

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Welcome to our Gospel Meeting with Brother John Miller.

Theme: The Compassion of Christ

Sunday 9:30AM—For Families

Sunday 11:00AM—For the Fearful and Unbelieving

Sunday 6:00PM—For Sinners

Monday 7:00PM—For the “Selfie” Generation

Tuesday 7:00PM—For Walking Scandals

Wednesday 7:00PM—For Those Who Suffer and Are In Need

Please attend the sessions this week and invite others.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner
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Thank you for
worshipping with
us!
Your presence is
a blessing!



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Margaret Dawkins, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Mike Fleak, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Ray Johnson, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Bill Hofmann, Baby James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer List.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Robbin Newberry. He passed away last Saturday. His service was held Wednesday at the Leavitt Funeral Home.
Please keep this family in your prayers.

Doug and Katy Foster are the proud parents of twins born Friday, April 2.

Grandparents are Larry and Mary Foster.
Great grandparents are Van and Nancy Putnam.



- ♥ Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and all acts of kindness shown at the passing of my sister. **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday cards. **Patrick Davis**
- ♥ Thanks for all who helped with our Senior Saints Day to make it a memorable event. **Walter Morgan**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 will host the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Everyone is invited.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

Men's meeting today at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO RUBBERMAID/SMUCKERS

Our Golden Agers will leave Thursday, April 30 at 8:00AM for the Rubbermaid Factory Store and Smucker's shop. We will have dinner at The Amish Door and return around 5:00PM. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to go.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 25 in the MP Room at 8:30. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons are asked to meet next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY EVENING VISITATION NEXT WEEK

Everyone is encourage to meet Monday, April 27 at 6:00PM in the MP Room to make visits.

LOVE AND CARE SING

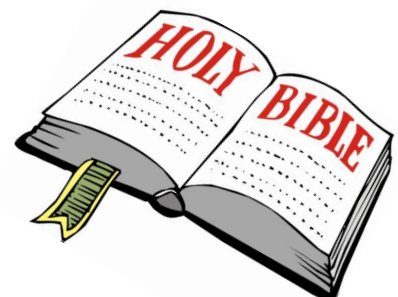
You are invited to the monthly sing at Love and Care Monday, April 27 at 7:00PM.

BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley has tickets available for the annual baseball trip to Cincinnati July 17. See him for details.

Daily Bible Reading

April 19—Luke 13:1-17, Judges 14-16
April 20—Luke 13:18-35, Judges 17-19
April 21—Luke 14:1-14, Judges 20-21
April 22—Luke 15:15-35, Ruth 1-2
April 23—Luke 15, Ruth 3-4
April 24—Luke 16, I Samuel 1-3
April 25—Luke 17:1-29, I Samuel 4-6
April 26— Luke 17:20-37, I Samuel 7-9



ASSURANCE AND HOPE

“and not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God” (II Corinthians 8:5)

Life can be full of surprises. Sometimes something comes our way that we didn't expect at all. Other times things don't unfold exactly as we expected them to for better or for worse.

In the text above Paul is commending the liberality in giving of the churches in Macedonia. These were poor people, living in a poor region of the Roman Empire. When a financial need arose they quickly and generously gave all they could and a little more to help brethren in need. Their giving actually exceeded Paul's expectations. What a pleasant surprise!

Paul used their example of sacrificial giving to motivate the more richly blessed Corinthians to give liberally and cheerfully.

In another time and place Paul, from a Roman prison says, **“For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica...”** (II Timothy 4:10).

Demas had been a good friend and co-laborer who had stood by Paul during an earlier imprisonment (Philemon 24; Colossians 4:14). This seemed to catch Paul by surprise every bit as much as the liberality in giving among the Macedonians had, but this time in a negative manner.

Life is uncertain at best! We never really know what to expect from one day to the next other than knowing there will some surprise along the way.

For this very reason we need some degree of certainty to balance life out and allow us to proceed with confidence from one day to the next!

For us that degree of certainty is found only in God and His promises. This forms the basis for our **HOPE!** Christian hope is the combination of desire and expectation. It allows us to know in the heart what cannot be known by the senses. It brings a degree of confidence in what is otherwise an uncertain future.

The author of Hebrews speaks of God and His promises in Hebrews 6:13-20. Speaking to their certainty, he reminds us that the hope we have through them is **“an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast”** (Hebrews 6:19).

By Sam Bartrug



We begin our Gospel Meeting today with Brother John Miller.
Please join us this week as we study God's word.



The Grace of Growing Older

Our national news regularly comments on “the graying of America.” According to statistics, Americans are reaching retirement age in startling numbers and it affects everything from Social Security to health care to corporate retirement benefits. The discussion in the media usually centers on the problems associated with older age.

