

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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National Grandparents Day originated with Marion McQuade, of Fayette county, West Virginia. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter made a proclamation that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

As much as grandparents inspire us, they need our encouragement too. Inspire, encourage, and mostly appreciate them and not just on Grandparents Day, but all year around.

The best thing you can do is pray for them. Ask God to help in every difficulty. Tell God how much you appreciate them. And don't forget to tell them yourself. This can be done with a hug, phone call, card, poem, or gift.

Our world needs grandparents who model godly characteristics, demonstrate virtuous living, and mentor those coming after them in the church.

Happy Grandparent's Day!

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Josh Barclay
Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Doug Herselman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
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Prayer Requests

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Rheba Hirtzil, Zandra Holleron, Phyllis Johnson, Donna Keffer, Gypsy Newberry, Jack Newberry, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debbie Boso (a friend of Robin Anthony), Ken Burton, Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Glenn Jones (Tammy Kerns' father), Arnold Marcum (Leonard Haid's friend), Calvin Maynard (Gwen Johnson's father), Betty Morris

In order to keep our prayer lists current, names will appear on our Prayer Lists for three weeks. You may call the office and update or add names.

Hospital

St. Joseph's Campus

Gypsy Newberry (Room 454)

Camden Clark

Jack Newberry (ACU 24)

Mary Ann Barclay (Room 408)



Thank you for all your prayers and concern for Brandon after his motorcycle accident. He is doing much better. **Leon and Judy Hupp**

He would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement. His address is:

Brandon Hupp

PO Box 1562

Seminole, OK 74818



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for all of our anniversary cards. **Calvin and Jean Martin**
- ♥ Calais and I wish to thank everyone for all the pretty birthday cards! We really feel loved here at C.A.! Thank you very much! **Carrie and Calais Nygard**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards I received. **Donna Keffer**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

COLLEGE DINNER - PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting after services this evening in Room 112 for anyone willing to help with the college dinner Wednesday, September 12.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP

The Golden Agers will be going to the Amish country tomorrow. Transportation will leave the building at 8:00.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday evening ladies class will meet at 7:00 this week in the MP Room. Material will be provided at the class.

BIBLE BOWL

The 26th annual Bible Bowl will be this Saturday. Registration begins at 9:00 with a 9:30 devotional. Everyone is encouraged to support the teams. Scorekeepers are needed - see Rick Stanley for details.

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday, September 18 at noon.

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

The Golden Agers fall foliage trip will be Tuesday, September 25. The sign-up sheet and itineraries are in the foyer.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

The church pantry is low on canned fruit/fruit cocktail and breakfast cereal. Items may be left in the library.



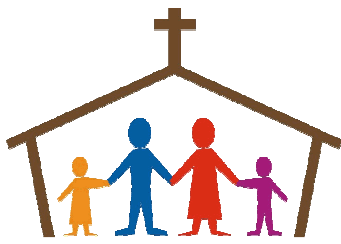
Congratulations to the Wadlington family in the birth of their baby girl,
Kylie Ann Wadlington!

She was born Thursday,
September 6 weighing 8
pounds and 2 ounces
and 20 1/2 inches.



Daily Bible Reading

September 9 - I Co 12, Ps 120-132
September 10 - I Co 13, Ps 133-139
September 11 - I Co 14:1-25, Ps 140-144
September 12 - I Co 14:26-40, Ps 145-150
September 13 - I Co 15:1-34, Pro 1-2
September 14 - I Co 15:35-58, Pro 3-4
September 15 - I Co 16, Pro 5-6
September 16 - 2 Co 1, Pro 7-8



The Assembling of Ourselves Together

(Hebrews 10:19-25)

“and let us _____ one another in order to stir up _____ and good _____, not _____ the _____ of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but _____ one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Assemblies in the New Testament Church: Jerusalem. “And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and _____, in the breaking of _____, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42) “So continuing _____ with one accord in the _____, and breaking bread from _____ to house, they ate their food with _____ and simplicity of heart, praising _____ and having favor with all the _____. And the Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being _____.” (Acts 2:46-47)

In Gentile churches planted by missionary journeys: “On the _____ day of the week, when the _____ came together to _____ bread.” (Acts 20:7) “On the _____ day of the week let _____ one of you lay something aside, storing up _____ as he may _____, that there be no _____ when I come.” (I Cor. 16:2)

The Purpose of our Assembly: We assemble to _____ near to God. (Heb. 10:22) To _____ our _____ before God, one another, the world. (Heb. 10:23) To encourage, _____, admonish one another in _____ the Christian life. (Heb. 10:24-25)

Why does the church assemble? Why should we not forsake?

