

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

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ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Even in these troubling times we can be at peace knowing God is in control.

God has promised us "Peace beyond all understanding". (Philippians 4:7)

The Bible tells us that God will never leave us or forsake us. God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

God has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So, we may boldly say; **"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:5,6,8)

We need to pray daily for The Lord's church, world peace, our country, government leaders, military, and families.

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
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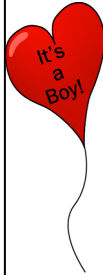


You can't be humble
when YOU have an
'I' problem!

**LET
NOT**
your
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid. John 14:27



- ♥ Thank you for our birthday cards and well wishes. **Don, Mary and Debby Nesselroad**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the great birthday cards. They were all appreciated. **Jeff Taberner**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits and most importantly your prayers during my recent eye surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated so very much. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. **Dustin Hughes**
- ♥ Thanks for the food, visits and prayers. It has been a slow process. I am getting along better with my dialysis. In Christian Love, **Nancy Kimes**



Congratulations to Brent and Holly West in the birth of their son, Avery Jaxson West. He was born Monday, December 7 weighing 10 lbs. and 22 inches long. Congratulations to proud big sister, Isabella.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Chris Hofmann and family in the passing of his mother, Evonne Hofmann. Her service was held Monday at Leavitt Funeral Home. Keep this family in your prayers.



Marietta Memorial

Kathleen Albright
(Room 4404)

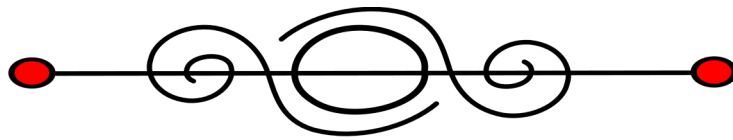
Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, 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, 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.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LLL KEEPERS CLASS MEETING

There will be a LLL *Keepers* meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for girls and their mothers. See Annette Kirk for details.

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The fourth annual ladies' holiday luncheon will be this Tuesday at the Parkersburg Country Club. Arrival time will be 11:30 with lunch at noon. Please make checks payable to **Gala Miller** for the \$19.00 each. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange. If you have any questions, see Gala.

MEN'S MEETING, BIBLE BUSTERS, LADIES' MEETING

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

DECEMBER 23 AND 30 EVENING SINGING SERVICES

Wednesday evening services December 23 and 30 will be singing services with no Bible classes. The 11AM Bible class will continue the study of I John.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 28 at 7:00PM.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Don't forget to get your daily Bible reading schedules to read the Bible through in 2016. Schedules are available in the foyers. The daily schedule is also printed in our bulletin each week.

CHILDRENS CLOTHING ROOM

Our Clothing Room is still available upstairs in Room 209. Children's clothing sizes newborn through 18/20 youth are available. See Cassie Hennen or Brandi Hescht. Donations may be left in the red box in the parking lot foyer.

The names of potential men to serve as additional deacons was read Sunday. They are: Kevin Cochran, Steve Gray, Jon Hescht, Kevin Inman and Chris Mullins. If anyone has a scriptural reason why one of these men should not serve, submit it in writing, sign and give to one of the elders today. If no scriptural reasons are found, they will be appointed next Sunday.

Daily Bible Reading

December 13—Revelation 1, Hosea 4-7
December 14—Revelation 2, Hosea 8-11
December 15—Revelation 3, Hosea 12-14
December 16—Revelation 4-5, Joel 1-3
December 17—Revelation 6, Amos 1-5
December 18—Revelation 7, Amos 6-9
December 19—Revelation 8, Obadiah
December 20—Revelation 9, Jonah 1-4

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 20
WHY JESUS CAME



DANA'S DIRECTION

"A CAPPELLA"

Church music. Without accompaniment,. That's a cappella. The word comes from the Latin, ad, "to according to", and cappella, "chapel." A Cappella is the style of the church of chapel music.

But the term "a cappella" could hardly be applied to the music heard in most churches today. That which used to be the only means of praising God in church (a cappella) is seldom seen in most houses of worship today.

