

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## Labor Day

Labor Day is a holiday to honor working people.

It is observed as a legal holiday on the first Monday in September throughout the United States. For many it is a day of rest and recreation.

It is also a symbol of the end of summer.

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The ability to work is a gift from God. We should show our appreciation to Him.

Remember to always be grateful for the fruits of our labors and the joy we receive by serving others.

## 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  
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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, 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, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Ann Owens, Sharron 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

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## REHABILITATION/HOSPITAL

Sheila Conner is at The Willows (Room 221).  
She would enjoy cards of encouragement. The address is  
723 Summer Street Parkersburg, WV 26101

St. Joseph's - Nancy Putnam (Room 233)

Gloria Frazier's heart cath. procedure was postponed and will be rescheduled.



## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Dearll Vincent**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. They were very much appreciated.  
**Ray Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for the lovely roses. We appreciate your kind thoughts.  
**The Delbert Holleron family**
- ♥ A special thank you to Jean Martin for baking the communion bread for August.
- ♥ Thanks to Len and Susan Haid for painting classroom 154.
- ♥ Thanks to Annette Kirk and JoAnn Goldsmith for decorating the bulletin boards for fall.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TODAY

Everyone is invited to a birthday celebration today for Ray Johnson in the MP Room after evening services.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will be next Sunday in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Everyone is invited.

## GIRLS GIFT CLASS TO MEET NEXT SUNDAY

The last girls GIFT class will meet next Sunday. Bring your Chapter 4 question and project. We will eat at the Fellowship Lunch.

## CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING NEXT WEEK

Care Group Leaders and Co-Leaders are asked to meet next Sunday in Room 109 at 5:00.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Everyone is invited to join us for MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER September 12. Hotdog dinner at 5:45 and work projects at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

## TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will begin September 20 at 7:00 in the MP Room. *Getting Along* by Nancy Eichman will be the book studied this year. If you plan to attend, see Naomi Carr to receive your copy.

## DEVOTIONAL HOSTS NEEDED

If you would be willing to host a devo. for the K-5th grade or 6th-12th grade, please sign the sheet(s) on the counter in the foyer.

## FALL TOT TO TEEN SALE

Parkersburg Stepping Stones will hold their annual "Fall Tot to Teen Sale" Saturday, September 24, in the OVU Alumni Gym from 9:00AM-2:00PM. If you would like to rent a table or for details, see Teresa Wade.

## HELPING THOSE IN NEED FORMS

All members are asked to complete a Helping Those in Need form located in both foyers and give to Rob Hoover or the office. We are updating our data base.

## Weekly Bible Reading

September 4 - I Cor 8, Psalms 106

September 5 - I Cor 9, Psalms 107-109

September 6 - I Cor 10, Psalms 110-114

September 7 - I Cor 11:1-16, Psalms 115-118

September 8 - I Cor 11:17-34, Psalms 119

September 9 - I Cor 12, Psalms 120-132

September 10 - I Cor 13, Psalms 133-139



## THANK YOU...

We had a good Blood Drive even though we did not quite make the set goal of 35, as in the past.

26 donations were received.

Once again thanks to all the workers Betty, Lenore, Lois, Annette, JoAnn and our new workers Chelsea Fleak and Brandon Sheppard (Nursing Students).

Thanks so much.  
Marion Goldsmith

## LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to bring their lunch and meet at Fort Boreman Park on Thursday, September 8 at 12:00 Noon.



Meet at the Underwood Shelter for fun and fellowship.

## Men's Breakfast-Planning Meeting



Saturday, September 17

in the MP Room at 8:00-11:30

Ideas for Consideration forms are in the foyer. Complete with your input and submit to **Paul Saunders**.

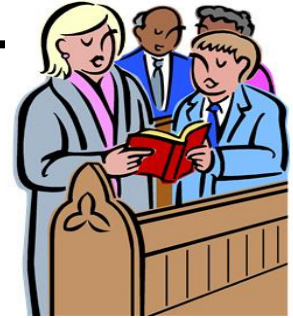
## SERVICES AT LOVE AND CARE

Camden Avenue is responsible for the services at Love and Care next Sunday, September 11 and Thursday evening, September 15.

