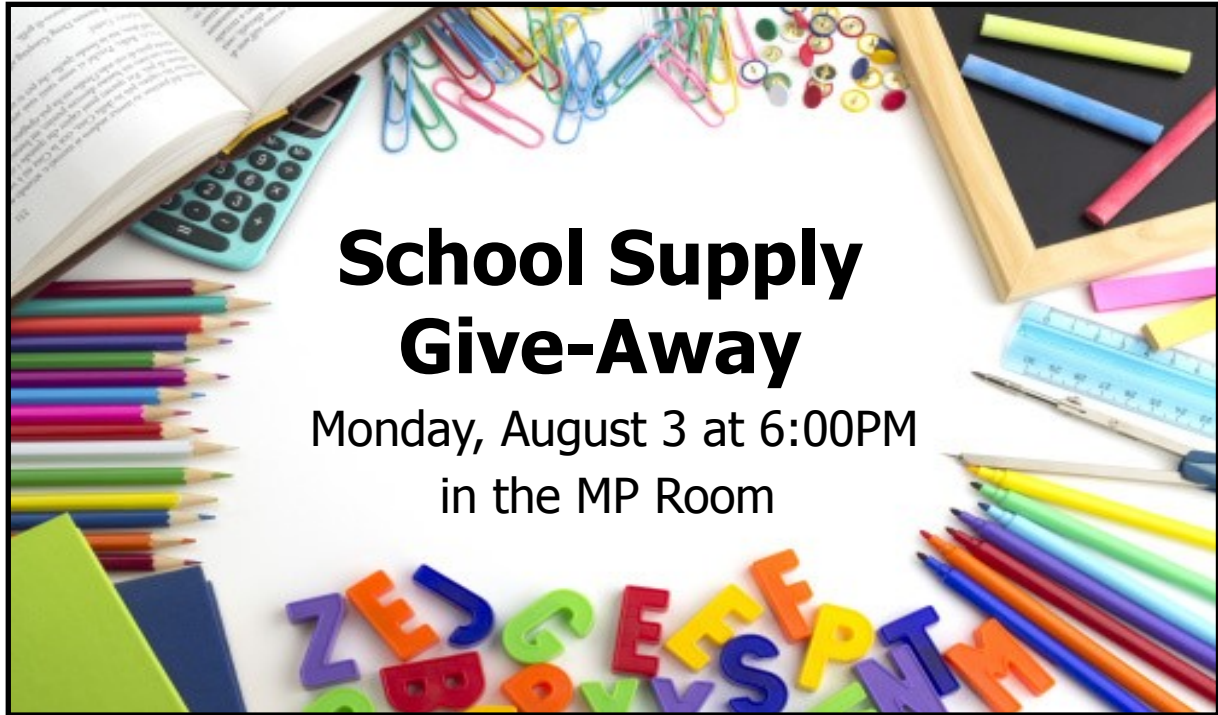


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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

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Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper. *(No backpacks.)*

Items may be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer by next Sunday.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders or Dwain Shears.



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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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey,
Gary Farris, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Bill Lemley, Jane Pralley,
Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Eleanor Slingluff, Carol Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce,
Ona Jean Brundy (Eloise Smith's sister), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor),
Treva Daggett, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid
(Len Haid's brother), Steve Hartzler (experiencing serious health issue, requested
by Brenda Dougherty), Sue Jones (Teresa Wade's mother), 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.

Eleanor Slingluff is at the Marietta Center but is planning to go back to
Love and Care this week.



- ♥ Thank you all for the prayers, cards and visits for Dad when he was in the hospitals and at the funeral home. Love, **Chris Hofmann and The Hofmann Family**
- ♥ It's been a week since I was released from the hospital. Improvement is evident each day as I slowly regain my strength. I'm appreciative of the many prayers, words of encouragement, cards, visits and phone calls. Again, thanks to everyone for your prayers! Hope to see you soon. **Bill Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, helping with the kids, and meals following my surgery. We are grateful to have such a caring church family. Thank you. In Christian Love, **Tabetha Wagoner and family**



MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

6th–12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL THIS EVENING

All 6th–12th graders are invited to the devo. in the MP Room this evening after services.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Care Group 3 will be conducting the services at Love and Care next Sunday, July 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, July 30 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

MOVING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Madonna Smith is moving to a downstairs apartment next Saturday at the complex in Mineral Wells where she currently resides. If you can help, please see Paul Saunders.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care Monday, July 27 at 7:00PM.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

LLL kick-off will be Sunday, August 2 in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 10 in the MP Room from 1:00-6:00PM. Sign-up sheets will be available.

PARKERSBURG—HALF MARATHON WATER STOP

We will again be hosting a water stop at the Parkersburg-Half Marathon Saturday, August 15. If you would like to volunteer, sign the sheet on the counter.

Sarah Gray and Bret Wilcoxon happily invite you to celebrate their wedding July 25, 2015 at 1:30PM at the Belpre Church of Christ. Reception immediately following in the church fellowship hall.



