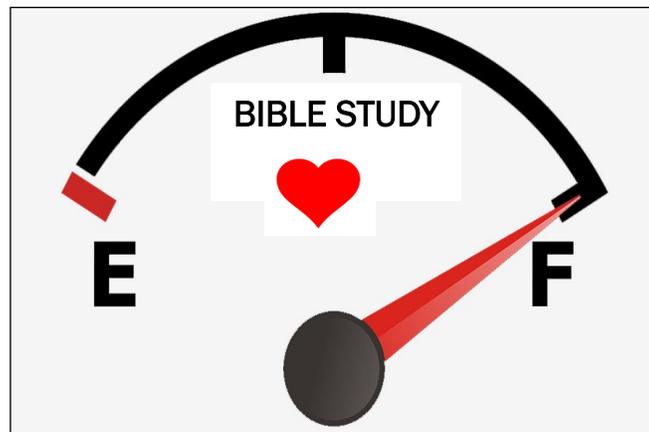


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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

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Our Bible class curriculum for the new trimester will begin this Wednesday evening.

We will begin a study of the Prophets, beginning with Isaiah.

Copies of the schedule are available in the foyers.

Please join us Sundays at 9:30 for worship and 11:00 Bible study and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for Bible study.

We have classes for all ages.



Elders:

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

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Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
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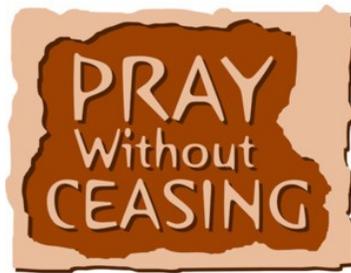
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*An apology is a
good way to
have the last
word.*



Bill Lemley was released Thursday from Riverside Hospital. Please continue to pray for him.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Ed Collins, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Gary Farris, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Bill Lemley, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Carol Vincent

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Delana Blizzard (Harvey & Mary Caplinger's daughter), Kelly Boyce, Ona Jean Brundy (Eloise Smith's sister), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's stepfather), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Benjamin Dulaney (requested by Linda Moncrief), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Michael Hart (Susan Swackhammer's brother), Steve Hartzler (Requested by Brenda Dougherty), Bob Jarell (Brother-in-law of Len Haid, Sue Jones (Teresa Wade's mother), Jim Nordeck (Brenda Dougherty's stepfather), 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.

We extend our sympathy to Terry Hofmann and family in the passing of her grandmother, Celia Lott. She passed away Wednesday night at the age of 102. Her service was held yesterday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Glenn Welch. He was a Sojourner. He and his wife, Maurine resided in Florida. Please keep this family in your prayers.



- ♥ I want to thank everybody for the beautiful birthday cards.
Linda Moncrief
- ♥ Words cannot express the blessing and comfort you have been to our family in recent months. Mom so enjoyed your calls, cards, food, flowers and inquiries about her when she became too weak to attend services. Her main goal was to get strong enough to go back to church. Now at her passing we feel a deep void in our hearts—but we know her suffering is over. Thank you from each of us for your hugs, words, food, calls, cards, visits, e-mails, flowers, and love shown in part by the bounteous dinner following the service. So happy to call you our brothers and sisters in Christ. Affectionately, **Patty and Cotton, Gala and Bob**

GOD LOVES YOU!!

(More than you'll ever know!)

COLLEGE DINNER PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 112 for anyone willing to help with the college dinner. The dinner will be September 2 at 5:45 in the MP Room.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow at 7:00PM.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOME

There will be meeting tomorrow evening at OVU starting at 7:00 for potential host families for the international OVU students. This will be an interesting evening with displays from many countries. Everyone is invited.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch Sunday, September 13 in the MP Room after Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, deserts and beverages.

29th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL/SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED

The 29th Annual Bible Bowl will be September 19. See Rick Stanley if you would be willing to keep score.

MEAL SIGN-UP FOR DAVID AND JEAN NEWBERRY

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for anyone wanting to provide dinner for David and Jean Newberry while they are here for our Gospel Meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUTH WELLS AND CONGRATS TO ALLEN AND BILLIE COE!

Happy 96th Birthday to Ruth Wells September 5! Allen and Billie will celebrate their anniversary September 28. Please update your church calendar.

