

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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We will host the Friday night sing this week at 7:00.
This will be the final sing this year.

Please bring finger foods, desserts and snacks to the
MP Room to be served following the sing.

Come and support this time of worship and fellowship.

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
Jeff Taberner

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**Today is a gift from
God. That's why it's
called
"The Present."**



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

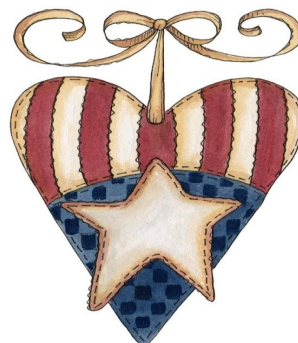
Prayers requested for family and friends:

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, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Larry Henry (Friend of Chris and Terry Hofmann), Anne Kaiser (Jo Langler's sister), David Newberry, Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Seth Seebaugh (PSHS sophomore, injured in football game), Leonard Shears (Dwain's father), 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.

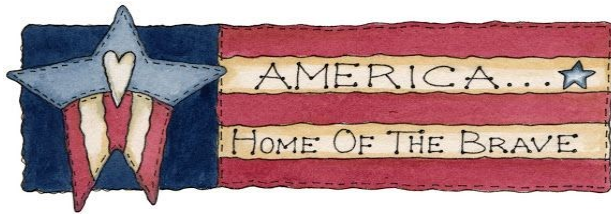
We extend our sympathy to Len Haid and family in the passing of his brother-in-law, Bob Jarell. He passed away Wednesday. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. We have been asked to keep his wife, Donna Jarell in our prayers.

Also, our condolences to Natalie Haught and family in the passing of her grandmother. Her service was last week in Fairview, WV.



♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards. **Kay Mills**

♥ I would like to thank all of those who gave me birthday cards. And also to the kids who wish me a happy birthday...every week. Thanks to all. **Mike Bayer**



**Thank you to the veterans
of our congregation!**

**Thank you for serving our
country!**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 will host the Fellowship Lunch today and invites everyone. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

VBS PLANNING MEETING

There will be a VBS planning meeting today at 5:00 in Room 109 for anyone willing to help.

WIDOWS-WIDOWERS-VETERANS LUNCH

Our Widows-Widowers-Veterans are invited to the Veteran's Day lunch November 11. (NOTE: The Bible study will meet at 10:30 this week.)

BABY SHOWER

The baby shower for Justin and Allie Moore will be Thursday, November 12 at 7:00PM in the MP Room. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the Friday night sing this week at 7:00. Please bring finger foods (snacks, desserts) to the MP Room for fellowship following the sing.

MEN'S PLANNING MEETING

The men's planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 at 2:00PM.

MENS' MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Brent and Holly West Thursday, November 19 at 7:00pm in the MP Room. They are registered at Walmart and Babies R Us. They are expecting a boy.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO BRAIDON AND LEXI KNOTTS!

Happy 1st Anniversary to Braidon and Lexi Knotts on November 22.

GOLDEN AGERS 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 and then to see the Oglebay Park lights. Leaving at 9AM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. (More details to come.)

Daily Bible Reading

November 8—Titus 3, Jeremiah 39-41
November 9—Philemon, Jeremiah 42-45
November 10—Hebrews 1, Jeremiah 46-48
November 11—Hebrews 2, Jeremiah 49
November 12—Hebrews 3, Jeremiah 50
November 13—Hebrews 4, Jeremiah 51
November 14—Hebrews 5, Jeremiah 52
November 15—Hebrews 6, Lamentations 1-2



**Please note the
Bible study change
this week:**

The Wednesday morning Bible class will meet this week at **10:30** due to the Widow, Widowers and Veterans luncheon.

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 15
JUDGING



DANA'S DIRECTION

“The Simplicity of Worship”

Several years ago, I was with the local preacher of a congregation where I was conducting a gospel meeting. We were checking out a school cafeteria where the church planned to have a covered dish dinner on Sunday afternoon. We found the room filled with people who were busily setting up the stage for some kind of production. The stage was already set up for a band with microphones, drum sets and other instruments. There were risers in place for a singing group. A trailer outside was filled with audio and lightning equipment. The program's director scurried about making sure all the performers were checked in.

We were curious. We asked “what kind of a program are you planning?” The answer came. **“We are preparing to have worship.”** We were also told that their regular church building was “too small” for them to **“have worship.”**

My first thought was, if it was necessary to have all of these things in order to worship, the little congregation I was preaching for in this meeting was in serious trouble! Actually, it reinforced the truth to me – that what many people regard as worship to God - is nothing more than entertainment for themselves.

