

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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God Is Positive

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves,
God has a positive answer for it.

You say, "It's impossible."

God says: "All things are possible." (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say, "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Philippians 4:13)

You say, "I just can't forgive myself."

God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9, Romans 8:1)

You say, "I can't manage."

God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Philippians 4:19)

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated."

God says: "Cast all your cares on Me." (I Peter 5:7)

You say, "I feel so all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

You say, "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it." (Romans 8:28)



In your day, try to surround yourself with people who love you, motivate you, encourage you and just make you feel good about being You....people that want to be with you in heaven one day.

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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Jim Dailey is at The Willows.
Remember Brother Jim in your prayers.
He would be encouraged by receiving cards and visits.
The address is: 723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey, Patty Dawson,
Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell,
Carol Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Diane Conrad
(Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Annette Dearth (Peggy Dearth's
daughter-in-law), Bill Hofmann, James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's
grandson), Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise congregation), Lisa Osbourne (Steve
Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), 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 to add or update names on the Prayer List.



- ♥ I appreciated the birthday cards and notes. **Bill Mills**
- ♥ Even though I'm gone preaching, it's nice to be remembered. Thanks for the birthday cards. **John Rockhold III**
- ♥ Thanks to Jeff, Todd, Madison, Jordan, Holly and Ben for cleaning my windows. Also to Todd for fixing my storm door. Love you all, **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. **Glenn Snider**



Come see why...

**We love our church family that meets at
Camden Avenue!**

RESTORED—PRAYERS REQUESTED

We rejoice that Glenn Snider came forward Sunday evening. Please continue to pray for Brother Snider in his daily Christian life.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites **everyone** to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

Transportation will leave Friday evening at 5:30 for the sing at the Salem/Ten Mile congregation.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 27 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS

Rick Stanley has tickets available for the baseball trip to Cincinnati July 17.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School will be July 5—8.

HELP NEEDED

Tabetha Wagoner will be having surgery this week. If you could assist with child care, please see Peggy Riddle. If you could provide a meal, please see Kay Stanley. Keep Tabetha in your prayers.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank home and fill it over the next 3-4 months. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children. Banks are available in the front and rear foyers.



Daily Bible Reading

June 14—John 17, 1 Chronicles 7-8

June 15—John 18:1-24, 1 Chronicles 9-10

June 16—John 18:25-40, 1 Chronicles 11-12

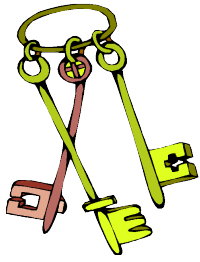
June 17—John 19:1-16, 1 Chronicles 13-15

John 18—John 19:17-42, 1 Chronicles 16-17

June 19—John 20:1-18, 1 Chronicles 18-19

June 20—John 20:19-31, 1 Chronicles 20-21

June 21—John 21, 1 Chronicles 22-23



THE KEY TO CHURCH GROWTH

Knute Rochne was one of the greatest football coaches who ever lived. In his 13 years as head coach at Notre Dame, his teams won 105 games, lost 12 and tied 5. Other coaches knew that he never had a secret practice. In fact, he sometimes would put up a sign for visitors that said “Secret Practice today. . . , come and bring your notebooks.” One time when an Army scout missed a train connection and didn’t get to Notre Dame game he was to cover, Rockne obligingly sent him the plays he planned to use against the West Pointers.

He explained his action by saying, “It isn’t the play that wins, it’s the execution.”

All great coaches agree. Championship teams are made by majoring in the fundamentals—blocking and tackling. Occasionally a team may win a game by trick or gimmick. But they will not be a consistent winner that way.

Great churches are built the same way—by majoring in the basics. The spiritual fundamentals for the church are teaching, praying and visitation,

Occasionally, one may hear a minister seeking to build a congregation by promoting some spectacular event or gimmick. It is true that these may succeed for a while, but seldom do the results last. People soon get wise to gimmicks. The trouble with the spectacular is that one must continually try to outdo himself by searching for a more spectacular thing to do next.

