

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## Rake and Run

Saturday, November 12

Please sign the sheet(s) in the foyer if:

- You need your leaves raked.
- You would like to help rake leaves.

**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  
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**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, Margaret Cowdery, 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 Morri-  
 son, 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.

Daniel Rich will be taking a mission trip to Costa Rica the  
 first of the year. If you would like to help support this  
 effort you can give a contribution to one of our elders.

**Daylight Savings Time  
 ends next Sunday.**

**Remember to set your clocks  
 back Saturday evening.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER MEETS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

MNFTM will meet November 7th in the MP Room at 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional and work projects. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

## LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING

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

## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our church food pantry is in need of chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, saltine crackers, and jelly. 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve and Holly Sprout on the birth of their new daughter--Lilly Kate. She was born on Saturday, October 22nd.

## ADDRESS

Sheila Conner has moved. Her new address is: Life Care of Hixson, 5798 Hixson Homeplace, Hixson, TN 37343.

## OVU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

OVU Women's basketball team will be playing in Athens, OH on Tuesday, November 1st. David Wadlington is the coach. There are some tickets available if you'd like to go. We will be taking the bus. Please meet after PM services in room 109 if you are interested or see Rick Stanley.

## BARBERSHOP EXTRAVAGANZA

There will be a Barbershop extravaganza the weekend of November 5th and 6th. It is Saturday night at 7:00 at Marietta High School auditorium and Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at PHS auditorium. David Nulter is involved with this and has tickets if you are interested. We will be taking the bus on Saturday evening and will be leaving the church building at 6:00. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you are going.

### **Weekly Bible Reading**

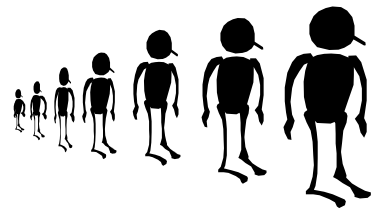
**October 30** - I Timothy 4, Jer 17-19  
**October 31** - I Timothy 5, Jer 20-22  
**November 1** - I Timothy 6, Jer 23-24  
**November 2** - II Timothy 1, Jer 25-26  
**November 3** - II Timothy 2, Jer 27-29  
**November 4** - II Timothy 3, Jer 30-31  
**November 5** - II Timothy 4, Jer 32-33

### **Wedding Shower**

There will be a wedding shower for Kassi Huber and Justin Adkins on November 10th in the multi-purpose room at 7:00pm. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Kohl's.

# Dana's Direction

## Seven Billion People!



According to world population experts, (I am not really sure who is counting), on October 31, 2011, the 7,000,000<sup>th</sup> person in the world will be born. If the numbers seem to be growing rapidly, they are! In twelve years, from 1987-1999, the world's population increased from 5 to 6 Billion. In the next twelve years, from 1999 to the present, we have grown to 7 Billion. If the world stands, and God does not intervene, this trend will continue.

What does the majority of the world's population look like? Not white Americans! The largest countries are China with 1.33 Billion and India with 1.1 Billion. The United States has a little over 312 Million.

There are common factors that seem to indicate that the world is growing smaller, in the sense of becoming a global community. For example, over 1 Billion people, worldwide, are connected to the Internet. Of those 500 Million are on Facebook! Nearly 50 Million people per day visit one of 30,000 McDonald's restaurants located in 119 countries.

What is the religious composition of the world? The leading religion in the world is Christianity, which in all of its facets has 2.1 Billion advocates. Islam, however is making rapid inroads with 1.5 Billion adherents, which is expected to equal or surpass Christianity by the year 2030. The third largest "religion" in the world are those who are atheists, agnostics, or 'non-religious' with 1.1 Billion describing themselves this way.

What about the growth of the churches of Christ? In the broadest sense, the number of 'New-Testament' Christians in the world is estimated to be 5 Million, with about half of those being in the United States. The Good news is that there is rapid growth in some of the faster growing parts of the world. There are a little over 1 Million members of the church in India, and slightly less than 1 Million in Africa.

