

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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Prayers of Thanks

- Thank You, Lord, for the rewards of Your love and the simplicity of Your grace; thank You for letting me discover Your will for my life with patience and understanding; thank You for being a compassionate Father and constant friend.
- Thank You, Lord, for listening closely to my prayers, seeing what my heart needs most, and blessing my life with Your goodness.
- The blessing of prayer is knowing God is listening and upholding every promise He has made for you.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
(Matthew 5:8)

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Humans are made
to run on love—they
do not function well
on anything else!



- ♥ It was so nice to see **Sallie Hinzman** at services. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal and gain strength. She is a sweet sister in Christ.
- ♥ **Nancy Kimes** has been experiencing health issues. Keep her in your prayers and with cards. We miss her at services.
 - ♥ **Chris Mullins** had knee surgery Monday in Morgantown.
 - ♥ **Myrtle Metz** is recuperating at Ohio Valley Healthcare (Room 109)
 - ♥ **Ron Moncrief** requests prayers for his eye surgery.
- ♥ **David Newberry** is scheduled for surgery tomorrow in Columbus, OH. Keep him and Jean in your prayers as he faces health issues.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Chris Mullins, Gene Phillips, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Carol Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Betty Akers (Requested by Brenda Dougherty), 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), 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), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Seth Seebaugh (PSHS Sophomore, injured in football game), 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.



- ♥ Thank you for bringing the chicken over to Love & Care for our ladies to enjoy!

Thank you to **Marion and Jo Goldsmith** for their hospitality! The annual hotdog roast-devotional was great as usual.

Thank you to **Peggy Riddle** for baking the communion bread this month.



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Bernetta (June) Freels placed membership with us Wednesday evening. Her address is: 502 Parmaco Street Apt. 3, Parkersburg, WV 26101 Telephone: 304.483.4712. She will be in Care Group 3. We welcome her to Camden Avenue!

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will be conducting the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and this Thursday evening at 7:00. Everyone is invited to worship and fellowship with the residents.

DEACON'S MEETING TODAY

Deacon's will meet today at 5:00.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS DINNER MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone willing to help with the Widows and Widowers dinner.

LOVE AND CARE SING

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

LADIES LUNCH

The Ladies' lunch will be Tuesday, October 27 at noon in the MP Room. Plan to come for an afternoon of fun for the "crazy dress up" day. It's that time of year! Bring your lunch and desserts will be provided. Please sign the sheet on the counter for the count.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. James 2 will be the topic. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

RAKE AND RUN—OCTOBER 31

Sign-up sheets are on the counter if you would like your leaves raked and/or if you would like to help rake.

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

A representative will be here the first week in December to collect the coin banks.

Dana will begin the Wednesday morning class November 4 at 11:00.

Wednesday evening Bible study will continue at 7:00.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these services!



Daily Bible Reading

October 25—2 Thessalonians 2, Jeremiah 5-6

October 26—2 Thessalonians 3, Jeremiah 7-8

October 27—1 Timothy 1, Jeremiah 9-10

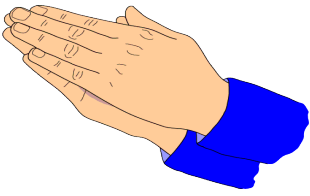
October 28—1 Timothy 2, Jeremiah 11-13

October 29—1 Timothy 3, Jeremiah 14-16

October 30—1 Timothy 4, Jeremiah 17-19

October 31—1 Timothy 5, Jeremiah 20-22

November 1—1 Timothy 6, Jeremiah 23-24



PRAYER

The word prayer is used over 500 times in the Bible showing us, by sheer numbers, of its power and value in our lives.

The song book we use here at Camden Avenue has nearly 75 songs about or mentioning prayer and our prayer life.

“Ere you left your room this Morning”.

Did you think to pray?

Did you ask for God’s blessings?

Did you credit Christ with saving you?

When in temptation, did you think to pray about it?

When you were angry, did you think then to pray?

And, when your “soul was bowed in sorrow”, did you think to pray?

The verse goes on to say, “O how praying rests the weary. Prayer will change the night to day. So when life seems dark and dreary, Don’t forget to pray.”

In Matthew we are shown, by Jesus’ own example, of how to pray.

To pray for praise to the Father

For thanksgiving for what He has given

For confession of our shortcomings

To make our requests and needs known.

Of course, God, in his infinite wisdom already knows all of this, since he knows our every thought. But we are commanded, and by example we see that we are to go to Him in prayer to state these things to Him.

What is prayer?

According to Webster, a prayer is “an earnest (seriously intent) request”. Prayer is literally talking to God. God wants to have this relationship with us, His children. We should start by addressing God, just like you would address a letter, or a phone call. We should give thanks and praise to Him.

We can offer our petitions, or requests to God.

We should end the prayer properly, through Christ’s name and with Amen.

What are we to pray for?

In Matthew 7:11, we are shown that we will be given what we need, because if we would do good for our children, God would obviously do good for us, His children.

I John 5:14 tells us ***“And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us.”***

In John 17, we read that Jesus prayed for his own as he was preparing to leave this world and return to His heavenly home.

In the song, “I must tell Jesus”, the verses tell us that we must tell Jesus all of our trials, for we cannot bear them alone.

The final verse says, “O how the world to evil allures me, O how my heart is tempted to sin. I must tell Jesus and He will help me, Over the world the victory to win.”

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What attitude should we have in prayer?

A wonderful example of the attitude we should have is that of Stephen, as he was being stoned.

Acts 7:60, says he “kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” And then he died. This is very much like the request Jesus made of the ones who crucified him, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Finally,

What conditions do we pray under?