Care Group 3 is in charge.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Reverence in Worship



“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

I am often asked, and sometimes reminded of the need to address the subject of reverence in worship. I will admit to being so ‘tuned in’ (or ‘tuned out’) during worship services that I seldom notice the commotion going on around me (talking, visiting, going in and out, texting) but I am no less assured that is taking place. This indicates there is a need to address the attitude we should have when we approach God to worship. As you visit other congregations you also become aware of the wide variety of ‘worship styles’ (from formal and staid to ‘hip, hip, hooray’) which begs the question “What is truly involved in holding God in reverence in the assembly of the saints?”

Reverence is defined as **“a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration.”** (Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary) The English word “reverence” is used seven times in the New Testament and is usually a translation of the Greek word **phobos** referring to “fear,” and indicates the great awe and respect (fear) that we should have for God. Knowing who God truly is should define everything we do in this life. “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole (duty) of man.” (Eccle. 12:13) A person who does not have reverence for God every day will not understand the need of it when assembled to worship.

God expects reverence when we come together to worship Him. Reverence for God does not ignore the fact that we should be ‘afraid’ to present to God as worship anything that is unacceptable to Him. “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29) This is certainly what Nadab and Abihu discovered as they offered God a sacrifice that He had not authorized (Leviticus 10:1-2).

If we truly have reverence for God we will seek to demonstrate that when we assemble to worship. Reverence in worship is not created by an atmosphere (low lights, soft music); reverence creates the atmosphere. When we assemble – realizing that we have come to offer God our sacrifice of praise – we will view the time as sacred. Solomon said “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.” (Eccle. 5:1)

If we have reverence for God we will show respect when his word is read. When prayers are led we will participate realizing that we are taking those prayers through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, before the very throne of God! When we sing, we will truly ‘let the words of Christ dwell in us richly’ (Col.3:16), and will “sing and make melody in our hearts.” (Eph. 5:19) When a lesson is presented from God’s word we will regard it as “being from God, not from man.” When the Lord’s Supper is taken, we will stand by faith at the foot of the cross, discerning the body and the blood of Jesus. If we truly participate in worship we will be far too aware of the presence of God to be distracted by every worldly interest and concern.

If we do not have reverence for God, the time that we spend together in the assembly of the saints will seem no different from a school assembly, ball game, or a concert. The truth is that many of us arrive totally unprepared to worship God. We ‘meet and greet,’ get all caught up in the social aspects of seeing one another, then, unsuccessfully ‘draw our minds in from the world’ to worship God. Make an honest assessment of the time you ‘were in worship’ this Sunday. Did you ‘draw near to hear?’ Or, did you ‘offer the sacrifice of fools?’ Our reverence in the assembly will make the difference between worship that God finds pleasing and that which will bring judgment to our souls. (I Cor. 11:29)

# SERMON NOTES

## The Goodness of God (Romans 2:4-10)

“Or do you \_\_\_\_\_ the riches of His \_\_\_\_\_, forbearance, and \_\_\_\_\_, not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leads you to \_\_\_\_\_?” (Romans 2:4)

### The Nature of God’s Goodness:

The Goodness of God describes His \_\_\_\_\_ nature. “God is \_\_\_\_\_, and in Him there is no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.” (I John 1:5) “No one is good but one, that is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 19:17)

God has been good in all of His \_\_\_\_\_ with man. We see God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in Creation. “Every \_\_\_\_\_ and every perfect gift is from \_\_\_\_\_, and comes down from the Father of lights with whom there is no \_\_\_\_\_ or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17) “I will praise You because I am fearfully and \_\_\_\_\_ made; marvelous are your works, and that my soul \_\_\_\_\_ very well.” (Psalm 139:14) **God bestowed His highest honor on \_\_\_\_\_.** “What is \_\_\_\_\_ that You are \_\_\_\_\_ of him and the son of man that you visit him?” (Psalm 8:4)

**God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is seen in his forbearance and \_\_\_\_\_.** “but that He is \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, not wishing that any should \_\_\_\_\_, but that all should come to \_\_\_\_\_.”

