

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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December will be

Sack the Pulpit

to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
- Canned fruit
- Any canned meat (TREET, SPAM, tuna, potted meats, Vienna sausage)
 - Applesauce
 - Spaghetti sauce (We have spaghetti pasta.)
 - Boxed macaroni and cheese

(We do not need canned vegetables. Also, no soups are needed.)

Please leave items on either sides of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.

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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No man ever
injured his
eyesight by
looking on the
bright side of
things.

*Pray
every
MORNING,
every
NIGHT,
and often in
between.*

Selby Hospital

Ray Sams (No visitors at this time please.)

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman,
Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane
Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams, Carol Vincent, Ruth Wells

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, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother),
Jim Fitcher, Joann Goldsmith (Requested by Paul Saunders for a coworker. This is
not Joann, a member here.), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tony Haid (Len's son),
Larry Hays (Madeline Gregg's brother), Anne Kaiser, David Newberry, 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), Rosemary
Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-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 all the birthday cards sent. We enjoyed each one of them. Thanks for all the prayers for our daughter Delana, during her illness. She is doing better but still has a long way to go. In Christian Love, **Harvey and Mary Caplinger**
- ♥ Thank you for our birthday cards. We also appreciate the baby shower, beautiful gifts and encouraging words. **Brent and Holly West**
- ♥ Thank you to **Bonnie Sams** and **Alisha Hershman** for preparing the communion bread this month.



LOVE AND CARE SING

The sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

A representative will be here this week to collect the coin banks. Please leave them in the office.

DECEMBER SHOPPING—OGLEBAY HOLIDAY LIGHTS TRIP

A trip is being planned for Saturday, December 5 to Cabela's and the local shops at **The Highland** (includes *Best Buy, Target, Russel Stover Candies, TJ Maxx, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Old Navy, Dress Barn, rue21, Bath & Body Works, Michaels Arts & Crafts*, and many more) and then to see the Oglebay Park holiday lights. Leaving at 10AM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

DECEMBER 23 AND 30

December 23 and 30 will be singing services with no Bible classes.

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 16 and will be hosted by the Grand Central congregation.

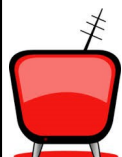


NOTE: You may notice that our church calling system is coming from 681.315.3051. That is a dedicated line for our system. The church office number remains 304.428.0504.

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 PROGRAM

December 6
THE BATTLE FOR YOUR SOUL

Daily Bible Reading

November 29—1 Peter 2, Ezekiel 32-33
November 30—1 Peter 3, Ezekiel 34-35
December 1—1 Peter 4, Ezekiel 36-37
December 2—1 Peter 5, Ezekiel 38-39
December 3—2 Peter 1, Ezekiel 40-41
December 4—2 Peter 2, Ezekiel 42-44
December 5—2 Peter 3, Ezekiel 45-46
December 6—1 John 1, Ezekiel 47-48





DANA'S DIRECTION

“Every child needs to be in Bible Class”

I once read of a man who, as a college student and then a young lawyer, devoted a great deal of attention to the youth of his church and community. He was a bible class teacher, a coach, and a volunteer at a “Boy’s and Girl’s” center. Eventually, a career in government moved him away from his home and ultimately to an appointment to the bench as a juvenile judge.

He decided, after a twenty year absence, to revisit his home town and see how the young people he had worked with had turned out. There were some surprises. Some of the troubled youth had gone on to be successful. Others, he believed to have great potential, never really lived up to his hopes. **But, the one fact that was most encouraging: almost every child that he had taught in bible class had not only turned out well, they had also remained faithful to the church.**

God expects parents to provide spiritual guidance for their children. “And you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4) The old law carried with it instructions for parents to “teach them diligently to your children when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) Paul attributed the faith of young Timothy to the fact that his mother and grandmother had taught him the scriptures “from childhood.” (II Timothy 3:15)

One opportunity that is available to every parent, grandparent, and family at Camden Avenue, is our Bible school. Every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are provided for all ages, children through adult. A child who attends every bible class (not including VBS, youth camp, Bible Bowl and other activities) during the first 18 years of his life, will receive over 14,000 hours of instruction. Although this seems like a lot, its only a fraction of the time our child is influenced by school, community activities, television and other forms of entertainment. Yes, we must teach our children at home—but are we? The Bible school does not replace our responsibility to teach our children, it is an aid and a supplement to that responsibility. **Are 4-5 hours, assembled with the church each week too great of a commitment to make toward raising our children in the faith?**

Perhaps as important as the things our children are taught in Bible class—are the things which we teach them when we don’t attend. We, of course, insist that our children attend school every day. If they have homework, we insist that it is done. We monitor their grades to see if they are learning. If they participate in sports or band or other school activities, we insist that they attend every practice. We expect them to do their chores and learn to be responsible. When we fail to have a similar attitude toward spiritual things, we teach our children that the things of God (Bible study, prayer, godly living) are really not that important.

I have been preaching for nearly forty years. My experience has been pretty much the same as the man I mentioned at the beginning of this article. The children I have observed growing up in the church who are faithful as adults and are raising their children in the Lord—for the most part—are the ones I saw every week in Bible class. **Give your child every opportunity to know the Lord—make sure they are in every Bible class.**



“Every Spiritual Blessing—In Christ .”

