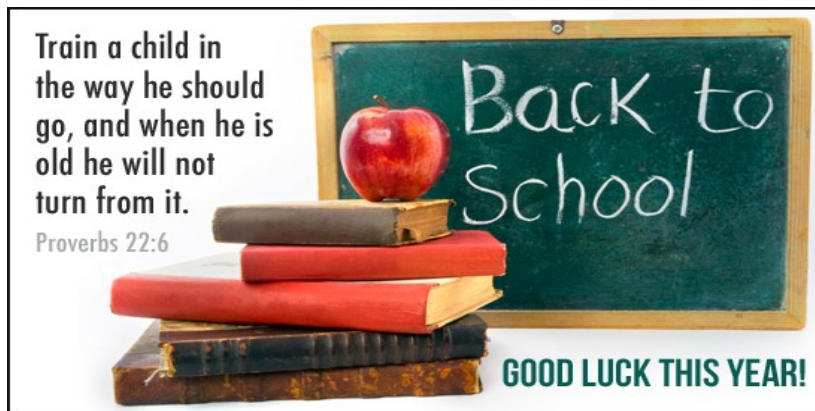


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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

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## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

One of the best ways we can serve our children as they are returning to school is by praying for them. Whether your child/grandchild is excited or fearful, unsure or confident, a good student or one who struggles, your prayers can make a world of difference.

**Philippians 4:6-7**—We pray that our children will not be anxious for anything as they go back to school, but that they will call to you in prayer and submit their requests to You with thanksgiving.

**Colossians 3:23**—We pray that our children understand that whatever work they do is not to please teachers or even parents, but to ultimately please and bring honor to You.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**—Grant that our children may rest in the fact that Your grace is sufficient to carry them through whatever comes their way. Help them to see that You will carry them through whatever challenges arise.

**Philippians 4:8**—Lord, please help our children to focus on what is true, what is noble, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and of good report instead of focusing on ways they don't measure up to others.

**Matthew 5:9**—May our children be instruments of Your peace in situations of strife.

**Psalms 133:1**—We pray that our children will have godly friends. Provide them with friends that will help them stand against the schemes and temptations of the Enemy.

**Proverbs 1:5**—Dear God, Please give our children godly teachers who can provide wise counsel and inspire them. Help our students apply what they learn.

**Romans 12:2**—Father, help our children see that this world is not our final home. Help them see that we live this life for a greater purpose.

**We pray that our children will have a prosperous, safe school year.**

## Elders:

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



**Camden Clark Medical Center**

Gary Farris (Room 402)



We are happy to report that

**Carol Vincent** is home.

(No visits at this time, please.)

Prayers and cards would be appreciated.

Let her know she is loved, missed and appreciated.

Jim Dailey is home recuperating. Remember him with prayers and cards.

## 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  
 David Wadlington

## Remember our church family in your prayers.

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

## 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), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's stepfather), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Michael Hart (Susan Swackhammer's brother), Steve Hartzler (experiencing serious health issue, requested by Brenda Dougherty), Bob Jarell (Brother-in-law of Len Haid. He needs prayers for comfort.), 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)

## Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
 304.483.3546

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

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We extend our sympathy to Richard Cozad and family in the passing of his wife, Hazel Coad. Her service was held at the church building Wednesday. Please continue to pray for our Brother Cozad at this difficult time.

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- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. Everyone of them was special. **Margaret Dawkins**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful anniversary cards. **Bob and Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and calls. A special thank you to Jennifer Thomas and the card from my 4 and 5 year old Bible class. **Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Heartfelt thank you for prayers, cards and wonderful men who moved me. **Madonna Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and goodies. **Hannah Shears**

**We have Bible  
 Correspondence  
 Courses available  
 at no charge.  
 It's a great way to  
 study and learn  
 more about God's  
 Word.**



### RESTORED

We rejoice that Jason McConnell came forward Sunday evening requesting to be restored. He will be in Care Group 2. His address is: 1059 River Hill Road Apt. 4, Washington, WV 26181. Telephone: 740.236.758

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room from 1:00PM-6:00PM. Sign-up sheets on the counter. For more information, see Marion Goldsmith.

### MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

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

### LADIES' LUNCHEON

The Ladies' Luncheon will be at Ruby's Tuesdays at noon Tuesday, August 18. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

### MIDWESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY

Sign-up and information sheets are on the counter regarding the work day scheduled at Midwestern Children's Home Saturday, August 22. See Jeff Taberner for more details.

### GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

A trip is being planned for Thursday, August 27 to Berdine's 5 & 10 and Antique Mall in Harrisville with lunch at North Bend State Park Lodge. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter,

### GOSPEL MEETING CD'S AND DVD'S

CD's and DVD's of our Gospel Meeting with Brother John Miller are available on the counter outside Door 6.

### ITEMS FOUND ON THE CHURCH BUS

A package (earrings and a pin) purchased at The Amish Door on the April 30 Golden Agers trip was found on the church bus. Items are in the office.