A condition of faith -

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that He is the rewarder of those that diligently seek after Him.

A condition of doing God’s will -

I John 3:22 tells us that “whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

A condition of abiding in Christ -

John 15:7 says “If ye abide in Me, and My words in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

A condition of unselfishness -

James 4:3 tells us that “ye may ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts”

A condition of humility -

I Peter 5:6 tells us to humble ourselves so He may exalt us.

A condition of forgiveness of others -

The prayer that the Lord taught us, Stephen’s prayer, and the prayer of Christ on the Cross, all show us we are to pray for the forgiveness of others.

And always, in Christ’s name -

John 14:13, and 16:23 tells us that whatever we ask “in My name, that will I do”, so the Father would be glorified.

*** Thank you to Pat Barclay for submitting this thought-provoking article to the bulletin. ***

Sermon Notes



Paul Merideth will be speaking to us today in Dana’s absence. We are glad to have him and his family with us.

Dana is holding a Gospel Meeting with the congregation in South Charleston, WV this week. Please pray for Dana in this good work.



THE AGE OF TOLERANCE

Roger Rush

If I had to describe this period of our history in two or three words I would say we are living in the “Age of Tolerance.” I believe there are vast numbers of people who are convinced that the worst sin in the world is the sin of intolerance. In fact, I am convinced that there are some who believe there is no other sin but intolerance!

There are the people who are always quoting the words of Jesus, “Judge not that ye be not judged” (Matthew 7:1), while ignoring another of His statements, “*Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment*” (John 7:24). I hasten to point out that the two statements are not contradictory. In the first He was confronting the hypocrisy of one who condemns others while being guilty of the same or greater sins himself. In the latter, His statement was an indictment of those who were quick to condemn Him as a law breaker for healing on the Sabbath, yet found no fault with circumcising a baby on the Sabbath. The Sabbath law did not prohibit doing good on the Sabbath. Judgment should not be hypocritical.

There is not an area of life where we do not have to make judgments. We must make judgments in the voting booth, the grocery store, the car lot, and even the clothes closet.

We understand the need to make such judgments in every area of life but religion. Here we are told that it really doesn’t matter what religion we choose, and we dare not be critical of the choices of others. Further, it is argued that moral and ethical matters are all relative. To suggest anything else is to be labeled intolerant and judgmental.

If that is the case, then Jesus was both intolerant and judgmental. He warned of false teachers whom he labeled “wolves in sheep’s clothing” (Matthew 7:15). He then urged his disciples to examine their “fruit” to determine the validity of their message (Matthew 7:16-20). One cannot do that without making judgments. These judgements are not determined by our will, but by God’s word. When I say that adultery, fornication, and homosexuality are sinful, I am not judging! I am only repeating what God’s word says (1 Corinthians 6:9,10). Cries for tolerance (acceptance) will fall on deaf ears when we are attuned to the word of God. I am certainly not advocating that sinners be abused, maligned, or discriminated against. I am simply pleading for them to abandon their sin and embrace the Savior. Call me intolerant if you like. I have no problem with that label when it comes to sin. As Christians we must hate sin while loving the sinners.



Youth Events

- ◆ Transportation will leave today at 5:45 for our youth to join the traveling youth group at the Waverly congregation.
Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to go.
- ◆ Rake and Run will be Saturday, October 31.
Sign-up sheets are on the counter.
There is a sign-up sheet if you would like to volunteer to rake.
- ◆ We will be providing transportation for the 6th-12th graders to the Youth Rally November 20-21, hosted by the Bridgeport Church of Christ at the Bridgeport High School.
Speakers include Willie Franklin and Chip Pugh.
Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to attend.



Remember our shut-in with cards and prayers.

Pat Burkey, Zoe Byrum and Eleanor Slingluff

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Jane Pralley

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Dorothy Weaver

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Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Did you hear about the man who lived and breathed the Pittsburgh Steelers? He was such a devoted fan that when he died, his family gave him a Steelers-type funeral. The funeral home erected a viewing room where the furniture was arranged just as it was in the deceased's home on game day. The deceased's body was placed in a recliner with his feet crossed and remote in his hand. A pack of cigarettes and a beer were at his side, while a high definition TV played highlights of the Steelers game. Fifty-five years of life and the thing that you're remembered for is a love of football. Unbelievable!

What will you be remembered for? Your music, Your moneymaking skills, Your devotion to fishing or hunting, Your passion for golf? Your love of little league soccer? Solomon reminded us of what's really important: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

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, November 1

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE—Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Leon Hupp
Close—Dennis Keller
6:00 PM—Brent West
Close—Richard Cozad

SCRIPTURE

AM—Don Dougherty
PM—Patrick Rine

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Rick Stanley
PM—Bill Mills
Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

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

Facts and Figures

October 18, 2015

AM Service.....280
Bible Study.....181
PM Service.....241
Wednesday.....216
Contribution\$7845.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....8
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....5
Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

God Forgives Completely

The East-West Promise

(Psalm 103:12)

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

The Stain Remover Promise

(Isaiah 1:18)

“...though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.”

The Behind-the-Back Promise

(Isaiah 38:17)

“...for Thou has cast all my sins behind Thy back.”

The Eraser Promise

(Isaiah 43:25)

“I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”

The Amnesia Promise

(Jeremiah 31:34)

“...I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

The Deep Sea Promise

(Micah 7:19)

“He will again have compassion on us...Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

-Borrowed

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
10/25	Steve Moser	Dan Rich	Jeff Taberner
11/1	Kyle Inman	Mike Bayer	Delmas Carr

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

November 1

WHAT ARE YOU BECOMING?

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 6:30 for the sing at
the Rockport congregation.