Ephesians 1:3-14

“Blessed be the _____ and _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every _____ blessing in the _____ places in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

God is the source of every _____. “Every _____ gift, every _____ gift is from _____.” (James 1:17)

God sends His blessings to _____. “For He makes His _____ to rise on the _____ and on the _____, and sends the _____ on the just and the _____.” (Matthew 5:45)

What _____ is there for the Christian? “Eye has not _____, nor ear _____, nor has entered into the _____ of man, that things that God has _____ for those who love Him.” (I Corinthians 2:9)

OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST:

- 1) **We have been _____ by God.** “Just as He _____ us _____ Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be _____ and without _____ before Him in love.” (Ephesians 1:4)
- 2) **We have been _____ into the family of God.** “Having _____ us to _____ as sons by _____ to Himself.” (Ephesians 1:5)
- 3) **We have been _____.** “In Him we have _____ through His _____. (Ephesians 1:7). “Knowing that you were not redeemed by corruptible things . . . but with the precious _____ of Christ.” (I Peter 1:18-19)
- 4) **We have received _____ for our _____.** “The _____ of sins, according to the riches of His _____ which He made _____ toward us.” (Ephesians 1:7-9) “There is no _____ to those who are in _____ Jesus, who do not walk according to the _____, but according to the _____.” (Romans 8:1) “Repent, and let everyone of you be _____ for the _____ of sins.” (Acts 2:38)
- 5) **We have been promised an _____.** “In whom also we have obtained an _____.” (Ephesians 1:11) “We are the _____ of God, if children then _____, heirs of God and joint heirs with _____.” (Romans 8:16-17)
- 6) **We have been promised the _____.** “You were _____ with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the _____ of our inheritance.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

HOW DOES ONE GET INTO CHRIST?

“For as many of you as were _____ into Christ have _____ on Christ.” (Galatians 3:27) “In Him you also _____, after you _____ the word of truth, the _____ of your _____; in whom also, having _____, you were sealed with the _____ of promise.” (Ephesians 1:13)

The _____ is the _____ realm of Christ. “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be _____ over all things to the _____, which is His _____, the _____ of Him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22-23)

“NON-COMPLIANT”



That is a word that was written on my medical chart a few years ago. I happened to see it and asked why it was there. The nurse told me it was there because I was not complying with the instructions the doctor was giving me. You see, my sugar levels were not coming down and my cholesterol wasn't either. Although I took the medicine prescribed, I hadn't started eating better.

Should I have been surprised? I paid the doctor money and then wouldn't take his educated advice. Kind of dumb, huh? Non-compliance is not limited to doctors and their patients. We see it everywhere! Speed limits are broken. Zoning laws are ignored. Students disregard instruction by the teacher. And, sadly, God's unchanging word is challenged, rewritten, or just plain ignored.

(Matthew 7:21) *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven”* (Luke 6:46) *“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not the things which I say?”* As you can see from these passages, this problem of non-compliance has been around forever. It comes down to our trusting the Lord and loving Him. (John 14:15) *“If you Love Me, keep My commandments.”*

The Lord's commandments are righteous and good for us, whether we understand them or not. Sometimes we look at God's word and it conflicts with our lives. What do we do? Do we quit reading the Bible or tear a page out because it goes against how we are living? Or, do we bow our heads and say, “Not my will, but Your will be done, Father?”

God saw us dying in sin and sent the “Great Physician” as our cure. Jesus has the right to make the rules and regulations of our salvation. (Hebrews 5:9) *“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”* Can one go to Heaven while being non-compliant to Jesus and His word? If one is honest, or even if one isn't honest, the answer is NO! If a patient won't follow a doctor's orders, does he have the hope to get better? You know the answer to that. Let us try to comply with our doctor but more importantly, let us be complaint with God's word and accept the cure.

YOUTH SECTION



TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP TODAY

We will be providing transportation to join the traveling youth group at the Sandyville congregation today.

Be here at 5:15, so we can leave by 5:20.

Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to go.

YOUTH HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The Holiday Breakfast for the children will be Saturday, December 5 at 9:00AM in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for food items. These items need to be left in the MP Room by Wednesday evening.

6th-12th GRADE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

There will be a 6th-12th grade Progressive Dinner in the MP Room next Sunday, December 6 after worship and Bible study. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Have you noticed how our American culture is slipping into a slime pit? Just a couple of generations back, America was recognized around the world for its goodness and moral rightness. When I was a boy, there wasn't a single movie that any member of the family couldn't attend. Even the new medium of television was actually fun and enjoyable to watch for all members of the family at any time! But then the door was cracked open when the Supreme Court legalized the murder of unborn babies. And the flood of filth and disgusting lifestyles followed right on it's heels. It is any wonder why so many countries around the world no longer look to America as a moral leader! My heart cries for my children and grandchildren who must face the results of this kind of moral mentality.

Parents, we must never forget the advice given by Joshua, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

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, December 6

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE—Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM—John Life

Close—Bob Armstrong

6:00 PM—Gary Herridge

Close—Dustin Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kevin Inman

PM—Scott Johnson

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Kyle Inman

PM—Mike Wade

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door

1—Bill Davis

2—Cody Hoover

4—Carolyn Davis

PM Door

1. Alivia Moser & Emma Hershman

2. Bill Pralley & Bill Mills

3. Jay & Nina Cheuvront

4. Peggy Dearth & Mary Daniel

5. Stan & Debi Inman

6. Keith & Eloise Smith

Facts and Figures

November 22, 2015

AM Service.....273

Bible Study.....203

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution\$6312.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM



Ready for Worship!

At worship, I am given the opportunity to...

...revere my Maker. *“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him” (Psalm 89:7).*

...rejoice in my salvation. *“And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation” (Psalm 35:9).*

...refresh my spirit. *“Revive me according to Your loving-kindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth” (Psalm 119:88)*

I can't wait to come and worship, praise and pay homage to the One who created me, delivered me, and awakens me. How about you?

“Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness, Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God, It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good, His mercy in everlasting. And His truth endured to all generations” (Psalm 100).

Bulletin Digest, E. Sterchi

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE

11/29	Mike Bayer	Dan Rich	NA
12/6	Steve Moser	Barry Mills	Delmas Carr