#### Daily Bible Reading

- August 9—Romans 2, Psalms 7-12
- August 10—Romans 3, Psalms 13-17
- August 11—Romans 4, Psalms 18-21
- August 12—Romans 5, Psalms 22-24
- August 13—Romans 6, Psalms 25-29
- August 14—Romans 7, Psalms 30-33
- August 15—Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36
- August 16—Romans 8:18-39, Psalms 37-38

John & Dorothy Stevens  
76 Blair Avenue  
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Keith & Peggy Cowdery  
815 Westview Drive  
Belpre, OH 45714



Remember these folks in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

Let's let Janet Looney know she is missed at services.  
2700 24th Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV 26101



## DANA'S DISCUSSION

### “True Worship”

Guest Editorial by Clarence DeLoach

Worship is man's greatest occupation. It has always been a matter of divine stipulation. It calls for the deepest humility in the human heart. It is not performance-oriented. God does not applaud the sensational production of human cleverness. But, contrite, submissive worship rises to Him “as a sweet smelling savor.”

While not every act of Christian worship is regulated to the corporate assembly, yet the worship assembly of God's people is the major impetus of a dynamic Christian life. To neglect it is to die. What happens when we worship:

#### **(1) WE CONGREGATE**

We meet in Jesus' name. We gather! We come together to share faith! We have all things in common. We are one! The assembly itself is an open demonstration that Jesus lives.

#### **(2) WE CELEBRATE**

We do something together. It is more than attitude; it is action! Hearts on fire with thanksgiving are eager to praise God. It is not a funeral dirge for one who is dead, but a living celebration of the living Christ. We should avoid deadness, routine, and extreme formality on the one hand, and spontaneous exhibition on the other.

#### **(3) WE COMMEMORATE**

We remember! Our minds are turned backwards as we focus on the cross. The sacred supper is a time to reflect upon the body of Christ offered and His blood shed. Grace is at the heart of worship.

#### **(4) WE COMMUNICATE**

Worship is communication with God and with each other. In prayer, hearts communicate with God. Our singing not only praises God, but communicates spiritual truths to each other. Preaching stamps God's truth upon human hearts.

#### **(5) WE CONTEMPLATE**

In the presence of God, we stand in awe. May we never lose the sense of wonder in worship! To ponder! To meditate! To appreciate! To probe!

*Never allow your worship to become trite nor commonplace.*

*Vibrant worship is the key to a growing spiritual life.*



## The Truth Shall Make You Free (John 8:31-16)

**The Jews thought of themselves as free – Jesus spoke of true freedom.**

“You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_ and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_” (John 8:32). They said to Him, “We are \_\_\_\_\_ descendants, and have never been in \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone. How can you say ‘You will be made \_\_\_\_\_’” (John 8:33)?

**Spiritual freedom – Freedom from the oppression of \_\_\_\_\_.** “Whoever commits \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ abides forever therefore if the \_\_\_\_\_ makes you \_\_\_\_\_, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:34-36).

**What is Sin?** “Whoever commits sin \_\_\_\_\_ the law; for sin is the transgression of the law” (I John 3:4). “To him who \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ and does not do it; to him it is \_\_\_\_\_” (James 4:17). “Whatever is not of \_\_\_\_\_ is sin” (Romans 14:23).

**The bondage of sin:** “Do you not know that to whom you present yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ - you are that one’s \_\_\_\_\_ who you obey? “Do not present your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ to sin” (Romans 6:16-19).

**The consequences of sin:** “the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ life” (Romans 6:23). **We have a choice.** “Present yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ as being alive unto God and your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ to God” (Romans 6:13).

**The truth that frees is \_\_\_\_\_.** “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and \_\_\_\_\_ came through \_\_\_\_\_” (John 1:17). “I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the life; no one comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ except by Me” (John 14:6). “For this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone who is of the \_\_\_\_\_ hears \_\_\_\_\_ voice” (John 18:37).

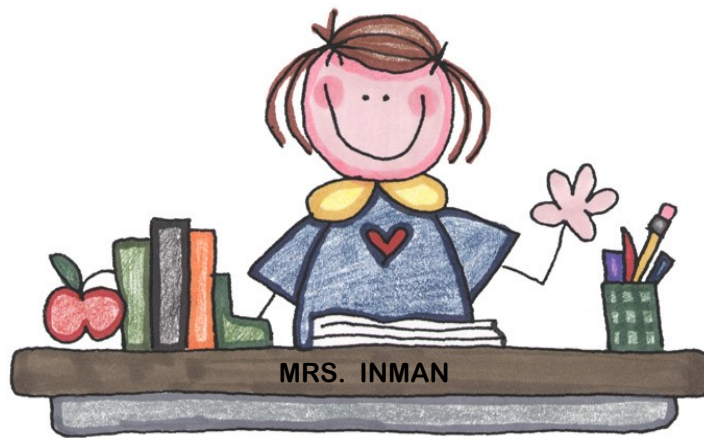
**The truth that saves is available through the \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus offers us freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. Jesus offers us freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.** “There is now \_\_\_\_\_ condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the \_\_\_\_\_ but according to the \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 8:1-2).