Sign-up sheet for attendance count on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading

July 19— Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3

July 20—Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6

July 21—Acts 18, Esther 7-10

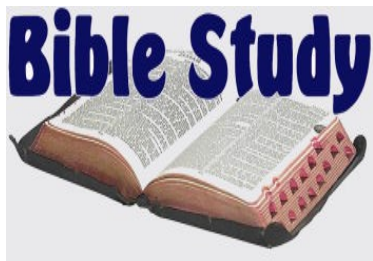
July 22—Acts 19:1-20, Job 1-3

July 23—Acts 19:21-41, Job 4-6

July 24—Acts 20:1-16, Job 7-8

July 25—Acts 20:17-38, Job 9-11

July 26—Acts 21:1-16, Job 12-13



It's Not Optional

Earlier in the year, Ronnie White Challenged my thinking (and pricked my conscience) with a lesson on studying the Bible. He, mentioned an adult Class he was in recently where only 3 out of 150 present could say they had read their Bibles every day the previous week. After giving it some thought he concluded that many members today feel that really serious Bible study is a good thing, a desired thing, an admirable thing, but not an absolute must. It is something that the deeply spiritual do, and if we ever find the time, we're going to start.

But it's not optional, Ronnie pointed out. It's an absolute must. To put some of his thoughts into my own words:

1. We **Must** Study The Bible Because We Must have **Direction**. If we start on a trip to a place we've never been, a map or other directions are not optional. They are a must. Even so as we travel toward eternity. The Psalmist said to God, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105)
2. We **Must** Study The Bible Because We Must Have **Protection**. If we engage in a dangerous activity, sport, or occupation, adequate protection is not optional; it's a must. In the Christian life, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of darkness: (Ephesians 6:12). The only way we can be protected against such formidable foes is to know God's word well enough to be able to say, "It is written!" (Matthew 4:4 cf.)
3. We **Must** Study the Bible Because We Must have **Nutrition To Live**. Food is not optional if we are to continue to have physical life; it's a must. Our spiritual selves must also be fed if they are not to die—and the only source of spiritual food is God's word. "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

I went away from that lesson with a resolve to improve my study habits. How about you?

Joy in Trials

(I Peter 1:1-9)



“In this you greatly _____, though now for a _____ while, if need be, you have been grieved by various _____, that the genuineness of your _____ being much more precious than _____ that perishes, though it is _____ by fire, may be found to praise, _____, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (I Peter 1:6-7)

We can have joy in trials – Because of what we have in _____. True joy is found in the Lord. “Rejoice in the _____ always, and again I say rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4)

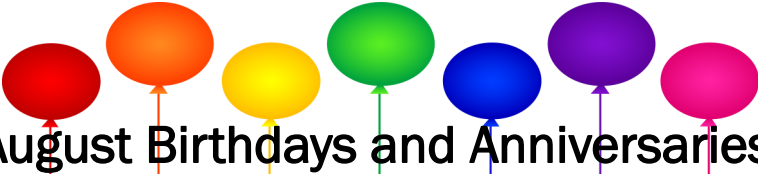
We can have joy in trials knowing what the _____ holds, which gives us _____. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant _____, has begotten us again to a living _____, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the _____.” (I Peter 1:3) **The hope of something beyond the grace enabled _____ to face His trials.** “Who for the _____ that was set before Him, endured the _____, despising the _____, and has set down at the right hand of the throne of _____.” (Hebrews 12:2)

Our future _____ is of an inheritance. “To an _____ incorruptible and undefiled and that does not _____ away, reserved in _____ for you.” (I Peter 1:4)

We can have hope in trials – knowing they serve a _____. Trials are the source of _____ and blessings. “Count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the testing of your faith _____ patience.” (James 1:2-3) “My _____ is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in _____... therefore I will boast in my infirmities, that the _____ of Christ may rest in me.” (II Corinthians 12:9)

The Good News about trials” #1) They are _____. “For our _____ affliction, which is but for a _____, is working for us a far more exceeding and _____ weight of _____.” (II Corinthians 4:17) **#2) We are not _____.** “We are _____ by the _____ of God.” (I Peter 1:5) **#3) They change us, _____ us, perfect us, making us _____.** “But let patience have its _____ work, that you may be perfect and complete, _____ nothing.” (James 1:4)

Overcoming trials strengthens our _____. Faith is trusting _____.
“May be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of _____
Whom having not _____ you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet _____ you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of _____.” (I Peter 1:7-8) **Trials cannot take away our _____.**



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 2—Cassie Hennen, Nancy Stanley, *Paul and Nancy Inman

August 4—Scott Johnson, *Bob and Sharon Armstrong

August 5—Eleanor Slingluff "92nd"

August 7—Richard Cozad, Bill Davis, *Dana and Cindy Slingluff

August 8—Bill Camp, Ed Porter, Hannah Shears

August 9—Sharon Armstrong, *Jim and Rose Merrill

August 10—Ron Riddle, Donna Tice, *Marion and Jo Goldsmith, *Brandon and Calle Sheppard

