

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 Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry will begin next Sunday.

Sunday will also be Friends Day.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Lunch after worship and Bible Study.

(See page 6 for details.)

Theme: “Abundant Life”

Sunday 9:30—“Abundant Life”

Sunday 11:00 Bible Study—Guyana Report

Sunday 6:00PM—“The in Spite of Life”

Monday 7:00PM—“The Pathway to the Abundant Life”

Tuesday 7:00PM—“A Big Question About Life”

Wednesday 7:00PM—“Anyone Can Have Abundant Life”

Invite your family and friends. You’ll be glad you did!

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
 Keith Smith
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Our **WORDS**
 may hide our
 thoughts, but
 our **ACTIONS**
 will reveal
 them!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Alan and Jennifer Inman Martin in the birth of twin sons born September 24.

Daniel Paul weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. and Jacob Kevin weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz.

Proud grandparents are Paul and Nancy Inman and great grandmother Ruth Wells.

Natalie Elizabeth Inman arrived September 28 weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 19 inches. Congratulations to Kevin and Becky Inman and big sisters, Chloe and Bailey.

Proud grandparents are Stan and Debi Inman.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

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

<p>HealthSouth Myrtle Metz (Room 223) Ruth Wells (Room 227) 3 Western Hills Drive Parkersburg, WV 26105</p>
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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 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), 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.



- ♥ Sending a **BIG** thank you for the cards, gifts and best wishes for our birthdays. We appreciate your kind thoughtfulness. **Bill and De**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the nice birthday cards. **Sandy Keller**
- ♥ Brothers and Sisters of Care Group 4, Thank you so much for the snacks and goodies you supplied for us at the funeral home. God bless you all. **The Collins family**
- ♥ Your Christian love has shown so brightly in the last few weeks of Dad's life and beyond. Many thanks to all of you who have kept him in your prayers, bringing in food, transporting him to and from dialysis and spiritually uplifting him with your cards and visits. Thanks to all of you who came to serenade him with his favorite hymns. It caused a sweet peace to fall upon him that evening of his homeward journey to the Lord. Also, all of you ladies who prepared a delicious meal for all the family are greatly appreciated. In Christian love, **The Ed Collins family**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and gifts for my birthday. They really made my day. **Gilbert Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who gave me birthday wishes, cards, calls and a lovely gift too. Love each and everyone of you, my church family, so much. **Naomi Carr.**



CD's are available on the counter of the VBS auditorium class taught by Rick Stanley.

PRAYERS REQUESTED—PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Daniel Rich came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Continue to pray for him. Also, Donna Harrison requested to place membership with us. She will be in Care Group 3.

22nd ANNUAL WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN TODAY

The Life Chain will be today from 2:00-3:00. Transportation will leave here at 1:30. We will meet in front of Sam's Club on Grand Central Avenue. Please join us and show your pro-life support. The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans for one hour praying for the nation to end abortion.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone involved in LLL.

COLLEGE DINNER PLANNING MEETING THIS EVENING

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

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE

Our Golden Agers will be taking a fall foliage drive Tuesday, October 6. Leaving here at 7:00AM and returning around 6:00PM. Lunch at the Sawmill Restaurant in Davis, WV. (\$20 each, includes meal and fuel.) Sign-up sheet and agendas on the counter.

GOSPEL MEETING OCTOBER 11 -14 AND FRIENDS DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry will be October 11-14. Friends Day will be next Sunday. Care Group 3 will host the Fellowship Lunch and invites everyone. Please bring covered dish items, meat entrees, desserts and beverages. See Page 6. Please attend and invite others.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers Amish country trip will be 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. Agendas with sign-up sheet on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading

October 4—Galatians 6, Isaiah 3-6
October 5—Ephesians 1, Isaiah 7-8
October 6—Ephesians 2, Isaiah 9-11
October 7—Ephesians 3, Isaiah 12-15
October 8—Ephesians 4, Isaiah 16-19
October 9—Ephesians 5, Isaiah 20-23
October 10—Ephesians 6, Isaiah 24-26
October 11—Philippians 1, Isaiah 27-29

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES



Care Group 4 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 29 at 7:00PM and invites everyone.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Deacons: Delegating the Lord's Work

Years ago a friend of mine became the manager of a small company. He was dedicated and very detail-oriented, and the company thrived under his leadership. The problem was that his hands-on style of leadership became more and more ineffective as the company grew. He recognized that he needed to put competent men in areas of authority and lead the company with their help. He was freed from the busy day-to-day tasks which enabled him to apply himself to planning and growing the company. He said "Delegation saved my career and made this company what it is". The same principle has always been applied to those leading God's people. In Exodus 18 we read where Moses made every decision regarding the Lord's people which meant that people stood before him every day from morning until evening. Moses' father-in-law, Jethro told him that this was not good. "Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself" (Exodus 18:17). Moses delegated. Men were chosen and trained. Moses retained the oversight, but the workload was shared by all.