There is no limit to how strong a congregation can become when the leadership strives to build on the basics—Bible study, prayer, and visitation. Remember, the secret is not in the play, but in the performance. An exciting, spiritual, growing church is not built upon some newfangled idea that no one ever thought of before. Such congregations are built on the basics—by doing them better than anybody else.

God is still at work in the world (Phil. 2:13). He doesn’t need any new thing to do His work. The key to church growth is not in always advancing something new but in performing the fundamentals well.

James A. Horton



The Parable of the Older Brother (Luke 15:11-24)

God's Love for Prodigals: "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a _____ way off, his father _____ him and had _____, and ran and fell on his neck and _____ him" (Luke 15:20). "For this my _____ was _____ and is alive again; he was _____ and is _____. And they began to be _____" (Luke 15:24)

The story of the Older Brother: "The _____ and scribes _____ saying 'This man receives _____ and eats with them'" (Luke 15:1,2). The older brother represented _____.

Things about the older brother that were commendable. He was a _____. "Now his older son was in the _____" (vs. 25). He was _____. "He said to his father, 'Lo, these _____ years I have been _____ you...'" (vs. 29).

The older brother's heart: He will filled with _____. "I have never _____ your commandment at _____ time" (vs. 29). The older brother's attitude was "I _____ it".

The older brother's attitude toward his father: He served the father but didn't _____ him. "Lo these many years I have been _____ for you" (vs.29). He saw his father only as the _____. He took no _____ in serving his father. "As he drew near to the house, he heard _____ and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things _____" (vs. 25-26).

The older brother did not _____ his father. The older brother believed his father's philosophy was "One _____ and you're _____." The prodigal believed there was _____. He viewed his father's mercy as _____; his father's forgiveness as _____.

Is older brother's attitude toward his brother: He reacted _____ to his brother's return. "He was _____ and would not _____ in" (vs. 28). "You never gave me a _____, that I might make merry with my _____" (vs. 29). He felt no _____ for his brother. "As soon as this _____ of _____ came, who has devoured _____ livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for _____" (vs.30). He didn't love his father because he didn't love his father's _____. "If someone says, 'I love _____' and hates his _____; he is a _____; for he who does not _____ his _____ whom he has seen, how can he love _____ whom he has not seen?" (I John 4:20)

Which brother are you? The brother who refused to _____ - now stood in need of _____. "For if you _____ men their _____, your heavenly Father will also _____ you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father _____ your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). "Likewise, I say to you, there is _____ in the presence of the _____ of God over one who repents" (Luke 15:10). "It was _____ that we should make merry and be _____, for your _____ was dead and is alive again, was lost and is _____" (Luke 15:32).

Golden Agers Amish Country Pictures

Thank you to Dana Slingluff and Dwain Shears for planning this event. Thanks to Bill Mills for driving the bus.

Also, thanks to the good folks that participate and make these trips so enjoyable!



Bill & Carolyn Davis checking out Big Ben!



Great grandpa Bill Hoover loving beautiful Payton!



Nina Chevront & Carolyn enjoying fun and fellowship.



Another picture of Cody Young... He enjoyed a fun day with Tori Santonastasi.

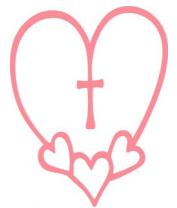


Dana at the little church.