So, what does all of this say to us? We must be about our Father's business! Jesus came to 'seek and to save those who are lost' (Luke 19:10), and so must we! The Great Commission grows greater every day. **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"** (Mark 16:16). **"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"** (Matthew 28:19-20)

It is true the numbers seem overwhelming! It is easy to see how quickly and how far we are falling behind, but nothing should ever be regarded as impossible – especially when we take into consideration that this is God's kingdom of which we are speaking. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church buy Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

The Chinese are credited with the saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The same is true with the kingdom of God – it grows one soul at a time. Seeking the lost must become who we are, not what we do every other Monday night. In fact, the literal interpretation of Mark 16:16 is "as you are going" preach the gospel to every creature. We read of the church of the first century, scattered throughout the world by persecution that "they went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4) No, you cannot win the world to Christ by yourself, but converting your neighbor (relative, family member, or friend) is a start!

I am reminded of the story of the little boy picking up starfish stranded on a beach and throwing them back into the ocean. His father said, "Son, you cannot possibly save them all." His son replied, "Yes, but I can save some of them."

# SERMON NOTES

## Sound Doctrine (I Timothy 1:1-7)

I urged you....remain in \_\_\_\_\_ that you may \_\_\_\_\_ some that they preach no other \_\_\_\_\_, nor give heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and endless genealogies, which cause \_\_\_\_\_ rather than godly \_\_\_\_\_ which is in faith.” (I Tim 1:3-4)

**The importance of preaching:** “It \_\_\_\_\_ God through the foolishness of \_\_\_\_\_ to save those who \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Cor. 1:21)

**What is good preaching? A faithful minister of God’s word must preach \_\_\_\_\_ aspects of Christian living.** “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a \_\_\_\_\_ minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the good \_\_\_\_\_ which you have faithfully followed.” (I Tim 4:6) “I am innocent of the \_\_\_\_\_ of all men, for I have not \_\_\_\_\_ to declare to you the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (Acts 20:27)

**The whole counsel of God:** “Preach the \_\_\_\_\_! Be ready in \_\_\_\_\_ and out of season. Convince, \_\_\_\_\_, exhort, with all longsuffering and \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Tim 4:2)

**Preaching that is not sound. Doctrine that is \_\_\_\_\_.** “If anyone preaches any other \_\_\_\_\_ to you than what you have received, let him be \_\_\_\_\_.” (Galatians 1:9) “Because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves \_\_\_\_\_; and will turn their ears away from the \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Tim 4:3)

**Even preaching of scripture can be unsound if not properly \_\_\_\_\_.** **The result of unsound doctrine:** It will cause \_\_\_\_\_. (I Tim 4:1) It is unprofitable and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:9) “Reject a \_\_\_\_\_ man after the first and second \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:10)

**Preaching that is sound. The original.** “The glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of the blessed God that was committed to my \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Tim 1:11) “For this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all \_\_\_\_\_, as a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are going to \_\_\_\_\_ on Him for \_\_\_\_\_ life.” (I Tim 1:16) “Now the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_ is love from a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Tim 1:5)

**What is needed to build up the church? Sound \_\_\_\_\_.** “You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 8:32)

**Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can save.** “Go into all the world and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved.” (Mark 16:15-16)

## Slug My Enemies?

~Paul Nygard



My father used to tell me years ago, “Son, I don’t want to ever hear of you starting fights in school; but if someone starts one with you, then *you* better be the one to finish it!”

What did that mean? It was OK to fight, but it was not OK to fight? Was I to try to avoid conflict at all costs? Hey, I was 95 pounds in ninth grade, wore glasses, and played the violin. That is a bully’s dream come true! I didn’t like to fight anyway. “Why did Dad bother saying this?”, I would ask myself. Ughh. It was hard to know what to do while growing up.

As I became older and gained more experience in the world, I began to understand what my Dad felt and was trying to say. He did not want a son who was a bully to others, and at the same time, he did not want a son who would let himself be pushed around. If the time ever came that you *had* to defend yourself, then you better make sure you were the last one standing in the end. I think most people can relate to that feeling in some way.