In Acts 6, we find a similar situation occurred in the church at Jerusalem. The needs of the widows was being unattended. The Apostles said "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables" (Acts 6:2). The church was instructed to select seven qualified men to set over this responsibility. The Apostles retained the oversight, but the workload was shared by all and the Apostles continued giving themselves to "prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).

By the time Paul wrote his letter to the Philippian church, the role of deacons was a recognized "office" in the church when he said "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1). Qualifications for men serving in this role are recorded in I Timothy 3:8-13. Deacons are special servants of the church. Choosing men who have the qualifications given provide the elders and the church with a trustworthy and competent group of men who can be given special responsibilities in the congregation. The elders retain the oversight, but the workload is shared so the elders can apply themselves to the spiritual oversight of the church – shepherding the flock. **The congregation at Camden Ave. has begun the process of selecting additional men to serve as deacons. This process will begin next Sunday as we all will have opportunity to submit names of those we consider qualified to serve. As we enter this process think of the following:**

We must choose men who are qualified. Its not a matter of who one day might be this kind of a man – but who is. "But let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons" (I Timothy 3:10). **Being a deacon is a growth in leadership role.** "Let them use the office of a deacon." It is an opportunity to learn the work of the church from the inside. It is not a qualification for becoming an elder, but many times it is the way elders develop. It's not just working with the physical areas of work in the church. The qualifications include spiritual ones – the work of deacons does as well. Being a deacon provides a wonderful opportunity to grow as a Christian and as a leader. "Those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing" (I Timothy 3:13). **Good deacons help elders be good elders. Good deacons help the church to grow.** "And the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem" (Acts 6:7)

“The Good Samaritan” (Luke 10:30-37)



“He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What is your _____ of it?’ So he answered and said ‘You shall _____ the Lord your God with all you _____, with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your mind,’ and you ‘shall love your _____ as _____.’” And he said to him ‘You have _____ rightly, _____ this and you will live.’ And he, wanting to _____ himself, said to Jesus ‘And _____ is my _____.’” (Luke 10:26-29)

Are we like the lawyer – a Christian, but only _____. Some have a legalistic view of helping their _____. “If you really fulfill the _____ law.... You shall love your _____ as yourself, you do _____; but if you show _____, you commit _____.” (James 2:8-9)

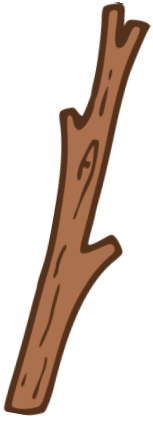
Who is our neighbor? Anybody who is in _____ that we have the _____ and _____ to help, “Therefore, as we have _____, let us do good to _____, especially to those who are of the _____ of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

The Priest and the Levite. “Now by chance a certain _____ came down that road. And when he _____ him, he _____ by on the other side. Likewise a _____, when he arrived at the place, came and _____, and passed by on the other side.” (Luke 10:31-32) **God’s word must be _____ into _____.** “Be _____ of the word and not _____ only, _____ yourselves... but, he who _____ into the perfect law of liberty and _____ in it... this one will be _____ in what he does.” (James 1:22,25)

The Samaritan. “And when he saw him, he had _____ on him, and _____ to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and he set him on his _____ animal, brought him to an _____, and took _____ of him.” (Luke 10:33-34)

Which one was a neighbor? The Good _____. “And whatever you want men to _____ to you, do also to _____.” (Matthew 7:12)

Love your neighbor. Love must be our _____. “And though I give all my goods to _____ the poor, and though I give my _____ to be burned, but have not _____, it _____ me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:3) **Love has no _____.** **Love is _____.** “Let a man _____ himself, take up his _____ daily and follow me.” **Love is willing to get _____.** **Love doesn’t set _____, it looks for _____.**



Stick and Stones May Break My Bones

Ouch! That seems painful, but is this a true statement? While sticks and stones may break my bones, words can definitely overpower those sticks and stones. When you stop and think for a minute what impact words have on people you will see that they can do much more harm than any object of pain, when used negatively, of course.

