

# 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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Brian Hought, Dwain Shears and Paul Saunders were appointed to serve as elders last Sunday.

Please pray and encourage them as they begin their work with our current elders shepherding our congregation.

**Continue to pray and encourage our elders who have been serving for a number of years:** Pat Barclay, Jim Galloway, Gary Herridge, Paul Inman, Stan Inman, John Life, Bill Mills, Ron Riddle and Dearll Vincent.

Let them know we appreciate their hard work and love.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Brian Haught  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Dearll Vincent

**Deacons:**

Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
Bill Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
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God measures our  
service, not  
just by our  
ability,  
but also by our  
willingness!.



**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Carol Vincent

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), 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 Monciref), 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), Anne Kaiser (Jo Langler's sister), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller'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.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of our Brother Ed Collins.  
He loved the Lord and was a faithful member here for many  
years. He will be sadly missed.  
Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Give THANKS to the LORD,**  
**For He is good;**  
**His LOVE endures**  
**Forever.**  
Psalm 107:1

- ♥ Thanks for all the anniversary cards. We enjoyed each and every one of them. **Paul and Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful cards for my birthday. I appreciated each of them. They were beautiful. **Gloria Frazier**

Thank you to **Annette Kirk** and **Jo Goldsmith** for decorating the bulletin boards for autumn.

# Church News & Announcements

## MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

The Men's meeting will be today at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH FUNERAL DINNERS—MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be an important meeting this evening in Room 112 to organize volunteers for funeral dinner groups. This will consist of planning, preparing and serving meals to our bereaved families when needed. Plan to attend, we need your help with this work.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

Don't forget the monthly sing at Love and Care next Monday, September 28 at 7:00PM.

## HAIID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Everyone is invited to the Haid's annual Soup Bean Dinner Saturday, October 3 at 4:00. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Don't forget your lawn chairs. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## GOSPEL MEETING OCTOBER 11 -14

Please plan to attend our Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry October 11-14. Sunday, October 11 will also be Friends Day. This is a good time to invite your family and friends. See the sign-up sheet on the counter if you would like to provide dinner for David and Jean.

## GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

A Golden Agers trip is being planned for Tuesday, October 20. We will meet Billy Jacobs at his gallery in Navarre, OH and visit that area (antique shops, etc.) then on to the orchard and stop in Berlin and Walnut Creek. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO KATHY PLANT!

Kathy had a birthday September 11. It was accidentally omitted from the church calendar. Let's all wish her a Happy Belated Birthday! 😊

### **Golden Agers Fall Foliage Drive**

**Tuesday, October 6**

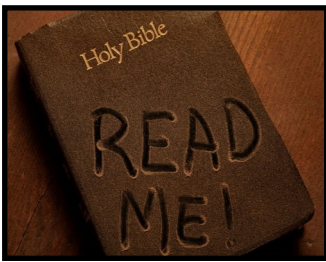
Leaving here at 7:00AM and returning around 6:00PM. Lunch at Sawmill Restaurant in Davis, WV. (\$20 each, includes meal and fuel.)

**Sign-up sheet on the counter.**



### **Daily Bible Reading**

September 20—2 Cor 5, Proverbs 16-17  
September 21—2 Cor 6, Proverbs 18-19  
September 22—2 Cor 7, Proverbs 20-21  
September 23—2 Co 8, Proverbs 22-23  
September 24—2 Cor 9, Proverbs 24-25  
September 25—2 Cor 10, Proverbs 26-28  
September 26—2 Cor 11, Proverbs 29-31  
September 27—2 Cor 12, Ecc 1-3



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “Why study the Bible ?”

One of the most common admonitions given to Christians is the need to study the Bible. I recently found a stack of my first sermon outlines from thirty years ago. Whatever the subject, point number three always seemed to be “Study God’s Word.” Not that that is bad! Actually, in most cases it should be point number 1! We are instructed to “search the scriptures” and to “study to show ourselves approved unto God.” In Acts 17:11 the Bereans are commended to us as noble because “they searched the Scriptures daily” to see if the things they were being taught were the truth.

Still, it seems as if many Christians have made no true commitment to Bible study. There was a time when members of the church were widely known for their Bible knowledge. Denominational proponents shied away from any discussion or debate that involved a member of the church. Sadly, the general knowledge of the Bible, both by Christians as well as those in denominations has fallen off sharply. Even our Christian colleges are finding that kids raised in the church are basically ignorant about what the Bible teaches. They have been exposed only to the same watered-down curriculum that is popular in the churches and “youth groups” of their friends.

Maybe we have taken the wrong approach. Maybe, instead of telling people “God commands us to study the Bible,” we should be telling people all of the blessings that God wants to give us that can be realized only through the instruction of His word. Here are some of the benefits, the spiritual blessings that are promised to those who study and live by the Bible.