Older age presents us with new challenges and difficulties and one thing is for sure: old age is not for the weak! Physical abilities may decrease, eyesight may diminish and memory may fail us. Solomon, with his great wisdom and experience from life, knew that older age is fraught with difficulties that come from the changes that take place (Ecclesiastes 12:1-8). But, are there any benefits to being older? Oddly enough, some of these lessons come from Elihu, a young man.

When Elihu speaks to Job, he acknowledges that those who are older have more wisdom than the younger. In Job 32:6-7 he says that “days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.” The friends of Job had not spoken well concerning God or Job and Elihu feels compelled to answer them. Still, he knows that older age generally implies wisdom. The reason is simple: knowledge and experience combined with many years will result in a greater perspective on the things of life. That wisdom can help us, but will be of greater benefit to those coming behind us.

A second benefit is that of respect. Elihu respectfully referred to Job’s friends because of their age. The Old Law said, “Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:32). Most of us were taught “respect your elders,” meaning those who are older. When Paul appealed to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus, he added the fact that he was “Paul the aged” (Philemon 9). His appeal is on the basis that he was an older man deserving of that respect and consideration.

I’ve heard some say that “getting older isn’t fun!” That may be true, but there is a grace involved. God has given you longer life...make the most of it and use it to help those who have yet to walk the road of life as far as you have.

How is YOUR health?



Our Doctors want us to be healthy and so they ask, "LET ME LISTEN TO YOUR HEART." But who helps you with a Spiritual Heart Condition? Often, the spiritual heart is hurting more than we ever let on. You need Spiritual Rest, Spiritual Medicine and Spiritual Attention!

But who can you turn to? Christians often see Spiritual deficiencies in others, but NOT IN THEMSELVES. The same advice you would give, you must learn to accept for your own Spiritual Health Scripture, Luke 9:47-48.

The one who is listening to your SPIRITUAL HEART knows all about you, but you must be ready and willing to hear His diagnosis.

Jesus wants us to share our burdens by trusting Him, by going to Him in prayer and by accepting help from our brothers and sisters in Christ. I can take comfort in knowing that my Spiritual Heart's health is monitored by the Great Physician! A good song we sing, "The Great Physician Now is Near!"

Mark Burgess
Bulletin Digest

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

We usually think of pride in a sinful context. One definition of pride is, "A high opinion of one's own worth." With this definition, the Bible tells us in Proverbs 6 that, "A proud look" is one of the seven abominations.

However, there is a good sense in which pride is used. Another definition of pride is "something that one is proud of." There are certain things that we should be proud of and take pride in:

- We should take pride in doing our best.
- We should take pride in our family.
- We should take pride in our example.
- We should take pride in our community and country.
- We should take pride in the church.
- We should take pride in God's word.



Paul said in II Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

I think we all can see the importance of the right kind of pride. Are you taking pride in the really important things today?

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, April 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley
PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jim Galloway
Close—Bill Lemley
6:00 PM—Walter Morgan
Close—Jeff Taberner

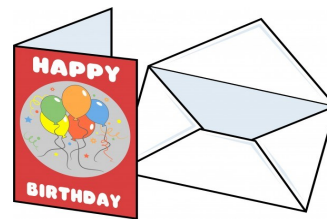
SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Hoover
PM—Len Haid

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dwain Shears
PM—Cody Hoover
Steve Moser

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- May 1—*Ted and Rebecca Miller
May 2—Calvin Martin
May 3—Kristi Hoover
May 5—Belinda Buckley
May 7—Don Gaston, Jim Hinzman, Madonna Smith,
*John and Karen Life
May 10—Dwain Shears
May 11—Austin Hennen, Herb Wright
May 12—Kiley Goldsmith, Jenny Ware, *Chris and Terri
Cox
May 13—Michael Ludwig
May 14—Braden Hesselrode, Bill Pralley, *Bob and
Gala Miller
May 15—Dave Nulter, Brady Sheppard
May 16—Leonard Haid
May 19—Doug Hinzman
May 20—Jay Chevront, Rick Stanley
May 21—*Jon and Brandi Hescht
May 22—Kira Miller, *Mike and Kelly Fleak
May 23—Cindy Huxley
May 26—Kaleb Cochran, Klay Cochran, *Delmas and
Naomi Carr
May 27—Kaelyn Alexander
May 28—Sarah Hinzman
May 29—John Rockhold III
May 31—Lewis Lee

* Anniversary

NOTE: If your (or your children's) birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.



They include Kevin Cochran, Doug Hershman, Doug Hinzman and Kevin Inman.

Facts and Figures

April 12, 2015

AM Service.....290
Bible Study.....198
PM Service.....205
Wednesday.....197

Contribution\$7781.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....3
Placed Membership...1

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30
on WTAP, WCWP local Sundays
at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239
Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV
channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM,
Local cable Channel 4 Sundays
6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM,
Monday 2:00PM, Thursday
5:00PM

UPCOMING PROGRAM

April 26
MARK OF THE BEAST

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 5:30 for the sing at
the South Logan
congregation.

Friday Night sing flyers available in
the foyers.