Daily Bible Reading

August 30—1 Cor 4, Psalms 89-90

August 31—1 Cor 5, Psalms 91-94

September 1—1 Cor 6, Psalms 95-101

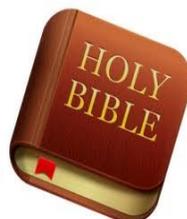
September 2—1 Cor 7:1-24, Psalms 102-103

September 3—1 Cor 7:25-40, Psalms 104-105

September 4—1 Cor 8, Psalms 106

September 5—1 Cor 9, Psalms 107-109

September 6—1 Cor 10, Psalms 110-114



**Our Gospel Meeting with
Brother David Newberry will be
October 11—14.**

October 11 will be Friends Day.

Invite your friends and family.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"Partial Credit"

My father was an electrical engineer – math came so naturally for him that doing it was fun. I inherited neither his aptitude nor enjoyment of the subject. When he tried to help me with my math homework it was rather futile for both of us. When it came to math, Dad was definitely “old school” – none of this “new math” I came home talking about. One thing he just didn't grasp was the idea of “partial credit.”

As he looked at one of my papers, he noticed that on one of the problems I got the wrong answer but the teacher gave me “partial credit.” “What's that?” I pointed out to him that while the answer was wrong, I had actually done several steps in solving the problem correctly – partial credit! He was not impressed. “A little mistake like that would bring a factory to a stop.”

On another problem, I had arrived (somehow) at the right answer, but the method I used was unconventional to say the least – partial credit! I told Dad that the teacher said I had used ingenuity. He said “math has to be learned not reinvented. The way you did the problem was wrong!” So much for partial credit!

People often have the same ideas regarding spiritual matters. Through the years I have heard so much about those who “at one time” were faithful members of the church. “They used to come all the time.” “He was a deacon.” “She taught a bible class.” In some cases those mentioned had been active, faithful members of the church for many years. I have also heard people taking consolation in that fact when somebody died. “Surely the Lord will acknowledge all the good that they have done, and reward them for the years that they were faithful.” That is a comforting thought, but one that is found nowhere in the pages of God's word.

The truth of God's attitude toward those who become unfaithful to Him is expressed by the prophet in Ezekiel 3:16. In the context of warning the wayward, he says “when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity . . . he shall die; because you did not give him a warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand.”

There is only one way that we will be rewarded for serving the Lord and that is by remaining faithful. Jesus said “no one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62) He promises “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10) No partial credit!

We must remain faithful in order to go to heaven. We must remain faithful regardless of the difficulties of life. In Hebrews 10th chapter the writer makes reference to God's words through the prophet Habakkuk when he says “For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: for yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.” (Hebrews 10:36-38)



Take Up Your Cross (Philippians 2:1-8)

Jesus spoke of the cross we must carry: “If _____ desires to come after Me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____ daily, and _____ Me” (Luke 9:23).

Paul spoke of the cross he carried: “I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer _____ who live, but _____ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). **To be crucified with Christ is to fully _____.** “But what things were _____ - to me, these I have counted _____ for Christ. Yes indeed I also count all things _____ for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my _____” (Philippians 3:7-8)

Jesus is the ultimate example of _____ and _____.

- He gave up who He _____. “We see _____ who was made a little _____ than the _____, for the suffering of death... that He, by the grace of God might taste _____ for _____” (Hebrews 2:9)
- He gave up what He _____. “And now Father, _____ Me now together with yourself, with the glory which I had with you _____ the world was” (John 17:4-5)
- He gave up what He _____. “He _____ himself and became obedient to the point of _____, even the death of the _____” (Philippians 2:8).

We must die to self:

- In relationship to _____. **Jesus submitted himself totally to God.** “I do not _____ My own will but the will of the _____ who sent Me” (John 5:30).
- In relationship to the _____. “But I _____ - my body and bring it under _____, lest when I have preached to others, I myself should be _____” (I Corinthians 9:27). “And those who are _____ have crucified the _____ with its _____ and desires” (Galatians 5:24). “Do you not know that your _____ is the _____ of the Holy Spirit who is in you... and you are not your _____. For you were _____ with a price, therefore _____ God in your _____ and _____ which are God’s” (I Corinthians 6:18-20).
- In relationship to the _____. “Do you not know that _____ with the world is _____ with God? Whoever wants to be a _____ of the world makes himself an _____ of God” (James 4:4).

