

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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The area wide service will be held here today at 3:30.

The Grand Central congregation will be conducting the service.

Please join us for a wonderful time of worshipping together!

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Rob Hoover
Bill Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Chris Mullins
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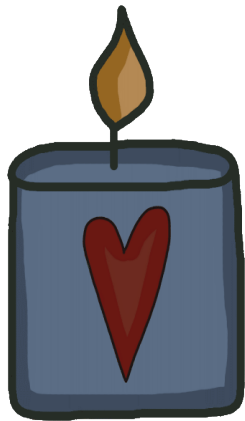
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Think **POSITIVE** and
POSITIVE things will
happen.



We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Stevens in the passing of her husband, John. John had been a member here for many years and in later years has been a shut-in. He passed away January 4. There will be a private service. Please keep our sister Dorothy and family in your prayers.

Her address is:

76 Blair Avenue
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gloria Frazier, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Gene Phillips, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams

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), Harold Haid, Tony Haid (Len's son), Larry Hays (Madeline Gregg's brother), Anne Kaiser, 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), Pam Wilson

Please call the office to add or update names on the Prayer List.



- ♥ **Wilma Davis** wishes to thank you for the goodie basket, cards and visits. She sends her love and says to "come visit."
- ♥ For all the beautiful cards with loving messages I thank you. I appreciate all of them. In Christian love, **Collen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful anniversary cards, calls, and FB greetings. We enjoyed each of them. Also a special thanks to the "group" who celebrated with us earlier in the month! Blessings and hugs, **Cotton and Patty Sayre**

BAPTISM/PLACED MEMBERSHIP/REQUESTED PRAYERS

We rejoice that Haley Johnson was baptized Sunday and Sean Stokes was baptized December 31. Chad and Rachel Turner are placing their membership with us. We welcome them and their sons Chase and Dalton Turner. They reside at 2800 6th Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 and will be in Care Group 1. Scott Johnson requested prayers Sunday. Continue to prayer for him.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. We will be recognizing Gary Herridge and Bill Mills for their many years of dedicated service as elders at the luncheon.

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be hosted by the Grand Central congregation and held here today at 3:30.

COLLEGE DINNER PLANNING MEETING THIS EVENING

Anyone willing to help with the upcoming college dinner, meet this evening after services in Room 112. The college dinner will be January 13 at 5:45.

SECRET SISTERS MEETING THIS EVENING

Any ladies that would like to participate in Secret Sisters meet this evening after services in Room 109. For more information, see Julie Taberner or Kimberlee.

DANA'S ANNUAL "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER

Dana invites everyone to his annual "I Can't Believe It's Not A Holiday" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Tuesday, January 12 at 5:30PM. Sign-up sheet on the counter for attendance count.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS/LADIES' MEETING

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

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 30 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading

January 10—Matthew 8, Genesis 23-24
January 11—Matthew 9:1-17, Genesis 25
January 12—Matthew 9:18-38, Genesis 26-27
January 13—Matthew 10:1-15, Genesis 28-29
January 14—Matthew 10:16-42, Genesis 30
January 15—Matthew 11, Genesis 31-32
January 16—Matthew 12:1-8, Genesis 33-34
January 17—Matthew 12:9-32, Genesis 35-36

Thank you for worshiping with us today.



If you have any questions, please let an elder, Dana or any of us know.

We also have Bible Correspondence Courses available upon request.

We are a loving, caring congregation.

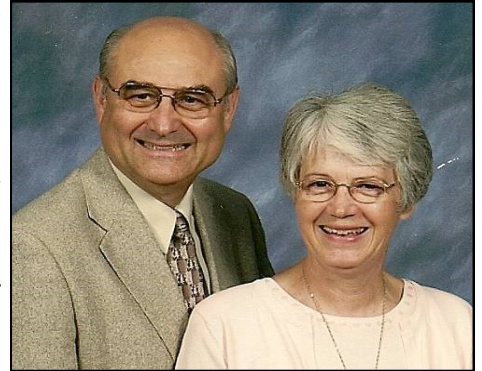
We care for YOU.