The word of God helps the young person to cleanse his way. God’s word, hidden in our hearts, will keep us from sin. (Psalm 119:9) Those who observe and do what God teaches in His word will prosper and succeed. (Joshua 1:8) God’s word makes us wiser than our enemies, gives us more understanding than our teachers or the ancients. (Psalm 119:97-104)

Those who hear the word of God and practice it will stand when the storms of life assail. (Matthew 7:24-25) True faith is found in hearing the word of God. (Romans 10:17) By the things that are written we know that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:31-32) Abiding in the word makes us one of Jesus’ true disciples. (John 8:31-32) By the word of God we know the truth and the truth will make us free. (John 8:32) Through the examples found in Scripture, we learn patience, receive comfort and have hope. (Romans 15:14) The word of God taken into our hearts will save our soul. (James 1:21)

The scriptures make us wise unto salvation. (II Timothy 3:15) The word of God is the seed that when planted into a good and honest heart, produces the New Birth. (I Peter 2:3) The Scriptures allow us to see what is in our own heart. (Hebrews 4:12) They provide nourishment for spiritual growth. (I Peter 2:2) They make us mature and prepared for every work of Christian service. (II Timothy 3:16-17) Knowing what is written brings us joy (I John 1:4) and allows us to know that we are saved. (I John 5:13)

Those who do not love the truth enough to search for it, will end up believing a lie and lose their soul. (II Thessalonians 2:10) Why should we study the Bible? Jesus tells us why. “He who rejects Me and does not receive My word, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

# Nearer My God to Thee: (James 4:4-10)



How can we draw near to God? Eliminate what \_\_\_\_\_ in the way!

#1) One thing that stands between God and man is \_\_\_\_\_.

“Your \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ you from your God; your \_\_\_\_\_ have hid His \_\_\_\_\_ from you that He will not \_\_\_\_\_” (Isaiah 59:2). **God makes the terms of fellowship with Him plain:** “Come out from among them and be \_\_\_\_\_ says the Lord. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ what is unclean, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you” (II Corinthians 6:17). **How do we eliminate what stands between us and God? Take an honest \_\_\_\_\_ at ourselves.** “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves” (II Corinthians 13:5). **We must repent.** “Lament and \_\_\_\_\_ and weep! Let your laughter be turned to \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ to gloom” (James 4:9). “Cleanse your \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_; purify your \_\_\_\_\_, you double-minded” (James 4:8).

#2) A second thing that comes between God and man is \_\_\_\_\_. **To have Jesus as our Savior we must own Him as our \_\_\_\_\_.** Samuel said “Speak, Lord, Thy servant \_\_\_\_\_.” **Being self-centered:** “Today or tomorrow, we will \_\_\_\_\_ to such and such a \_\_\_\_\_, spend a \_\_\_\_\_ there, buy and sell and make a \_\_\_\_\_ ... You boast in your \_\_\_\_\_. All such boasting is \_\_\_\_\_” (James 4:13-16). **How do we eliminate the barrier of self? We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.** “Humble \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord, and \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ you up” (James 4:10). “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him \_\_\_\_\_ himself, take up his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Me” (Mark 8:34).

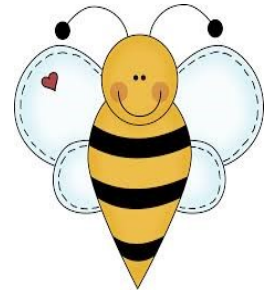
#3) The third thing that comes between God and man is the \_\_\_\_\_. “Now these are the ones sown among the thorns, they are the ones who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world, the deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ for other things, entering in, \_\_\_\_\_ the word and it becomes unfruitful” (Mark 4:18-19). **Following Jesus means putting Him \_\_\_\_\_.** “Purify your \_\_\_\_\_, you double-minded” (James 4:8). “Adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend to the \_\_\_\_\_ makes himself an \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (James 4:4). “Seek those things which are \_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your \_\_\_\_\_ on things above, not on things of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Colossians 3:1-2).

**God’s plan of salvation is about drawing near to Him.** “Let us \_\_\_\_\_ - near with a true \_\_\_\_\_, in full \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, having our \_\_\_\_\_ sprinkled from an \_\_\_\_\_ conscience and our bodies \_\_\_\_\_ with pure \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 10:22).

**Draw near to God – Don’t wait too long!** “Seek the Lord while He may be \_\_\_\_\_. Call upon Him while He is \_\_\_\_\_” (Isaiah 55:6).




