## Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## GOSPEL MEETING

with Brother Tom Miller October 9-12, 2011

If you would like to have a meal with Brother Miller, please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

#### **Elders**:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

#### Deacons:

Delmas Carr Ralph Conner Marion Goldsmith Leonard Haid **Brian Haught** Doug Hershman **Rob Hoover** William Hoover Todd Kirk **Everett Sams** Ray Sams Paul Saunders **Dwain Shears Keith Smith** Scott Smith Jeff Taberner Larry Wigal

#### Minister:

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## PRAYER LIST

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, David Frazier, Gloria Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone, Darrell Vaught

## **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, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Linda Keller, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Frank Love, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Ann Owens, Sharon Pugh, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Debbie Shively, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Linda Tallman, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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

## **HOSPITAL**



Marietta Memorial - Opal Ray (Room 307)

Gloria Frazier had a heart cath. at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

- Many, many thanks for the prayers, phone calls, cards, food, kind words of encouragement and concern prior and after my surgery. We shall see what the grab bag holds next. YIPPY!!! Much love, Bill and De Sams Fleak
- ▼ Thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and to my special friends for the gifts. I appreciate everything. Gloria Frazier
- ♥ I would like to thank all who sent me cards for my birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Keith Cowdery

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## MEETING TODAY

Paul Nygard would like to meet briefly today after morning worship and Bible classes in the front of the auditorium with everyone interested in participating in the educational work of the church.

## MENS' MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

The Men's Meeting will be at 5:00 today with Bible Busters at 5:30.

## TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Evening Ladies Class will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 in the MP Room. If you plan to attend, see Naomi Carr for a book.

## DANA IN GOSPEL MEETING AT WEST RIPLEY

Dana will be speaking at the gospel meeting at the West Ripley congregation this Thursday. Our bus will be leaving here at 6:00.

## **DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER NEXT WEEK

MNFTM will meet next Monday evening, September 26 at 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 for a devo. and work projects. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

## **GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP**

The Golden Agers will be going to the Amish Country on Tuesday, September 27. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME 2011 CHANGE CAN CAMPAIGN

If you and your family would like to participate in the "Silver For Children" campaign, cans are available in both foyers. You take a can and fill it with coins over the next few months. This is then donated to the Potter Children's Home.

## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our church pantry is in need of applesauce, saltine crackers, any kind of jelly, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, and Spam/Treet. You may leave items in the library. Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.

## Weekly Bible Reading

September 18 - II Cor 3, Proverbs 12-13 September 19 - II Cor 4, Proverbs 14-15

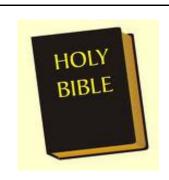
September 20 - II Cor 5, Proverbs 16-17

September 21- II Cor 6, Proverbs 18-19

September 22 - II Cor 7, Proverbs 20-21

September 23 - II Cor 8, Proverbs 22-23

September 24 - II Cor 9, Proverbs 24-25





## DANA'S DIRECTION

# TEN RULES FOR IMPROVING ATTITUDES WITHIN THE CHURCH

- 1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit into a perfect congregation if one existed. (Romans 3:23)
- 2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find what you seek. (Revelations 3:4)
- 3. If you are old, treat the young with consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you are mature. (I Timothy 5:1-2)
- 4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not change them, but it will do wonders for your attitude. (Matthew 5:43-48)
- 5. When you see a work neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help. (Matthew 7:1-4)
- 6. Never, NEVER, blame others for your own failure...Every individual can be faithful to God in spite of bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others, if he is determined to be. (I Corinthians 10:13)
- 7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with self. (I Peter 3:1-7)
- 8. Consciously look for the good in every brother or sister, and make a mental note of the good points each possesses. (Matthew 22:39)
- 9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church. Try to do something good for each. (Hebrews 10:24)
- 10.Every congregation has problems. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem, or am I a part of the solution? Am I trying to be merely a critical spectator?" (Galatians 6:1)

From: Pine Hill Beacon

"Look around at what you have before you complain about what you don't have.



# SERMON NOTES Examine Yourselves



# Do We Have To Close Our Eyes When We Pray?

(A question and answer from Discovery Magazine, Feb 2009)

What an interesting question! The Bible mentions several prayer postures and positions. These include standing, kneeling, and lying down. The head may be bowed or looking up into the heavens. The hands may be uplifted, expecting to receive blessings from God. The Bible gives no direct instructions about these positions of the body. It appears that they are acceptable since they convey specific meaning. For example, kneeling shows submission. Bowing the head shows humility and respect. Falling on one's face would show complete dependency. If the person is sincere, and not trying to "put on a show" or impress others, these positions are acceptable.