August 11—Colleen Ash

August 13—Julie Moser, *Dave and Carla Wadlington

August 14—Jane Pralley, Emily Saunders

August 17—Sallie Hinzman, *Steve and Linda Gray

August 18—John Life

August 19—Lois Nulter, *Ryan and Cheryl Logston, *Dwain and Kimberlee Shears

August 20—Drew Hershman

August 23—Bill Lemley, Rose Merrill, Ray Sams, Dearll Vincent

August 24—Larry Stanley

August 26—Sherry Wilcox

August 27—Linda Gray, Karen Life, Eloise Smith, Brad Sheppard, Clyde Yoho

August 28—Kyler Wade

August 29—Keith Cowdery

August 31—Tim Proffitt

*May God richly bless you
on your special day!*

*Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

PHOTOS FROM OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Youth Events

6th–12th Grade Devotional

All 6th-12th graders are invited to a devotional in the MP Room this evening after services.

Cedar Point Trip

Thursday, August 6—leaving here at 6:00AM

(\$52 if we have enough for group discount—if not it will be \$58.) Money needs to be given to Paul Saunders by August 2. Everyone invited! Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

LLL will kick-off Sunday, August 2 in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

Day-Long Program at OVU for 6th-12th Grade

Ohio Valley University **PREPARE**

Preparing youth for service to Christ in His church

A special day-long program for young men and women—Grades 6-12

Saturday, August 8 (Registration: \$15)

Sign-up sheet on the counter

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

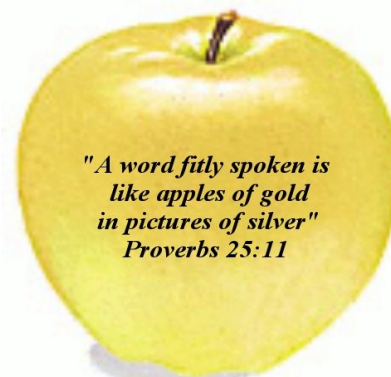
The study of a foreign language can be a daunting project. In fact, the study of the English language can be challenging at times, but the effort is worthwhile. Words are the building blocks of communication, and we should strive to master as many of them as possible.

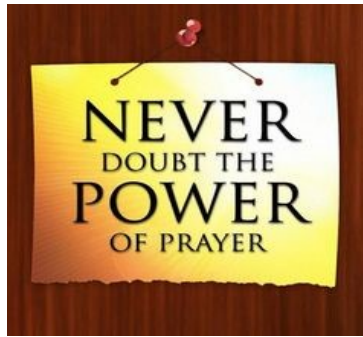
While some words are best left unsaid, Solomon reminds us, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”

On the birth of his first daughter, Lt. Commander J.P. Carr received a letter of advice from his father: “Teach her as many of the seven thousand words of the English language as you have time to, but be sure she knows that:

- ⇒ The highest word is **GOD**;
- ⇒ The longest word is **ETERNITY**;
- ⇒ The swiftest word is **TIME**;
- ⇒ The nearest word is **NOW**;
- ⇒ The darkest word is **SIN**;
- ⇒ The meanest word is **HYPOCRISY**;
- ⇒ The deepest word is **SOUL**;
- ⇒ The noblest word is **HOPE**;
- ⇒ The greatest word is **LOVE**;
- ⇒ The sweetest word is **JESUS**.

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





The Power of a Prayer

The power of a prayer cannot be measured,
 'Tis just a feeling to be treasured,
 Its power shows in many ways
 As we offer God our heartfelt praise.
 A prayer is a feeling deep inside,
 A plea to God, our paths to guide.
 We pray that He be always there
 For all His children, everywhere.

The power of a prayer though not in sight,
 Is there through day and dark of night,
 It gives one strength where there was none,
 To prove God's work is never done.
 At times, dear Lord, I would ask of Thee
 To grant to me one special plea,
 To free me from my dark despair
 Through the mighty power of a prayer.
 God caters to every race and creed,
 Ready to help all those in need,
 He will give to all His blessings rare,
 Through just the power of a prayer.

Bulletin Digest

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, July 26

ELDER IN CHARGE—Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE—Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
 PM—Kevin Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Walter Morgan
 Close—Bill Mills
 6:00 PM—Kody Inman
 Close—Rick Stanley

SCRIPTURE

AM—Tim Proffitt
 PM—Leon Hupp

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bob Smith
 PM—Jon Hescht
 Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.

They include
 Austin Hennen,
 Gregg Hennen,
 Jon Hescht and
 Kyle Inman.



Facts and Figures

July 12, 2015

AM Service.....237
 Bible Study.....181
 PM Service.....217
 Wednesday..... 182
 Contribution\$7307.20

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....5
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....3
 Placed Membership....3

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 TOPIC—JULY 26
MARK OF THE BEAST

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
 Friday evening at 5:15 for
 the sing at the Spencer
 congregation.