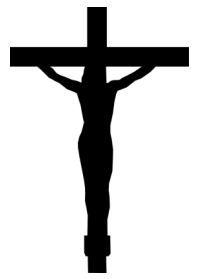
When Dr. Everett Ferguson was doing his graduate study at Harvard, he lived in the same dormitory with a Greek Orthodox student who was a graduate of the University of Athens and a candidate for an advanced degree at Harvard. Everett asked him if it was correct that the Greek Orthodox churches did not use instrumental music in their public worship. He said, "Yes." When asked the reasons why, he replied, "We do not use instrumental music because it is not in the New Testament and it is contrary to the nature of Christian worship."

Under the old Testament, instruments of music certainly had a part to play in the worship of God. But when one comes to the New Testament, they are not mentioned.... Thus, even those who had formally used the instrument failed to adopt it in primitive Christian worship. In fact, the general introduction of instrumental music can certainly not be assigned to a date earlier than the 5th or 6th centuries. Even Gregory the Great, who towards the end of the 6th Century added greatly to the existing church music, absolutely prohibited the use of instruments.

Chrysostom gives us a picture of what Christian worship was like up to the 5th Century. "It was the ancient custom as it still is with us, for all to come together, and unitedly join in singing. The young and the old, rich and poor, male and female, bond and free, all join in one song...All worldly distinctions here cease, and the whole congregation forms one general chorus,"

Or, as Paul said in Colossians 3:16—"*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another... as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs...*"

The Spirit of Obedience (I Samuel 15:18-24)



What we learn about obedience from Saul's Disobedience:

#1) Partial Obedience is Disobedience.

God's command to Saul: "Now go and _____ Amalek, and utterly _____ all that they have" (I Samuel 15:3).

What Saul did: "And Saul attacked the Amalekites from _____ all the way to _____. He also took _____ king of the Amalekites _____, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul. And the people _____ Agag and the _____ of the sheep, the lambs, and all that was _____, and they were _____ to destroy them" (I Samuel 15:7-9).

God regarded Saul's partial obedience as disobedience: "I greatly _____ that I have set up Saul as king, for he has _____ back from _____ Me, and has not _____ My _____" (I Samuel 15:11).

The reason Saul did not obey was pride: "Why did you not _____ the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil and do _____ in the sight of the Lord" (I Samuel 15:19).

#2) Good Intentions do not eliminate the need for Obedience.

Saul tried to rationalize his disobedience: "For the _____ spared the _____ of the sheep and the oxen, to _____ to the _____ your _____" (I Samuel 15:15).

God delights only in obedience: "Has the Lord as great _____ in burnt offerings and _____, as in _____ the voice of the Lord? Behold to _____ is better than _____, and to _____ than the fat of rams" (I Samuel 15:22).

Saul tried to blame others for his disobedience "I have _____ the voice of the Lord... but the _____ took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of things that _____ have been utterly _____" (I Samuel 20-21).

God held Saul responsible. "For _____ has turned back from following me, and has not _____ My commandments" (I Samuel 15:11).

God's commands are individual and personal. "For we must _____ appear before the judgment seat of _____, that _____ one may receive the things done in the body, according to that which he has _____, whether _____ or bad" (II Cor. 5:10)

#3) Obedience is necessary.

Jesus obeyed and so must we: "though He was a _____, yet He learned _____ by the things that He suffered, and having been _____ He became the author of eternal _____ to all who _____ Him" (Hebrews 5:8-9). "Not _____ who says to Me '_____', _____ will enter into the _____ of heaven, but he who does the _____ of my _____ who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).



RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING

Do you desire a “Happy Life”? Follow these rules and you will enjoy happiness that cannot be found in “things” of this world.