DANA'S DIRECTION

In Appreciation: Bill and Gary

On the last Sunday morning of 2015, we witnessed a milestone that is bitter/sweet. Bill Mills and Gary Herridge both expressed their desire to step down from their roles in the eldership of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ. It is with great sadness that we accept their resignations, but we are also filled with great appreciation for the exemplary way both of them fulfilled the role of shepherds of our congregation.

Gary Herridge came to West Virginia, was baptized and married all nearly fifty years ago. After serving as a deacon for several years, Gary was appointed to the eldership on July 27, 1980. His thirty-four and a half years of service makes him one of the longest tenured elders in the history of this congregation. Gary's contributions are too numerous to list. For many years he has proven to be an excellent adult Bible class teacher. In addition to the classroom setting, Gary has developed questions on every book of the Bible and hosted the annual Camden Avenue bible bowl for thirty years. He is also the author and voice of "Moments of Meditation" which are played daily on our local radio station. Countless numbers of people in the community identify us with that message.



Gary is a wonderful communicator and has been chosen many times by his fellow-elders to make reports and present their goals to the congregation. He has supported Christian education serving on boards at Ohio Valley University and Oklahoma Christian. But it is in the personal relationship role that effective leadership takes place in the local congregation. With the support of Sharon, the Herridge's have spent countless hours visiting the sick, sitting with families at the hospital and seeking to cheer up those who are shut-in. They have fulfilled the scriptural directive to "weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice". Gary has been active in Love and Care, serving until recently as the President of the Board of Directors.

The Herridge's are very hospitable people. There have been many church activities hosted in their home. Many visiting preachers and other families have been provided housing and a lot of college students have considered them to be their "home away from home". I have enjoyed the fun-loving side of Gary Herridge. He can be easily convinced to share the "Illinois University fight song" and with a little more urging will even sing "The Little Nash Rambler" reminiscent of growing up in the 50's. I have enjoyed traveling with the Herridges to the Freed Hardeman lectures and have greatly appreciated continued words of support and encouragement from Gary and Sharon.

The Herridge's will continue to serve the congregation here in many ways. We love and appreciate them as part of our church family.



Bill Mills grew up at Camden Avenue and, with the exception of about six years, spent all of his life as part of this congregation. After serving for many years as a deacon, Bill was added to the eldership in November of 2000, completing fifteen years in that role. The Mill's are very hospitable people. During our move to Parkersburg, I spent several nights with them. Kay's kitchen made those visits exceptionally nice!

Bill exerts a lot of quiet leadership in every area of church life. He is involved with those of all ages. He has been active with the youth who participate in Lads to Leaders for many years. He has literally mentored a generation of our young people. He supports the senior members in their activities by driving the bus for many of the trips. The Mills are a regular part of the college dinner crew. They also have been a part of many trips that I have taken to the Freed Hardeman lectures. Bill and Kay know where to eat!

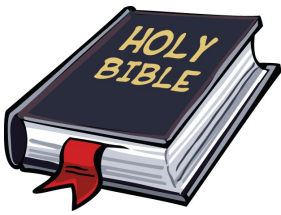
Bill has focused on the mission efforts of the church. He corresponds regularly with the mission families that we support and often hosts them on their visits home. Bill is a wonderful organizer. He oversees the work of putting together the budget each year. Every year Bill also teaches a class that prepares those who participate in our Bible Bowl. Only he seems to be able to anticipate the questions that Gary will write!

The Mills are loving, caring Christian people. Kay is the epitome of the church leader's wife described in 2 Timothy 3:11. She has taught Bible classes for nearly fifty years and has taught teacher's workshops. She has patiently supported Bill in his work with the congregation. They make a wonderful team in serving the Lord.

Bill and Kay will also continue to serve the congregation here in many ways. Bill is already making plans to travel with our families who will participate in Lads to Leaders this spring. We love and appreciate them as part of our church family.