But what about our eyes when we pray? On two occasions, when Jesus prayed to the Father, He lifted up His eyes to heaven (John 11:41; 17:1). On the other hand, when the tax collector prayed, he "would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven" (Luke 18:13). So the Bible simply does not specify whether our eyes are to be closed or open. Most people probably close their eyes so that they are not distracted by movement around them, enabling them to concentrate better on the prayer. The important thing is to pray with the right attitude and in harmony with God's will (James 5:13-15).

## Did You Know?

Proskuneo is one of several Greek words describing worship that we can find in the Bible? It means:

"To kiss toward, to prostrate oneself. It is an act of honor and reverence."

This word is used 59 times in the New Testament.

(Mt 2.2,8,11:4.9:8.1-2:9, Mk 15.19, Jn 12.20, Acts 7.43, 8.27, 10.25, I Cor 14.24-25, Rev 22.8-9)

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1 - Linda Camp, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman

October 5 - Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk

October 8 - Ashley Ware, Megan Ware

October 9 - Kelsey Wadlington

October 10 - Brandon Sheppard

October 11 - Kim Barclay, Ralph Conner

October 12 - Peggy Cowdery

October 14 - \*Paul & Pat Hoover

October 15 - David Kimes, Dale Wilcox

October 16 - Mary Wigal, \*Earl & Donna McConnell, \*Paul & Carrie Nygard

October 17 - Janet Cook

October 18 - \*Bill & Rosemary Merrill

October 21 - Susan Haid, Earl McConnell, Myrtle Metz

October 22 - Kassi Huber, Walter Morgan, \*Rob & Kathy Hoover

October 23 - Sue VanCamp

October 24 - Russ Alton

October 27- Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills

October 28 - Nina Cheuvront, Julie Taberner

October 30 - Kelly Sheppard

If your name is not on this list and you have an October birthday or anniversary that you want on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

The calendar will be available next Sunday.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP

A college professor stood before his class of 20 senior biology students, and was about to hand out the final exam. Knowing that many of the students were dependent upon a good final grade to get into medical school, he offered an automatic "B" to anyone who might want to opt out of taking the final. Steadily and eagerly most of the students got up and left the classroom. The professor closed the door and took attendance of those remaining. "I'm glad to see you believe in yourself," he said. "You all have 'A's."

Too often we also want to settle for

second best - take the easy way out. The biggest problem in settling for second best is that we miss out on that which **IS** best! Paul told the Corinthians, "but earnestly desire the best gifts, and yet I show you a more excellent way." (I Corinthians 12:31)

Having a proper relationship with God involves giving all that you have. Don't settle for a "B" in Christianity. Give nothing but your best to God!

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



#### **Schedule of Services**

## <u>Sunday</u>

AM Worship......9:30 Bible Study......11:00 PM Worship.......6:00



<u>Wednesday</u>

Bible Study.....7:00

#### **MEN SERVING SEPTEMBER 25**

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears** 

#### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Korey Inman

#### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle

Close - Ira Kimes

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Ryan Gaston

#### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Paul Saunders

#### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Larry Wigal

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

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



They include Josh Barclay, Kody Inman and Jeff Taberner.

## Facts and Figures

## OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms......4
Restored or Requested
Prayers......7
Placed Membership....3

## **Area Events**

Stepping Stones Dues Tea and Garden Tour at the home of Curtis and Patty Cooper in Vienna

September 18-22
West Ripley Church of Christ
Various speakers (Thursday: **Dana Slingluff**)
(We will be providing transportation. Leaving at 6:00.)

September 18-22 Newport Church of Christ Speaker: Mark Mason

September 24
Ladies Day at New Concord Church of Christ

September 25-28
12th Annual West Virginia Christian Lectureship
Pennsboro Church of Christ
Various speakers

October 2-5
Rockport Church of Christ
Speaker: Bob Vincent

We will be providing transportation. Details to be announced

## October 8

Ladies Inspiration Day at the Norval Park congregation Speaker: Diana Morris

October 16-19
Lubeck Church of Christ
Speaker: Joe Wells

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



The Friday Night sing will be at the Lower Paw Paw congregation. Transportation will leave here at 5:45.



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

September 18 Christian Baptism II