#1) We assemble as a church to _____ God.

#2) We assemble as a church to _____ one another.

#3) We assemble as a church to _____ or grow to Christian maturity.

#4) We assemble as a church to _____.

“Be kindly _____ one to another, in honor giving _____ to one another.” (Rom.12:10) “Distributing to the _____ of the saints, given to _____.” (Rom. 12:13) “Rejoice with those who _____, _____ with those who weep.” (Rom. 12:15) “Be of the same _____ toward one another. Do not set your mind on _____ things, but _____ with the humble.” (Rom. 12:16) “Until the whole _____ - joined and knit _____ by what every joint supplies, according to the effective _____ by which every _____ does its share, causes _____ of the body for the _____ of itself in love.” (Eph. 4:16)

#5) We assemble as a church to _____.



Personally Speaking



I don't know that it is possible, but if you have missed the discussion, oral and written, about the diminishing influence of Christianity in American life, and churches of Christ in particular, it is because the youth and young adults are rejecting the moral and religious teachings of past generations and consequently are leaving the church.

As important as they are, the economy and jobs are NOT the big issues confronting Americans in this election year. The rejection of God and the rapid growth of ungodliness are threatening the very existence of our GREAT AMERICAN SOCIETY. A great society cannot be built or continue to exist on moral relativism: "If it seems right for you, do it," or, "What's true for you may not be true for me."

I was particularly impressed in my studies of World History in high school and university that the fall of great civilizations was always preceded by the decline of religious faith and morality. America has been the greatest, most coveted and beloved civilization in modern time. But we are swiftly losing it. People of every nation under heaven left farms and businesses and all their possessions and sought refuge in America! But things are changing.

Example: when I was a child my mother's sister was coming for a two week visit. Before she arrived, my mother called a meeting of her four children to caution us not to mention to our friends that our guest had been divorced. We would all be disgraced. Friends, we must restore sanctity to marriage and family.

We have mistaken "freedom" for "right". The freedom to sin, does not make sin right. God said, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will enter the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:9-11). The power for that change is the gospel. We simply must get the church back to the church's business (Ephesians 3:10).

Jesus said:

1. "All AUTHORITY has been given to ME in HEAVEN and on EARTH.
2. Go therefore
3. TEACH all the nations,
4. BAPTIZING them...
5. TEACHING them to observe
6. ALL things that I have COMMANDED YOU, and
7. I AM WITH YOU..."

Preacher, there is your sermon outline for next Sunday. Could it be that the reason so many of the youth and young-married couples are leaving the church is that they are not hearing that any more? Could it be a "different gospel" they're hearing (Galatians 1:6-10)?

It is encouraging to me, an American and a Christian, to know many of YOU share my concern for decline of "Christianity" and churches of Christ in particular.

One of the stated purposes we had for beginning the SEARCH program 32 years ago was to help churches of Christ, not to be just another denomination. But to present New Testament Christianity in America. Our work is not finished.

Mack Lyon

How Close Is too Close For Comfort?



Have you ever heard anyone make the statement, "Now that was just too close for comfort?" I'm sure we all have. But have you ever stopped to think how some people react to the omnipresence of God?

For some, knowing that God is everywhere and sees everything makes him too close for comfort. Because we all will occasionally sin, some feel that God is a little too all-knowing to be comfortable with him. However, for others, the fact that God is close at hand brings them comfort. They're glad to know that the events of this life don't pass by his attention.