We appreciate and love Bill and Gary for their work's sake (I Thessalonians 5:13).

"Render honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:17).



What is Worship? (Genesis 22:1-12)

When we worship _____ is the audience.

What is worship?

Worship is a _____ activity in which we _____ join in and participate.

As we worship, _____ should be lifted up in reverence and _____.

We should _____ ourselves, offer Him the gifts of _____ and _____, and leave committed to serving Him more _____.

Worship and Service. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of _____, that you _____ your bodies a living _____, holy, _____ to God, which is your reasonable _____.” (Romans 12:1)

A distinction between worship and service. “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you _____.” (Matthew 4:10) God commands specific _____, expressions, _____, and times of _____.

Abraham’s Act of worship:

- Worship involves _____.
- Worship involves _____.
- Worship involves _____.
- Worship involves _____ of self.
- Worship involves _____ ourselves to God.

Evaluating our worship:

#1) We must realize that worship is for _____. He _____ it. (Revelation 4:11) He is _____ it. (John 4:23) He _____ it. (Matthew 4:10)

#2) Since worship is for God, only _____ can say what He wants. “God is _____, and those who worship Him _____ worship in _____ and _____.” (John 4:24) “For what man knows the things of a man except the _____ of the man which is _____ him? Even so no one knows the things of _____ except the Spirit of God.” (I Corinthians 2:11)

#3) When we worship God is looking at our _____ and our _____. “Walk _____ when you go to the house of God; and draw near to _____ rather than to give the sacrifice of _____, for they do not know that they do _____. Do not be rash with your _____, and let not your _____ utter anything hastily before God. For God is in _____, and you on _____.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2)

BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar

Our upcoming Blood Drive will be Monday, February 8 in the MP Room.

Schedules will be available.



If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.



Thanks to all who brought items and/or gave monetary donations for our food pantry. This truly shows the caring and giving of the family at Camden Avenue.

John Life, Elder in charge of Benevolence



Please check the table in the rear of the auditorium for your holiday cards.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Most of us are familiar with the expression, couch potato. It is a shame that of all the vegetables, potatoes get the label for being lazy! We have many households today full of couch potatoes who use the television to get away from the stress of life. In some cases, television viewing can actually become an addiction! There are also concerns that TV may especially overstimulate children while their brains are developing. Even more of a concern, the content of TV can destroy these precious souls. Television not only has the capacity to create attention problems in children, but it can also crush the innocence and creativity of those under its influence.



Jesus made it very clear how he felt about those who would harm little children. He sternly warned, "If anyone cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Instead of being a couch potato, get off the couch, forget the TV, and make things happen!

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, January 17

ELDER IN CHARGE—John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE—Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Steve Moser

Close—Jon Hescht

6:00 PM—Paul Saunders

Close—Patrick Rine

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kyle Inman

PM—Hayden Moser

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Scott Smith

PM—Rick Stanley

Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Dustin Hughes
 2—Kyle Inman
 4—Sarah Inman

PM Door
1. Sarah Hinzman & Kira Miller
2. Barry Hupp & Barry Mills
3. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears
4. Steve & Linda Gray
5. Jim & Sallie Hinzman
6. Betty Lamb & Melva Farris



YOUTH HOT CHOCOLATE DAY

We are inviting our Camden Avenue youth and area children for hot chocolate and homemade cookies Monday, January 18 at noon in the MP Room.

We will have a devotional and lots of fun.

If you would like to help distribute invitations in the neighborhood Saturday, January 16 at 2:00, let Jeff Taberner or Kevin Cochran know.

We are also in need homemade cookies. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED FORMS

We are still updating the *Helping Those In Need* information. Forms are available in the foyers. Completed forms may be left in the office or give to Rob Hoover.

Winter Training Series

January 14—January 28 (Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM)

Dewey Avenue congregation

Facts and Figures

January 3, 2016

AM Service.....277

Bible Study.....214

PM Service.....245

Wednesday.....205

Contribution\$8480.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

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—January 17
WE NEED THE CHURCH