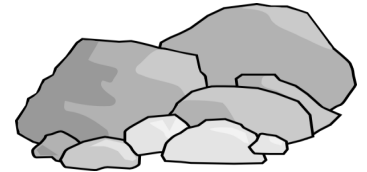
When Jesus was taken before Caiaphas, as He walked the courtyard of the high priest, He had one of His loyal disciples follow Him at a distance. When this disciple was confronted about being one of Jesus' followers, he was confronted with a decision he had to make. It's time for Peter to say "I do" or "I don't" (Matthew 26:57-75).

Can you imagine how hard it was stand there to be sentenced to death because He claimed to be what He truly was, the Son of God? How hard it was to hear one of His close friends say "I do not know this man!"

How hard was it for Jesus to hear His people choose Barabbas over the one who would bring salvation to them? Christ went through the "Stick & Stones" only to hear the crucial words, "*Crucify Him!*"

Do you think maybe words are more powerful than sticks and stones...I thought you would. I encourage you to remember that what we say may either build people up or destroy them. Be an encourager, not a destroyer.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).



Bulletin Digest—D. Rodriguez



NEXT SUNDAY AFTER BIBLE STUDY

Care Group 3 will be in charge of the set up and clean up of the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday, October 11 on the grounds.

This is our Friends Day and the start of our Gospel Meeting.

We hope to have many members and visitors join us for worship and lunch. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. We will especially need meat entrees. We will need you to bring a little extra to share.

Everyone is invited.

Thank you for your help.
Care Group Leaders



October Youth Events

10/14	Trunk or Treat after PM service
10/17	Youth Hotdog Roast and Devotional at home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith
10/18	6th-12th Grade devo. in MP Room after PM services
10/24	4:00PM—Youth Event at Lower Paw Paw
10/25	Traveling Youth Group at Waverly congregation
10/31	Rake and Run

Trunk or Treat will be **Wednesday, October 14** after services. This will also be the last evening of our Gospel Meeting.

If you would like to give candy, please park on the lot across from the MP Room.

Bring your children's costume as they will have time to change after Bible study. Then when they are ready, meet in the MP Room.

Everyone will return to the MP Room for snacks after the children receive their treats. Please bring snack foods and beverages to the MP Room to share afterwards.

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.

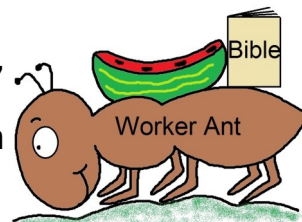
Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Bill Gates, Microsoft CEO, offered these rules to students at a high school:

1. Life is not fair—get used to it.
2. The world does not care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you can feel good about yourself.
3. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss!
4. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping—they called it opportunity.
5. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault. Don't whine about your mistakes; learn from them.
6. Before you were born your parents were not as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying bills.
7. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you will end up working for one.
8. Television is not real life. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to work.

King Solomon had similar advice in Proverbs 6:6—"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise."

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, October 11

ELDER IN CHARGE—Gary Herridge

DEACON IN CHARGE—Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—John Life

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Keith Smith

Close—Dave Nulter

6:00 PM—Brian Haught

Close—Mike Wade

SCRIPTURE

AM—Walter Morgan

PM—Dustin Hughes

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dana Slingluff

PM—Jeff Taberner

Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



This is something to think about with our Friends Day and Gospel Meeting approaching.

ARE YOU MY FRIEND?

My friend I stand in judgement now.
And I feel that you're to blame somehow.
On earth I walked with you day by day
And never once did you point the way.
You knew the Lord in truth and in glory
But never did you tell me the story.
My knowledge then was very dim
And you could have led me safely to Him
We lived together on this earth,
But you never told me of the second birth.
Now I stand this day condemned.
Because you failed to mention Him
You taught me many things, that is true.
And I called you my friend, and I trusted you
But I learned now that it's all too late.
And you could have saved me from His fate.
We walked by day and by night.
And yet you showed me not the light.
You let me live and love you and die,
And you knew that I'd never live on high.
Yes, I called you my friend all my life,
And I trusted you in joy and strife,
And yet in coming to this horrible end
Can I call you now my friend?

Facts and Figures

September 27, 2015

AM Service.....221

Bible Study.....310

PM Service.....201

Wednesday.....223

Contribution\$6234.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....6

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....8

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Selected

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
10/4	Barry Mills	Steve Moser	Delmas Carr
10/11	Dan Rich	Kyle Inman	Ted Miller

The Lawn Crew for this week
is the Hershman crew.



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

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

October 11
BELIEVING IN JESUS

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 5:30 for the sing at the
Central congregation.