**The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Good News that frees us from \_\_\_\_\_.** “Go into all the world and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_; he who does not \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_” (Mark 16:15-16).

**This truth must be believed; this truth must be \_\_\_\_\_.** “Why do you call me \_\_\_\_\_, Lord, and do not \_\_\_\_\_ the things which I \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 6:46)? “Though He was a \_\_\_\_\_, yet He learned \_\_\_\_\_ through the things that He \_\_\_\_\_... and having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who \_\_\_\_\_ Him” (Hebrews 5:8-9).

**Obedience to the gospel frees us from the bondage of sin. Faith frees us from \_\_\_\_\_, superstition and \_\_\_\_\_.** **Repentance frees us from sin’s \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.**

**When we repent and are baptized we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.** “Do you not know, that as many as were \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ were baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_? Therefore we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Him unto death” (Romans 6:3-4). “Knowing that the old man was \_\_\_\_\_ with Him” (Romans 6:6). “I am crucified with \_\_\_\_\_” (Galatians 2:20). **In baptism, our sins are \_\_\_\_\_ away by the blood of Jesus.**



It's that time of year again! Brand new school supplies are tucked neatly into clean backpacks. Kids have their squeaky new tennis shoes and their first day of school clothes selected. School bells are getting ready to ring and yellow buses are serviced and ready to run their routes. Our children are heading back to school this week

I believe that it is very important to pray over our children as they start the new school year. There are so many negative influences out there and we have to remain prayerful and active in our children's lives.

Below is a prayer for our children as they head back to school.

We pray that You will be near to them.

We pray if they don't feel your presence, they will seek you and discover you are right there with them.

We pray that you will surround them with peace and comfort in every new situation.

When they feel pressured, please help them make a stand.

When they fail at something, may they forgive themselves and try, try again.

We pray that our child will befriend those that are new, lonely or both and make a stand for a student being bullied.

We pray that our student will be a blessing to the teachers and staff.

Please bless our students with godly teachers.

Please let their lights shine, quietly or loudly, but in their own way.

Help us as parents to trust our children's choices and to let them go even when it's difficult.

We pray above all, God, that you would use their challenges, disappointments and victories to draw them closer to you.

**We pray for a good, safe school year for the students and staff.**

**Remember to pray for our members that are teachers, aides, cooks, nurses, transportation department employees, custodians, etc.**

**We pray you will have a safe, healthy year.**



Our American Red Cross Blood Drive will be tomorrow  
1:00PM-6:00PM  
in the MP Room.

Donors are still needed.

Sign-up sheets on the counter.

(What a nice way for Marion and Jo Goldsmith to spend their anniversary tomorrow! We thank them for their hard work with these blood drives.)



**BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT**

Barlow Vincent congregation  
Friday, August 14  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**ROCKPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP/SPORTS/BONFIRE**

Saturday, August 29  
3:00PM—?

Sign-up sheets on the counter

**Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Jackie Robinson was the first black man to play major league baseball. While breaking baseball's "color barrier," he faced jeering crowds in every stadium. While playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he committed an error. His own fans began to ridicule him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while the fans jeered. Then shortstop Pee Wee Reese came over and stood next to him. He put his arm around Jackie Robinson and faced the crowd. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.



We have all been there, standing in need of someone to face our problems with us. Jesus is a friend who will not leave us on the field of life, but goes with us, even through the storms and dark places. He came to our side and became our Deliverer and Friend because we needed Him.

Like Jesus, will you reach to someone today? There is someone out there, standing on second base, who just needs a hug!

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, August 16**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Jim Galloway  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Marion Goldsmith

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—John Life  
PM—Scott Smith

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Jon Hescht  
Close—Clyde Yoho  
6:00 PM—Ron Riddle  
Close—Dustin Hughes

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Barry Mills  
PM—Cody Hoover

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Bill Camp  
PM—Bob Smith  
Bill Hoover

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



More is accomplished by folding the hands than by wringing them.

*When we start kneeling down,  
things start looking up.*



**EVEN IN OUR MESSSES...GOD BLESSES.**

Thank you to Corinna Francis for sharing these tidbits.

**JOB  
OPENING**

Love & Care Assisted Living has a job opening in housekeeping and resident care for approximately 25-30 hours per week (day shift).

We are also needing night shift resident care 2-3 nights per week.

If you would be interested in this kind of work, please contact DeDe Cook at Love & Care at 304-863-8950 or by email at [loveandcare1512@gmail.com](mailto:loveandcare1512@gmail.com).

**The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.**



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

**Facts and Figures**

August 2, 2015

AM Service.....274  
Bible Study.....209  
PM Service.....209  
Wednesday.....191

Contribution .....\$8255.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**

Baptisms.....5  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....4  
Placed Membership....3



**OVU FIGHTING SCOTS GOLF CLASSIC**

Monday, August 17  
Parkersburg Country Club

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards

**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**

August 16—JESUS THE SON

**Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Sand Hill congregation in Point Pleasant.