A thorn between two roses?
Mary Daniel, Paul Saunders, Peggy Dearth

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY



- July 1—*Jeff & Julie Taberner
- July 3—Michaela Miller
- July 4—Phil Deem, Janet Plant
- July 5—Nancy Putnam
- July 6—Ron Holleron
- July 8—Tammie Wilson
- July 11—Ben Sheppard
- July 13—Don Dougherty
- July 15—Richard Marshall
- July 16—*Jimmy & Brooke Galloway
- July 17—Evan Fleak
- July 18—Harold Stanley
- July 20—Chris Tallman, *Keith & Eloise Smith
- July 21—Brenda Dougherty, Kenzie Inman, Gary McConnell
- July 22—Teagan Hescht
- July 23—Margaret Dawkins
- July 24—Melissa Caplinger, Carla Wadlington, *Bill & Jane Pralley
- July 25—Melva Farris, *Rick & Kay Stanley
- July 26—Leah Hoover
- July 27—Bailey Inman, Debi Inman
- July 28—Emma Johnson, Phyllis Johnson
- July 30—Koebe Wade
- July 31—Linda Moncrief

*Anniversary

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



Macey Dean

2015 Cum Laude graduate at Alderson Broaddus University

Mathematics and Secondary Education degree.

She received the following awards:

- Silver Key Honorary
- Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges
 - Brenda Jones Memorial Natural Science Education Award
 - Ruth Shearer Secondary Education Award

She will begin teaching math at Riverside High School in Belle, WV this fall.

She is the daughter of our Brother Mark Dean.



Diana, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode will be going on a mission trip to Guyana this summer.

They will be taking New King James large print Bibles to give away. If you would like to donate Bibles or funds to be used to purchase Bibles, please see the Hesselrode's or one of the Elders.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation toward their mission trip, please give it to them or one of the Elders.

Checks may be made payable to Lubeck church of Christ with memo noted for the Hesselrode's.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Many of you might remember the famous line from the comedian Flip Wilson, "The devil made me do it!" Unfortunately, this example of the blame game is gaining wider and wider acceptance today. So many want to blame anything and everything bad that happens to them on someone else. It is always somebody else's fault. Parents blame their children's failures on other children and teachers. Lawyers are becoming multimillionaires by simply feeding on this "blame someone else" mentality.

Whatever happened to acceptance of personal responsibility for our actions or lack of action!? Where has honesty gone!? What makes us think that everyone else owes us something!? It has become too easy to pass blame on to others, when the blame honestly belongs to us.

Don't forget that God expects us to be responsible for making the right choices. When we do make the wrong choice, be honest with yourself and God. Admit you were wrong and go about trying to correct the error. Don't blame anyone else for your own failures.

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, June 21

ELDER IN CHARGE—Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE—Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode
PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Len Haid
Close—Walter Morgan
6:00 PM—Jon Hescht
Close—Jim Galloway

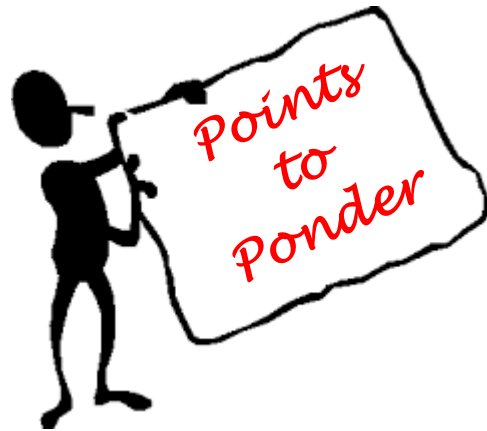
SCRIPTURE

AM—Ron Riddle
PM—Hayden Moser

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Mills
PM—Barry Mills
Doug Hinzman

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



- Dear God, I have a problem, it's me.
- Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- The Will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" may be just sitting on the premises.
- He who angers you, controls you!
- Do the math...count your blessings.
- As a child of God, prayer is like calling home everyday.

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The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.



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

Facts and Figures

June 7, 2015

AM Service.....295
Bible Study.....201
PM Service.....233
Wednesday.....212

Contribution\$12,240.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....4
Placed Membership....1

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida

Senior Week (Ages 14-19) June 14-19
Junior Week (Ages 8-11) June 21-26
Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) June 28-July 3

Registration forms available in the foyers.

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 Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM

UPCOMING PROGRAM

June 21
ALL-SUFFICIENT