How then is the Christian to handle the natural instinct to be aggressive toward those who mistreat you? After all, Christ said:

“You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,” (Mat 5:43-44 NKJV)

When we become a Christian, we make ourselves an enemy to evil and those who follow disobedience. Jesus teaches that a natural result of following God is that the world will hate you. In fact, *it will use you out of spite*, just because you are a Christian. Perhaps someone has taken advantage of you, counting on the fact that you will always do the *right thing*. Afterwards, they will laugh at how ignorant those dumb Christians are.

Our savior loved them and died for their souls as well as ours. It is sometimes difficult to pray for people and honestly wish the best for them when we know that they will just want to use us, but without the type of love Christ shows to *all* men, their souls will never have the opportunity to be saved. Our acts of love and kindness in the face of mistreatment may be the only example of Christ they will ever encounter in their lives. If we truly love them and reach out to them, no matter how they treat us, then:

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Mat 5:48 NKJV)

## A BIG MAN

Zacchaeus was a big man because he wanted to see Jesus, and pursued Him (Luke 19:4).

Zacchaeus was a big man because he climbed a tree to get a better view of the Lord (Luke 19:4).

Zacchaeus was a big man because he responded immediately and gladly to Jesus' request to come to the home of Zaccheus (Luke 19:5-6).

Zacchaeus was a big man because he owned his sins (Luke 19:7).

Zacchaeus was a big man because he repented of his sins (Luke 19:8).

Zacchaeus was a big man because he tried to put right, his wrongs (Luke 19:8).

Zacchaeus may have been small of stature, and loathed by his fellow citizens because he was a rich tax collector, but on the day he met Jesus, he became a big man. That day, salvation came to his house. Praise God. And we pray to God that salvation will come to your house. Try to imitate in principle what Zacchaeus did. Seek the Lord and bring Him into your house. Let God increase your spiritual stature.

(Copied from Bulletin Digest)

## Minute of Meditation    Heard on 91.0 WLTP

We seem to have gone from common sense to nonsense in this country.

A 6-year-old boy in Lexington, NC was suspended for a day and sent home. His crime? Sexual harassment. He kissed a female classmate on the cheek!

Another 6-year-old was red-carded for playing tag during recess. The explanation? Tag involves touching and that is considered groping by the local school officials.

A 62-year-old grandmother was arraigned and released on \$1500 bail. Her crime? Committing random acts of kindness by feeding money into parking meters!

### WHAT IS GOING ON?

We seem to no longer have reasonable judgment by reasonable people. Instead, we have political correctness and conformity. Why can't those in positions of authority show some common sense in their actions? Have we lost all sense of what is right and wrong?

The prophet Isaiah said, "Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil. . . ." (Isaiah 5:20)

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

## **MEN SERVING NOVEMBER 6**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover**

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - John Life

PM - Kyle Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Korey Inman

Close - Pat Barclay

6:00 PM - Leon Hupp

Close - Steve Gray

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Don Dougherty

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Don Gaston

Marion Goldsmith

**PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway**

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SING**



The next Friday Night Sing will be November 11 at the Pennsboro congregation.

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



**UPCOMING TOPIC**

November 6

## **Opportunities to Serve Today**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills**

### **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

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM (Doors Listed)**

1 - Keith Smith

2 - Rick Stanley

4 - Eloise Smith

### **PM**

1. Mike & Pam Bayer

2. Cody Young & Bill Mills

3. David & Carla Wadlington

4. Dale & Sherry Wilcox

5. Walter & Merilee Morgan

6. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

## **Facts and Figures**

October 23, 2011

AM Service.....295

Bible Study.....234

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....270

Contribution.....\$6631.27

### **OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011**

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

## **A special THANK YOU to all who helped with the lawn care.**

Thanks, Steve Allen, Josh Barclay, Mike Bayer, Delmas Carr, Mark Dean, Cody Hoover, Kody Inman, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman, Stan Inman, Dennis Keller, Todd Kirk, Ted Miller, Don Nesselroad, Jeff Taberner, Chris Tallman, and Donovan Walton.

## **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

## **Area Events**

### **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.