1. **Count your blessings, not your troubles.** Though we have many problems in life, we are still richly blessed. The plaque on the wall stated, “I grumbled and complained because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet.”
2. **Live one day at a time.** Regardless of what Satan may throw at you, it can be handled “one day at a time” (James 4:13-15). You can control and conquer if you will take on obstacles one day at a time.
3. **Learn to say, “I love you” to those near and dear.** Break the shackles and learned restraints and express your love and appreciation to as many as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).
4. **Be a giver, not a getter.** Often if you fail to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to GET instead of GIVE (Luke 6:38),
5. **Seek good in everyone and everything.** Be a “good” seeker. Try hard not to be a “fault finder”. When faults are present, deal with them lovingly.
6. **Pray every day.** Always take the time to express to God our appreciation for blessings and ask Him for guidance (Luke 18:1).
7. **Do a good deed each day.** The “grandest intention” is not as good as the “smallest deed.” Follow the Lord’s example (Acts 10:38).
8. **Watch your priorities.** Keep the important things in first place (Matthew 6:33).
9. **Fill your life with good.** Throw away the “trash” from your life and replace it with good thoughts and deeds (Philippians 4:8).
10. **Laugh and cry.** Laughter is good medicine. A good sense of humor overcomes many “ills and problems” of life.
11. **Learn to practice the happiness habit.** Smile, and the world will smile with you (Philippians 4:4). Make up your mind to “be happy”.
12. **Let go and let God control your life.** To find peace and happiness, you must let God completely reign on the throne in your life. You must totally follow His will. It is for own good.



BEST SERMON I EVER HEARD

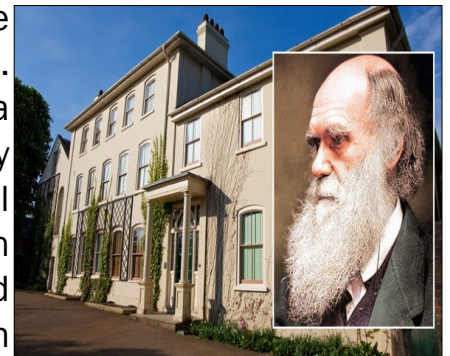
As the mother was completing the purchase of two new suits for sons Charles and Arthur, Charles proudly said to his brother, “Won’t I look nice in Bible school Sunday?” A friendly lady standing near overheard him and asked, “Do you go to Bible School?” And the smaller brother, Arthur, only five, giving her a withering glance, inquired, “Where else would I go Sunday morning?” Blushing, the lady remarked, “That’s the best sermon I ever heard.”

The most precious gift we can give our children is not a trip to the beach, a shiny new toy, or a new suit of clothes, but the opportunity to study the God in whose image they are created. Plan to be present with your children for all Bible classes; in this you can give them a gift that will neither grow old nor wear out.

Author Unknown

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Here is something really interesting! In England, there has been an appeal to restore the home of Charles Darwin. The roof had fallen in on Darwin’s lab; the main house had a leaky roof; and the walls of the study were being attacked by woodworm: without a great deal of effort, this home will eventually become a total ruin. Isn’t that ironic! Darwin popularized the idea that everything has “made itself”, and that nature has, on a grand scale, organized matter from simple to complex. . .



But in reality, virtually every scientific observation confirms that the very OPPOSITE is true. Everything left to itself tends to run down—just like Darwin’s house! Darwin’s house won’t rebuild itself—it will require a lot of intelligence to improve it. The Bible teaches that an intelligent and powerful God created man from the dust of the ground. It didn’t just happen by chance. We need to trust God’s message of creation and not man’s!

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 20

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE—Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode

PM—Kody Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dennis Keller

Close—Ron Holleron

6:00 PM—Walter Morgan

Close—Bob Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM—Brent West

PM—Barry Hupp

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Merrill

PM—Jon Hescht

Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Bill Mills
 2—Jim Hughes
 4—Sandy Hughes

PM Door

1. Patrick & Bev Rine
2. Barbara Cramlet & Tammy Kerns
3. Steve & Julie Moser
4. Dustin Hughes & Bob Smith
5. Jim & Charlotte Galloway
6. Chris & Patty Mullins



December is
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

Please leave items on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.

Facts and Figures

December 6, 2015

AM Service.....295

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....199

Wednesday.....202

Contribution\$8228.00

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

Winter Training Series

January 7—January 28 Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM

Dewey Avenue congregation

Marriage and the Family—Roger Rush

Sermons from Songs—Andy Robison

Bible Geography—Ed Melott

1 Thessalonians—Randy Baker

Flyer with details on the foyer bulletin boards.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE

12/13	Kyle Inman	Mike Bayer	Ted Miller
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