### The Purpose of God’s Goodness:

The Goodness of God leads men to \_\_\_\_\_. “Not knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God leads you to \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 2:4) “Do not be overcome by \_\_\_\_\_ but overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 12:21)

**When our soul was lost because of sin, God gave his \_\_\_\_\_.** “Who Himself bore our \_\_\_\_\_ in His body on the tree, that we having died to \_\_\_\_\_ might live to righteousness – by whose \_\_\_\_\_ you were healed.” (I Peter 1:24)

**God’s goodness should lead us to live a life of \_\_\_\_\_.** “Who will render to each one according to his \_\_\_\_\_, eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to those who by patient \_\_\_\_\_ in doing \_\_\_\_\_ seek for glory, honor and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 2:6-7)

**Heaven will surely be worth it all.** “Therefore we do not lose \_\_\_\_\_. For our light \_\_\_\_\_ ... is working for us a far more exceeding and \_\_\_\_\_ weight of glory.” (II Corinthians 4:16-17)

### What about those who reject God’s Goodness?

“But to those who are self-\_\_\_\_\_ and do not \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, but obey unrighteousness – indignation and \_\_\_\_\_, tribulation and \_\_\_\_\_, on every soul of man who does \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 2:8-9)

## Don't You Know Any Better Than That?

I was recently reminded of a sad event that happened in Bible class some time ago. The class, consisting of mostly older (mature) members of the congregation was studying the book of Ephesians. There was a pause in the study when a younger lady spoke up and said, "I am not sure what is wrong with instruments in worship. Most of my family says it's OK. Why don't we have any here?"

Before the elder who was teaching the class had a chance to answer, another gentleman stood up and began raising his voice. "You mean you are a Christian and you don't know any better than that?! Everyone knows that instruments are against the Bible, why any child here knows that. What is wrong with you?"

Needless to say, this young mother left Sunday school in tears after she gathered her own children. No one could make her feel better and her family did not return to worship for a long time. You see, unknown to many, she had only been a Christian for a few weeks, and was still learning. Her question about instruments in worship was an honest and open one, from a babe in Christ willing to learn God's truth and direction for her life.

We do not always know how much a person understands spiritually, even if they have been a Christian for years. Remember what the Hebrews writer said? *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."* (Heb 5.12)

When someone, especially a brother or sister in Christ, is honestly seeking for answers about God, His word, or His kingdom; let us remember who we belong to when we speak. *"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."* (Eph 5.1-2 NKJV)

Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you.

And let us always temper our speech with Love.

-Paul Nygard



## Working with God

Lord without your help I will lose,  
So give me the wisdom to chose,  
The work you have for me to do,  
Using the gifts that are from you.

Lord thank you, for you know how best,  
To crown my work with eternal rest,  
I praise you for preparing me,  
Showing me my true destiny.

Lord, you know I don't deserve,  
The privilege that now I can serve,  
My family, friends, and neighbors,  
By my gifts and by my labors.

Lord your blessing I humbly ask,  
To finish well each special task.  
I know you have the best for me,  
Leading to true prosperity.

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## Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

As Mahatma Gandhi hastily stepped aboard a slowly departing train one day in India, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it, as the train had already begun moving down the track. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first shoe. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did this, Gandhi smiled, "The poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track will now have a pair he can use."

This real-life incident reminds us if the words of Paul in Philippians 2:4, "let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interest of others." So often we only think about ourselves. The next time you have a chance, think about the other guy. Maybe you might find you have an extra shoe to give away.



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

# Area Events

September 4-8 7:00PM each evening  
 Pursley Church of Christ Gospel Meeting  
 Speaker: Tom Miller

September 10  
 Ladies Inspiration Day  
 Rio Grande Church of Christ

September 11 - 14  
 Gospel Meeting  
 Woodsfield Church of Christ  
 Speaker: Abe Miller

September 18 2:00-4:00  
 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**)

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

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

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



**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

**Your presence has been a blessing!**

## FRIDAY NIGHT SING



The Friday Night sing will be at the West Union 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 11  
 Not Too Hard

## MEN SERVING SEPTEMBER 11

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears**

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - John Life

PM - Josh Barclay

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Don Gaston

Close - Paul Inman

6:00 PM - Larry Wigal

Close - Dwain Shears

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Leon Hupp

PM - Leonard Haid

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Dave Lamp

PM - Todd Kirk

Jim Hughes

**PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray**

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

They include Dennis Keller, Ted Miller, Don Nesselroad, Donovan Walton, and Bill Kirby.

## Facts and Figures

August 28, 2011

AM Service.....311

Bible Study.....258

PM Service.....246

Wednesday.....242

Contribution.....\$5988.15

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....7

Placed Membership....3

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00