

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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12th Annual West Virginia Christian Lectureship

September 25-28, 2011



Hosted By

Pennsboro Church of Christ

Oh How I Love Your Law!

A study of Psalm 119

Our 25th Annual Bible Bowl

Saturday, October 1

The book of Judges (NKJV)

Come support our teams!

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

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HOSPITAL

St. Joseph's
 Sheila Conner (Room 231)

Marietta Memorial
 Opal Ray (Room 307)

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Len Haid and family in the passing of his uncle, Kennenth Haid.

He passed away last Saturday. He was 92 years old and a resided in Scott Depot, WV.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday greetings again this year. It is wonderful to have such a thoughtful church family. **Patty Sayre**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. They made my day so special. **Valeria Sprout**
- ♥ Thank you to Debbie Tallman for baking the communion bread for September.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone that donated to the food pantry or donated funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

The Deacons will meet today at 5:00.

There will be a LLL meeting after services this evening in Room 109.

There will be a devo. for the 6th-12th graders this evening after services in the MP Room.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening at 5:45 for the soup bean dinner and 6:20 for a devotional and work projects. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer. (We will be providing transportation to Pennsboro for the Lectureship as part of MNFTM.)

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING TOMORROW EVENING

You are invited to attend the monthly sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP THIS TUESDAY

The Golden Agers will be going to the Amish Country this Tuesday. Leaving at 7:30AM. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

BIBLE BOWL SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a scorekeeper at the Bible Bowl, please let Rick Stanley know. The Bible Bowl is this Saturday, 9:00AM registration - 9:30 devotional.

FAMILY RETREAT AT SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH CAMP IN BECKLEY, WV

The family retreat be held Friday through Sunday (9/30-10/2) at the Surprise Valley Youth Camp in Beckley, WV. The fee is \$10.00. If you are interested, see Paul Saunders.

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN NEXT SUNDAY

The Wood Country Life Chain will be next Sunday 2:00-3:00 along Grand Central Avenue in Vienna. Transportation will leave our building at 1:30.

K-12 DEVO. NEXT MONDAY EVENING AT THE GOLDSMITH'S

There will be a K-12th grade devo. at the home of Marion and Jo Ann Goldsmith Monday, October 3rd at 6:00.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH BROTHER TOM MILLER

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Miller will be October 9-12. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to have a meal with Tom.

ANNUAL HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

The Haid's annual soup bean dinner will be Saturday, October 15 at 4:00 at the Haid's cabin. Bring items to go along with the soup beans and chairs. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

DANA'S DIRECTION

“We do you to wit” – Huh?



This year (2011) marks the four hundredth anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. The KJV is an excellent translation; there is no way to measure the good that has been done in leading people to Christ and teaching them to live the Christian life. That however is the result of God's word (Hebrews 4:12-13, II Peter 1:3), not a particular translation.

Familiarity can lead to misconceptions. I was raised on the King James Version. When I say a verse from memory it comes to me in King James' English. In fact, I was well into adulthood before I considered other versions at all. Our emotions can outweigh our logic. A preacher recently referred to the KJV as "my mother's Bible." One man told me "I will not use any translation" which assumes that Jesus not only spoke in English but the King's English of the 17th century. Some proudly refer to the KJV as "The Authorized Version" as if, somehow it was authorized by God as opposed to King James. Now, don't misunderstand. The KJV is the word of God, given by His inspiration (II Tim.3:16). The work of the Bible's authors is inspired. (II Peter 1:20-21) The work of any particular scholars seeking to translate it is not.

If you read the 1611 King James Version today, it is very difficult to understand at all. The English language has evolved so words have changed in their meanings. Some examples would be the word "quit" which means "stop" today but in Old English it meant "act" (I Cor. 16:13). The word "quick" today means "fast" but in the KJV means "living" (II Tim. 4:1) "Conversation" today means our speech, in the KJV it means "our manner of life" (I Peter 3:12, 3:2). The truth is the KJV of today is not the same as the one I began preaching from 35 years ago. The one in print today was revised in 1987.

When I began preaching I always taught from the KJV, but soon found I was always 'translating' the King James' English into everyday language. One time I was reading where Paul said "Brethren, we do you to wit." The man I was studying with said "Huh? I had to think that one over. Paul said "Brethren, we want you to know" (II Cor.8:1 ESV). I am not saying there is anything wrong with the KJV, but if you are looking for a version that is more in line with the English we use everyday, there are several alternatives.

What should you look for in a translation of the Bible? First, look for a translation. There are some that are paraphrases, where an author just 'tells' the Bible in his own words (the Message, the Living Bible, etc.) These do not even claim to be the exact words of the original text. If you are looking for a translation that come the closest to being a word-for-word translation from the original Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic into English, the NASB (New American Standard) is very much so, along with the recent ESV (English Standard Version). The KJV and NKJV (New King James) are word-for-word translations as well. If you want to read from a translation that is accurate but balances the word-for-word with a 'thought-for-thought' approach, the NIV (New International), NCV (New Century), and NRSV (New Revised Standard) do so and are generally accurate.