In relationship to other _____. “Fulfill my _____ by being like-minded, having the same _____, being of one _____, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish _____ or _____, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem _____ better than himself. Let each of you look out not _____ for his _____ interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:2-4).

The Reward for Self-denial: “For if we _____ with him, we shall also _____ with him, if we _____, we shall also _____ with him” (II Timothy 2:11-12).



What a great day we had last Saturday working at Midwestern Children's Home. This was a joint effort between Camden Ave and Summit Church of Christ (where Brian and Kasey Jones attend). We had a total of 42 participate in this work day in total from both congregations. Our youngest traveler was 16 months old from Camden Ave. One of our workers from Summit was close to 80.

It was a very productive work day. We accomplished removing the decking from a shelter, digging a perimeter around playground equipment and spreading mulch, pulling weeds around playground equipment, cutting down trees as well as stacking the wood and moving 36 tons of sand into two waste water sand filter boxes.

After a long days work we enjoyed spending the evening on the grounds and staying in the cabins that are provided for work crews. We finished our weekend by attending services at Summit Church of Christ on Sunday followed by a pizza lunch provided by the brethren at Summit.

The staff at the home were so very appreciative of what all we accomplished in one day. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this trip possible. What a great way to show that we have the heart of a servant. May we continue to keep the staff at Midwestern in our prayers as they dedicate their lives to providing care to the children. May God bless them.

Here is the website for Midwestern Children's Home if you would like to read more about the home. www.mid-western.org

Jeff Taberner





What Are You Planting?

- If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
- If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
- If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
- If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.
- If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.
- If you plant hard work, you will reap success.
- If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
- So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you reap later.

Borrowed



6th–12th Grade Devotional This Evening
 All 6th-12th graders are invited to a devo. in the MP Room this evening following services.



SAVE THE DATE...

The annual hotdog roast/devo. at the Goldsmith's will be Saturday, October 17.
 More details to come.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

J. Paul Getty was at one time the richest man in the world. But J. Paul Getty Jr., rarely saw his father. In fact, he saw him only on rare occasions. When he was in high school, Getty Jr. wrote a special note to his father. The letter came back to him from his father with all of the grammatical and spelling errors marked in red pencil. But there was no personal response from his father. Not one word! Getty Jr. summed up that experience by saying, "I never got over that."

Each of us needs to recognize that a father sets an atmosphere for his children, even when he is not present. Being a real father is a lot more than just producing children. It takes commitment, time, patience, and love. The apostle Paul had it right when he wrote to the Ephesians, "And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Fathers, take some time tonight to talk with your children. It can make all the difference in the world to them and to you!



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 6

ELDER IN CHARGE— John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE—Leonard Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Kevin Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Delmas Carr

Close—Doug Hershman

6:00 PM—Scott Johnson

Close—Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM—Brandon Sheppard

PM—Doug Hinzman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Hoover

PM—Chris Mullins

Richard Cozad

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



YOU CAN BE A “LOAD-LIFTER”

I was talking with a friend recently when the name of a member of the church came up. The friend remarked about how friendly that member was, and always lightened her “load” every time they met.

This made me think about how we influence people. Do we present a positive attitude, or are we frequently guilty of complaining about the hand that life has dealt us? Jesus confronted problems almost daily, but He healed the sick, lifted the broken-hearted, and without murmuring, took our sins to the cross. Even as He suffered on the cross, He “reached out” to a thief who finally realized that Jesus was the Savior.

Often we become so consumed in our own problems that we forget the power of a friendly greeting, a simple touch on the arm, a smile, a compliment, a listening ear, a get-well card, or some other small act that says, “I care.” May we all strive to be more Christ-like and lift the load of others in our every day life.

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven”

Matthew 5:16.

Bulletin Digest

Gospel Meeting

September 13–16

Harrisville congregation

Speaker: John Wright

HAVING A PASSION FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Delmas Carr,
Bill Hoover, Barry Hupp and
Todd Kirk.



Facts and Figures

August 23, 2015

AM Service.....184

Bible Study.....287

PM Service.....216

Wednesday.....211

Contribution\$6030.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....5

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 6:00 for the sing at
the Kaiser & Douglas
congregation in Ravenswood.

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

Sept. 6—**TRUE RELIGION**