# October Birthdays and Anniversaries



October 1—Linda Camp, Kyle Inman  
October 5—Sharon Armstrong, Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk  
October 8—Ashley Ware, Megan Ware  
October 10—Brandon Sheppard  
October 11—Kim Barclay, \*Kevin & Amanda Cochran  
October 12—Peggy Cowdery  
October 16—\*Earl & Donna McConnell  
October 18—\*Bill & Rosemary Merrill  
October 20—Mary Lemley  
October 21—Susan Haid, Earl McConnell, Myrtle Metz  
October 22—Kassi Adkins, Mike Bayer, Walter Morgan, Lily Sprout, \*Rob & Kathy Hoover  
October 23—Sue VanCamp  
October 24—Russ Alton  
October 27—Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills  
October 28—Nina Chevront, Julie Taberner  
October 30—Kelly Sheppard

\* 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.



Gilbert Hardman will celebrate his **92nd** birthday next Sunday, September 27!  
**Happy Birthday, Brother Hardman!**



## Fishin'

A group of pleasure-seekers went to a woodland stream to spend a day fishing. They had the best fishing outfits money could buy. Hours passed and they had nothing to show for their efforts.

Nearby sat a poorly dressed youngster catching several fish. He had only a tree branch for a pole, a string for line, a bent pin for a hook, worms and flies for bait.

The unsuccessful group finally asked the lad about his success. He told it in a few words: "You fellers are fishin' for fun, I'm fishin' for fish!"

The fisher-boy 's answer has its lesson for all who would be fishers of men.



## Life Chain 2015

### 22nd Annual WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2015

2:00—3:00PM

Grand Central Avenue

The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans for one hour praying for the nation to end abortion. We will be joining thousands of pro-life individuals across America and Canada as we silently hold signs stating  
“Abortion kills children”.



### 6th—12th Grade Devotional

#### SEARCH FOR TRUTH

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to a devotional in the MP Room this evening following services.



The Annual Youth Hotdog Roast and Devotional at the home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith will be Saturday, October 17 at 4:00.

Please bring items to go with hotdogs, chips, desserts and beverages.

Also, bring lawn chairs.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

They must be the six most difficult words in the English language. It's not the pronunciation that stumps us; it's our egos! There isn't one of them you can't spell. Are you ready for me to lay them out for you?

Here are the six troublesome words: “I was wrong. I am sorry.”

An authentically offered apology does wonders in heading off all the kinds of problems. Others can accept us when we admit we are fallible. What enrages them is our denial of the obvious. A true apology can work in your business life, in your family life, and with your friends who have been offended and alienated. It is also the key to your spiritual life, for the Bible teaches, “Confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.”



Are you thinking this is too risky a strategy? I don't think so. Honoring the intelligence, feelings and dignity of another person just seems to be the right think to do!

Keep those six words handy. They can make a difference that matters.

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 27

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Dearll Vincent

**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Leonard Haid

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Gary Alton

PM—Kyle Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Jimmy Galloway

Close—Ron Riddle

6:00 PM—Don Gaston

Close—Mike Fleak

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Bill Merrill

PM—Dave Wadlington

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Leon Hupp

Chris Tallman

**PA SYSTEM**—Steve Gray

### **Gospel Meetings**

**September 20—23**

North End congregation

Speaker: Keith Ball

**September 20—23**

Harmar Hill congregation

Speaker: W. Terry Varner

### **Ladies Day**

**September 26**

Sistersville congregation

Speaker: Imogene Aebi

**September 26**

### **Golf Scramble**

Horseshoe Bend Gold Course in Armstrong Mills, OH

Hosted by the Monroe/Noble County Chapter of Stepping Stones for OVU

**October 18—21**

### **Marriage Matters**

Hosted by: Lancaster congregation

See flyer on foyer bulletin boards for details.

**October 25—29**

### **21st Annual WV School of Preaching Lectureship**

“WHEN I STUDY THE PSALMS...”

Various speakers

Flyers for each of these on the foyer bulletin boards.

## **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY ENCOUNTER**

ENCOUNTER FALL 2015 is Friday, September 25 with check-in at 10AM and farewell at 4PM. High school juniors, seniors and their families will meet OVU students, Professors and Academic Advisors, enjoy a campus walk, attend OVU chapel, meet with helpful people in Financial Aid and engage with the OVU community all day long.

ENCOUNTER activities and lunch are free of charge.

Registration required (by 9/21) online at [ovu.edu/encounter](http://ovu.edu/encounter).

### **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE**

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
9/20	Kyle Inman	Kyle Inman	Doug Hershman
9/27	Barry Mills	Mike Bayer	Jeff Taberner

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include  
Don Dougherty,  
Jimmy Galloway,  
Justin Moore and  
Dwain Shears.



## **Facts and Figures**

September 13, 2015

AM Service.....288

Bible Study.....210

PM Service.....211

Wednesday.....188

Contribution .....\$6616.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**

Baptisms.....6

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

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**

September 27

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 6:15 for the sing at the  
Lower Paw Paw congregation.