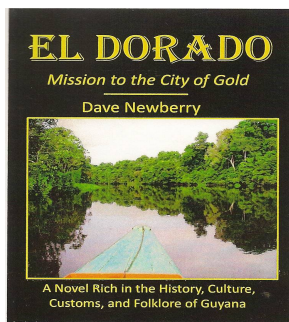
So, what makes the difference? The difference is the course of one's life. Those who live in rebellion to God's laws are not comfortable with his presence, but those who live in obedience to God find comfort in his presence.

What about you? Is God too close for comfort?



Charles Aebi will be here Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 to train teachers in the *"Light To My Path"* curriculum.

All teachers are encouraged to attend. Also, anyone interested in teaching, helping in the future or interested in our education plans are welcome to attend.



JUST PUBLISHED:

El Dorado: Mission to the City of Gold by
Dave Newberry

El Dorado was written to tell the story of our mission work in Guyana, South America, along the Berbice River and to share things we have learned about history, customs, culture, and folklore of this beautiful and fascinating country. The desire was to do so through an entertaining story. Although the story is fiction, Dave has attempted to respect the legends of El Dorado and has tried to be accurate historically and geographically.

Books are displayed and available for purchase in the foyer.



Surprise Valley Youth Camp Fall Retreat in Beckley, WV

September 21 - 23

Cost: \$10.00 per person

There will be classes, campfires, fellowship, food and fun for all.

**Brochures and the sign-up sheet is in
the foyer.**

K - 12th Grade Hotdog Roast and
Devotional at the home of Marion
and Jo Goldsmith on Saturday,

September 29

More details to come.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Let's make sure that we have several things straight. First, material possessions are not a measurement of how much God loves you. (It certainly wasn't the case with Jesus!) Secondly, material possessions are not related to whether you are a good person or a bad person. Thirdly, your possessions can become a barrier between you and God if you let them.

All of us spend too much time thinking about our possessions (or lack of them). Realize that your possessions are irrelevant to God (and they should be to you, also). Don't let them interfere with God's plan for your spiritual growth. We all need to focus more on God than on our material goods!

What you have should not determine who you are. Remember what Jesus said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:23).

Jesus also said, "But many who are first will be last, and the last first". (Mark 10:31)

God loves you for who you are, NOT what you have!

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

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, September 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall
Close - Ron Holleron
6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston
Close - Todd Kirk

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Camp
PM - Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bob Smith
PM - Len Haid
Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray



UPCOMING EVENTS AT AREA CONGREGATIONS

Gospel Meeting

September 9 - 13
Pursley congregation
Speaker: Kevin Lough

Stepping Stones Dues Tea

September 16, Come and go 2:00 - 3:30
5507 14th Avenue, Vienna, WV

Gospel Meeting

September 16 - 19
Newport Church of Christ
Speaker: Jefferson Sole

"IS THE END NEAR?"

September 16 - 20
West Ripley congregation
Various speakers

"God's Blueprint for the Home" Seminar

September 21 - 23
North End congregation
Speakers: Dr. Mike Craven & Dr. Roy Sharp

Gospel Meeting

September 23 - 26
Lubeck Church of Christ
Speaker: Norbert Thomas

Gospel Meeting

September 23 - 26
Bridge Street congregation in New Martinsville
Speaker: Charles J. Aebi, Ph.D.

Stark County Ladies Day

Saturday, September 29
The Hartville Church of Christ
Topic: *On The Road To Our Heavenly Home*
Speaker: Karen McHan

Details of these events are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Steve
Allen, Delmas Carr,
Todd Kirk, and
Daniel Nygard.



Facts and Figures

September 2, 2012

AM Service.....285

Bible Study.....210

PM Service.....226

Wednesday.....222

Contribution.....\$7141.25

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

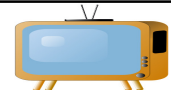
Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 5:45 for the sing at
the West Union
congregation.



Watch "IN SEARCH OF
THE LORD'S WAY"
Sunday mornings at 7:30
on WTAP-TV.
UPCOMING TOPIC
September 16
REPENTANCE