When you study the subject of Christian worship in the New Testament, you cannot help but be impressed by its simplicity. Under the Old Law, worship in the Temple was surrounded by spectacle. There were sacrifices and the burning of incense. There were temple musicians and other performers. However, when Jesus spoke of worship as it would be under the new covenant He indicated the nature of worship would change and be restricted to the spiritual expression of the heart.

“But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24) Paul told the men of Athens about worship to the One and Only True God. ***“Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshipped with men's hands as though He needed anything”*** (Acts 17:24-25)

Every item of Christian worship spoken of in the New Testament involves complete simplicity – a direct line of communication to God from the heart of the worshipper. **The music of worship** is “singing and making melody in the heart.” This does not require (or allow) performing on a musical instrument, in fact, it doesn't even require that one have a good singing voice! The only thing that makes music worship is the words of sincere praise that come from the heart.

The prayers of worship are an individual Christian's communication with God. Although we are commonly lead in our praying, it is not necessary for us to pray through any mediator other than Jesus. We can pray at any time and in any place.

The teaching and edification of worship is simply a study and reflection upon the word of God. We utilize teachers and preachers, but the worship takes place when we take the message of God's word into our hearts. We can study God's word, teach and encourage one another at any time and any place.

The Lord's Supper involves the simplest of elements – unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice). But, as with every aspect of worship it is meaningful only if we “discern the Lord's body” and “take it in “remembrance” of Him.

Our giving is an expression of our love as we give a portion of what God has blessed us with to spread the truth of His word and to do good works in His name.

These five simple acts of worship can be done in a meaningful and reverent way whether there are five Christians together or five thousand. They remain the same if you are in a comfortable auditorium or under a tree in an African jungle.

The performances that many churches present as worship showcase man's talents and abilities. The worship that God prescribes has only one focus. Our hearts all turn to God – He, and He alone is lifted up.



What Shall it Profit a Man? (Matthew 16:24-27)

Man has an eternal spirit – a _____ that will live _____. “And God _____ into his nostrils the _____ of life; and man became a _____ soul” (Genesis 2:7). “As the _____ without the _____ is _____, so faith without works is dead” (James 2:26). “The dust shall return to the earth...and the _____ to _____ who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Death does not _____ our _____.

Judgment will determine the _____ existence of our _____. “Who will render to each one according to his _____: _____ life to those who by patient continuance in doing _____ seek for _____, honor and _____; tribulation and _____, on every soul of man who does _____” (Romans 2:6-9).

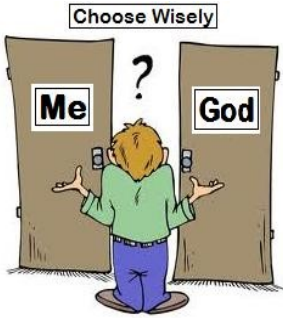
Our _____ is the most _____ thing we have. Each of us is now choosing where we will be for _____.

#1) We can live for _____ world. “Whoever desires to _____ his life will _____ it” (Matthew 16:25). “For what _____ is it to a man if he _____ the whole _____ and _____ his own _____?” (Matthew 16:26) “Or what will a man give in _____ for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

#2) We can live for the _____ to _____. “If anyone desires to _____ after me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____, and _____ me. For whoever desires to _____ his life will _____ it, but whoever _____ his life for _____ sake will find it” (Matthew 16:24-25). “The kingdom of heaven is like _____ hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for the _____ over it he goes and _____ all that he has and buys the field” (Matthew 13:44). **If we give _____ we have for Jesus, we will _____ everything.** “Everyone who has left _____ or brothers or sisters or _____ or mother or _____ or children or _____, for My _____ sake, shall receive a _____, and inherit _____ life” (Matthew 19:29).

The best investment – To give up what you can never _____ to attain what you can never _____. “I have come that they may have _____, and they may have it more _____” (John 10:10). **The Christian life is a _____ life. Happiness is the result of being involved in something _____ than yourself.**

Choose now - _____ is coming. “For the son of Man will come in the _____ of His _____ with His _____, and then He will _____ each according to his _____” (Matthew 16:27). **If you are living for Jesus – you have everything to _____, and nothing to _____.**



“The Choice”

I dreamed that it was Judgement Day, it hit me pretty hard,
To meet my Maker face to face, and receive my reward.
As I stood there before Him, He sadly shook His head.
He turned the pages of the Book, and I was filled with dread!
He looked me squarely in the eye; I knew I'd lost the race.
Too many times I'd made the choice, and God took second place!

Author Unknown

Today you have the power within your grasp to change this horrible nightmare to that blessed assurance of a home in heaven with God. Yes, **you** have the ability to change your destiny, your eternal home, heaven or hell by the choices **YOU CHOOSE** to make.