A word of warning: Every translation can have its weaknesses, including the KJV; (for example, its use of Easter in place of Passover (Acts 12:4), and hell when the text speaks of Hades (Luke 16:23). Others can reflect the bias of its translators and make the text appear to teach false doctrine. We can, through comparison and from using study tools available determine with accuracy what the Bible says. The responsibility is ours! (II Tim. 2:15)

SERMON NOTES

Repentance: Godly Sorrow that leads to Change (II Corinthians 7:8-11)

“Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your _____ led to _____. For you were sorry in a _____ manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly _____ produces repentance leading to _____, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the _____ produces _____.” (II Corinthians 7:9-10)

God’s preachers have always been preachers of _____. “In those days John the Baptist came _____ in the wilderness of Judea, saying “_____ for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:1) **Jesus was a _____ of repentance.** “From that time Jesus began to _____ and to say ‘_____ for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17) “I did not come to call the righteous but _____ to repentance.” (Mark 2:17)

Repentance is commanded by God of _____. “Truly these times of _____ God overlooked, but now _____ all men _____ to repent.” (Acts 17:30) “For except you _____, you shall all likewise _____.” (Luke 13:3)

#1) Repentance involves a change of _____. **The new attitude we fell toward our sin is _____ and guilt.** Being _____ for sin is not _____. **Godly sorrow leads one to _____.** **Worldly sorrow leads to _____.**

#2) Repentance involves a _____ of heart. “A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ He answered ‘I will not,’ but afterward he _____ it.” (Matthew 21:28-31) **Godly sorrow produces _____.** **Godly sorrow is _____ to be regretted.**

#3) Repentance involves a change in _____. “Esau...found no place for _____, though he sought it diligently with _____.” (Hebrews 12:17) “Who has warned you to _____ from the wrath to come? Therefore bear _____ worthy of repentance.” (Luke 3:7-8) **Paul knew the Corinthians had repented - He saw the _____.** “For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a _____ manner: What _____ it produced in you, what _____ of yourselves, what _____, what fear, what vehement desire, what _____, what vindication! In all these things you proved yourselves _____ in this matter.” (II Corinthians 7:11)

God’s promise - If we _____ He will _____ us. “Seek the Lord while He may be found, _____ upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the _____ man his thoughts; let him _____ to the Lord, and He will have _____ on him, and to our God, for He will _____ pardon.” (Isaiah 55:6-8)



What Would You Do?

The story is told of a Bible class teacher who was telling her Bible class the parable of the good Samaritan. She described in great detail how this man was brutally beaten, robbed, and left for dead on the side of the road. Then she asked her class, "What would you do if you saw a person lying on the side of the road, wounded and bleeding and barely alive? A little boy broke the thoughtful silence by saying, "I think I'd throw up!"

Well, I'm not sure that's exactly the kind of reaction that Jesus is looking for, but one thing is for sure...the teachings of Jesus call for a reaction. We're not to be hearers only, but doers of the word.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.”

(Jas 1:22-24 NKJV)

The teachings of Jesus should stir us to action. His word is not to be viewed simply as noble platitudes. Rather, his word should challenge our ethics, rebuke our shortcomings, and encourage our spirits, and instruct us in doctrine.

Friends, don't walk away from a study of the word of God without making personal application. Remember, what was written, was written for our learning.

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” **(Rom 15:4 NKJV)**

Paul Nygard



NEWS UPDATES

Who do you think watches the Search TV Program? Is it only members of the Church of Christ? How do we measure the positive results of our door knocking campaign?

Did our efforts together with Phil Sanders reach out to everyone we hoped to? Questions like these arise from time to time. WTAP helped us answer some of these questions.

They have a Nielson Rating that measures television viewing for our viewing area. We have seen some **GREAT** results! Take a look:

	May 2010	July 2010	May 2011
<u>Households viewing</u>	641	825	1923
<u>Number of people</u>	1602	2062	4807

There has been more than 100% increase in the past year! WOW! Our campaign to bring glory to God is still producing results. What a great evangelistic tool.

~Marion Goldsmith, Deacon

The Search TV Program can be seen on Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP Channel 15, DIRECTV Channel 364 and DISH TV Channel 259.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP

A city official in Erie, Pennsylvania, wants to make it mandatory that all new homes in the city are built with a porch on the front. The official feels like Americans no longer are involved in their communities and neighborhoods. He thinks that mandating a front porch will bring people out of their homes and into their communities more. In fact, according to a Gallup poll, 7 out of 10 Americans do not even know their neighbors.



In Luke 10, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells us that our neighbor is whoever might be in need. So who is your neighbor? The family next door? **YES!** The family across the street? **YES!** Whoever might be in need? **YES!**

What are you doing to fulfill your responsibility to your neighbors? We all appreciate good neighbors don't we? So what are you doing for yours? You might start by building a porch!

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

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

October 2
The Word Was God

FRIDAY NIGHT SING



The Friday Night sing will be at the Rosemar congregation. Transportation will not be provided.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00



MEN SERVING OCTOBER 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash
PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Delmas Carr
Close - Jim Hughes
6:00 PM - Walter Morgan
Close - Steve Allen

SCRIPTURE

AM - Marion Goldsmith
PM - Dennis Keller

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dearll Vincent
PM - Pat Barclay
Ralph Conner

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

Area Events

Plan to attend and encourage these brethren.

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Transportation Monday leaving here at 6:00PM.

October 1

Bible Bowl here at Camden Avenue- 9:00 Registration

October 2

Wood County Life Chain
2:00-3:00 (Transportation leaving here at 1:30.)

October 3-6

Mineral Wells Church of Christ
Various speakers
(Wednesday - Dana Slingluff)
We will provide transportation Monday (Ryan Curry, speaker) and Thursday (Tim Hatfield, speaker).
Transportation leaving here at 6:30.

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 Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

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



Facts and Figures

September 18, 2011

AM Service.....299
Bible Study.....220
PM Service.....213
Wednesday.....226
Contribution.....\$7359.50

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

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