someone's doorstep and keep inviting them until they come. If a woman shows the slightest inclination to come, SNAPPER up at once. And work on men too, because MINNOW that they should be in class too. We have plenty of room for everyone - we won't be packed in like SARDINES. So, stop FLOUNDERING around and ask a friend to come to Bible Class(es). It will be very good for your SOLE. P.S. If this sounds a little FISHY, I did it on PORPOISE.

"And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men"

Mark 1:7.

(Copied from Bulletin Digest)

Weekly Bible Reading

October 23 - I Thessalonians 5, Jer 1-2
October 24 - II Thessalonians 1, Jer 3-4
October 25 - II Thessalonians 2, Jer 5-6
October 26 - II Thessalonians 3, Jer 7-8
October 27 - I Timothy 1, Jer 9-10
October 28 - I Timothy 2, Jer 11-13
October 29 - I Timothy 3, Jer 14-16



Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP

A few years back, I read about a man who committed a crime and was being pursued by the local police. He hid in the woods for two days with temperatures around 15 degrees. When he was finally captured, he was taken to the hospital where he had to have two toes amputated. He then proceeded to file a lawsuit against the police department saying that if they had captured him sooner, he would not have lost his two toes to frostbite. Doesn't that sound like the world we live in? Blame everyone, but don't blame yourself. Some want to blame the police, their parents, or fast food restaurants. Anybody but themselves.

Why can't we learn from our ancestors who were willing to accept personal responsibility. Whose fault is it? Just maybe it's our own! King Solomon said in Proverbs 19:3. "When a man's folly bring his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord." Whatever you do, don't blame God for your actions. YOU are responsible and YOU have to answer for what 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 OCTOBER 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Kyle Inman

Close - Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston

PM - Ray Johnson

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Dave Lamp

Glenn Snider

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Paul Inman

Close - Barry Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Mike Wade

Steve Allen

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Dwain Shears

4 - Kimberlee Shears

PM

1. Eric & Amy Young

2. Donna Tice & Robin Anthony

3. Donovan & Amy Walton

4. Cotton & Patty Sayre

5. Jim & Rose Merrill

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

Facts and Figures

October 16, 2011

AM Service.....274

Bible Study.....206

PM Service.....222

Wednesday.....203

Contribution.....\$6244.37

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Delmas Carr, Mark Dean, Kyle Inman, Dwain Shears and Todd Kirk.



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

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

October 30

How Jesus Changes Lives

FRIDAY NIGHT SING



Transportation will leave at 6:30 for the Friday Night Sing at the Rockport congregation.

Area Events

October 23-27

West Virginia School of Preaching Victory Lectureship
Various speakers

November 5

Ladies' Day at North 10th & Clairmont Avenue congregation in Cambridge, OH
Speaker: Arlene Summers

November 5

Kenova Church of Christ - Ladies Inspiration Day
Speaker: Ava Peters

November 6-8

Norval Park - Gospel Meeting
Speaker: Sam Bartrug

November 6-10

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ
Speaker: Joe Wells

Raise the Bar - Understanding and Reaching God's Expectations:
A Series of Lessons for young people
Sunday 9:30AM, 10:30AM, 1:30PM
Monday - Thursday 7:00

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