In a hundred years it will not matter what type of car you drove, how big your house was, or even how well you could swing a golf club or throw a rope. What will matter is how true we have been to the Bible.

John 12:48 tells us that it will judge us. *“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”* Joshua 24:15.

Be sure you are making the RIGHT CHOICES.

Bulletin Digest

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- December 1—Jeff Taberner
- December 2—Bob Eddy
- December 3—*Chris & Debbie Tallman
- December 4—Sheri Gaston
- December 5—Bram Mills
- December 7—Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad
- December 9—Shannan Hinzman
- December 10—Ryan Gaston, *Jim & Sallie Hinzman, *Ira & Nancy Kimes, *Mike & Teresa Wade
- December 11—Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover
- December 12—Barbara Saunders, *Gary & Melva Farris
- December 13—Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly, Cindy Slingluff
- December 14—Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught
- December 15—Janet Looney
- December 16—Tammy Kerns, Amy Young, Eric Young, *Ron & Linda Moncrief
- December 17—*Don & Sheri Gaston
- December 19—Jordan Kirk
- December 20—*Larry & Janet Plant, *Ray & Bonnie Sams
- December 21—Brian Haught, Patty Mullins, Tori Plant, *Ray & Phyllis Johnson
- December 24—Kim Ledsome, *Herb & Joyce Wright
- December 25—Josh Gray
- December 26—Annette Kirk, Dana Sponseller
- December 27—*Cotton & Patty Sayre
- December 28—Rosemary Merrill
- December 29—Mike Fleak, Jay Goldsmith
- December 30—Madison Taberner
- December 31—Jim Dailey



* 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.



We welcome Heather Osburn and her daughter, Layla.

Heather was recently baptized by her grandfather, Bob Armstrong.

Layla is 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Lubeck Elementary.

Heather is a Parkersburg South graduate. They enjoy attending concerts. Heather enjoys reading and Layla loves going to school and learning.

They have a four-legged baby, their dog, Bella. We are so glad to have Heather and Layla with us at Camden Avenue.



We are proud of our youth at Camden Avenue!

We love and appreciate you!

Youth Events

We will be providing transportation for the 6th-12th graders to the Youth Rally November 20-21 at the Bridgeport High School.

Hosted by the Bridgeport Church of Christ

Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to attend.

Widows-Widowers-Veterans Lunch will be in the MP Room this Wednesday.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The snow fell furiously. Looking from the picture window, it was impossible even to see the street. Their son should have been home hours ago. His parents had hoped he would beat the storm. His mother sat transfixed by the blizzard, while the father paced the room. The minutes ticked by into hours, and a tear trickled down the woman's cheek. As darkness fell, two dim lights pulled up in front of the house, and a young man jumped out. He ran through the door and his mother bust into tears, while his father grasped him in a bear-like embrace. The tense period of waiting was over, and the rejoicing began.

Waiting is never easy. However, when what we desire finally arrives, the joy is even greater. As Christians, as we await our eternal home, we grow to appreciate it more as time goes by. When it is finally ours, our joy will be overwhelming. Solomon said in Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



I WILL . . .



- I will remember a veteran/veterans and pause to think of their sacrifices and be thankful.
- I will pray for peace within my country.
- I will pray for world peace.
- I will value my freedoms.
- I will pray for the world economic situation.
- I will pray for an end of terrorism.
- I will be hopeful concerning the future.
- I will pray for the country's politicians during governmental chaos.
- I will pray for our political leaders.
- I will pray for our Veterans.
- I will thank a veteran/veterans.

**Honor our Veterans on Veteran's Day.
Honor our Veterans everyday.**

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
11/8	Barry Mills	Steve Moser	Ted Miller
11/15	Dan Rich	Kyle Inman	Doug Hershman

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, November 15

ELDER IN CHARGE—Bill Mills
DEACON IN CHARGE—Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Gary Alton
PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Stan Inman
Close—Steve Gray
6:00 PM—Chris Hofmann
Close—Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM—Doug Hershman
PM—Bill Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Delmas Carr
PM—Cody Hoover
Kyle Inman

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Stan Inman
 2—Don Dougherty
 4—Brenda Dougherty

PM Door

1. Amy Young & Tammy Kerns
2. Gary Alton & Bill Mills
3. Dennis & Sandy Keller
4. Jon & Brandi Hescht
5. Bob & Gala Miller
6. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

Facts and Figures

November 1, 2015

AM Service.....309
Bible Study.....229
PM Service.....240
Wednesday.....233
Contribution\$9282.00

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.....10:30AM & 7PM