

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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It's that time of year again...

**Our Blood Drive will be Monday, February 8
in the MP Room from 1:00-6:00PM.**

(Sign up sheet is on the counter.)

Donors are needed.

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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It is a funny thing that some people who can't enjoy more than one hour a week of worship, think they are fitted for an eternity in heaven.

Health South

Sharon Armstrong (No visits at this time, please.)

Phyllis Johnson

They would enjoy receiving cards.

Continue to pray for Jim Galloway as he recently had back surgery. Let him know we love and appreciate him.

Also, Braden Hesselrode as he recuperates from surgery.

Barbara Saunders had Achilles tendon surgery Thursday.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway, Braden Hesselrode, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, 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), Forest & Janie Tennant, 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.

Juanita Newberry passed away January 18. Visitation is today 4:00-8:00 at Sunset Funeral Home. Her funeral service will be at Sunset tomorrow at 11:00. Keep this family in your prayers.



♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Keith Smith**

♥ Thanks to all who sent us birthday cards and a Hershey bar! We appreciate you all. **Rosemary and Sam Merrill**

Myrtle Metz is now home. She appreciates your cards, visits and prayers.



LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and this Thursday evening at 7:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the monthly sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

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.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S MAGAZINE

If you would like to purchase *Christian Woman* magazine, please make checks payable to Robin Anthony for \$17.98 for each subscription by February 7.

BLOOD DRIVE

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FRIDAY NIGHT SING SCHEDULES

Friday night sing schedules are available on the counter. The first sing will be February 19 at the Hopewell congregation at 7:00PM.

GOLDEN AGERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Golden Agers schedule of events planned for this year are available in the foyers.

COUCH/LOVESEAT

One of our members, June Freels is in need of a loveseat and recliner. If you have one you would like to donate, see her or one of the elders.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

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

You are invited to a shower for Jimmy and Brooke Galloway's baby Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 in the MP Room.

They are registered at Walmart, Babies R Us and Amazon (Website: www.amazon.com. Go to Baby Registry, select Brooke's name.)



Daily Bible Reading

January 24—Matthew 15:21-39, Genesis 49-50
January 25—Matthew 16, Exodus 1-3
January 26—Matthew 17, Exodus 4-5
January 27—Matthew 18:1-14, Exodus 6-7
January 28—Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 8-9
January 29—Matthew 19, Exodus 10-12
January 30—Matthew 20:1-16, Exodus 13-14
January 31—Matthew 20:17-34, Exodus 15-16



DANA'S DIRECTION

A Capella Music in Worship

Worship in song is a holy and wonderful thing in which to partake with God's people. Singing is good for one's soul, and it makes one feel closer to our Lord. It has been a part of the worship that God's people have employed in offer and service to Him within their gatherings for at least since the time of Moses. As Moses and the children of Israel sang in Exodus 15:1, **"I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea."**

Singing is a very important aspect of Christian music and worship today, and it will be part of our service to the Lord in the great age to come: **"and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders"** (Revelation 14:3).

So why do we sing a capella when we gather together in our assemblies? The answer is really quite simple: It is what we have been told to do, and we honestly seek to do all in the name of our Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17). When God gives a specific command, we are not free to add or take away from it, or to go beyond His word to do less or to do more (Numbers 22:18; 1 Corinthians 4:6). And those of us under the New Covenant founded by Christ Jesus are commanded to sing and make melody in our hearts: **"I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also."** (1 Corinthians 14:15) Part of the purpose of our singing is to teach, and that can only be done through vocalization: **"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God."** Paul admonishes the congregation at Ephesus to have their hearts filled with the Spirit, and the instrument to use, says the Apostle, is the heart, and not some mechanical instrument: **"be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,"** (Ephesians 5:18-19).

It should matter to all Christians that they do whatever is in their power to worship their Creator as He has chosen, and to do as Jesus said in John 4:24, **"in spirit and truth."** It is presumptuous to do otherwise. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote the following to the church at Thessalonica: **Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus."** The instructions given are for us to sing. Is that too hard to follow and understand?

Singing as Worship

(Psalm 95:1-7)



In the Old Testament:

David is known as the _____ singer of Israel. Included in his Psalms: “It is good to give _____ to the Lord and to sing _____ to your name” (Psalm 92:1). “Oh come, let us _____ - to the Lord! Let us shout _____ to the Rock of our _____” (Psalm 95:1). “I will _____ to the Lord as long as I _____; I will sing _____ to my God while I have my being” (Psalm 104:33).

Singing as Christian Worship:

Christians sang to gain _____ strength and express _____. “And when they had _____ a _____, they went out into the night” (Matthew 26:30). “But at midnight Paul and Silas were _____ and _____ hymns to God” (Acts 16:25).

Singing is the _____ authorized for Christian _____. “Is any among you suffering? Let him _____. Is any cheerful? Let him _____ songs” (James 5:13). “Whenever you come _____, each of you has a _____. Let all thing be done for _____” (I Corinthians 14:26).

Singing as worship is an expression of our heart. “And do not be filled with _____ which is dissipation ; but be filled with the _____, speaking to one _____ in _____ and _____ and spiritual _____, singing and making _____ in your _____ to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18-19). “Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, _____ and _____ one another in _____ and _____ and spiritual _____, singing with _____ in your _____ to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

Three requirements of the music we offer to God as worship:

We must _____. The music of worship is _____.

We must sing from the _____. “I will _____ with the Spirit and I will _____ with the _____ also” (I Corinthians 14:15).

We sing together in the _____. “I will declare Your name to My _____; in the midst of the _____ I will _____ to You” (Hebrews 2:12). “Make a _____ shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with _____; come before His presence with _____” (Psalm 100:1-2).



“The Privilege of Worship”

By Dana Slingluff

During my first year in college, we were joined mid-year by a young man who had come directly from Vietnam to the freshman dorm at Harding College. He was a few years older and many years more mature than we. We were in awe of his experiences and wondered why he would choose the very sheltered life of a Christian college.

It soon became obvious that Dennis was willing to use his impressive authority to get us in line. He absolutely refused to allow any of the boys on his wing to miss worship services. He would bang on every door on Sunday morning and tell those who were sleeping in to “get out of that sack.” He would do the same thing on Sunday evenings and before mid-week Bible study on Wednesday nights. After a while, some of the boys began to challenge him. They wondered why it was so important to be at every service – even those times when they had stayed up too late or had an important test to study for?

He told us that before he had been in the service, he had the same attitude, but, he said “you cannot image what it is like to be laying in the mud, in the heat of battle, realizing that it was Sunday. I would think about my family and my home congregation – knowing they would be in church. I would say a prayer and sing a song to myself. I began to realize what a privilege it is to join with other Christians in worshipping God. I promised God, that if I survived, I would never willingly miss another assembly of the church.”

It is difficult to understand why so many of us take the privilege of joining with other Christians to worship for granted. We will allow any personal preference or inconvenience to interfere with our appointment with the Lord. A person who is indifferent about worshipping God can always find an excuse to stay away. But you will never find justification in scripture for neglecting (forsaking Heb. 10:15) the assembling of ourselves together to worship God.

In the days of Nehemiah, the children of Israel had been without the privilege of worshipping for so long, they made a covenant and took an oath saying, “*We will not forsake the house of our God.*” (Nehemiah 10:39) The Shunammite woman rode a donkey every Sabbath to hear God’s prophet at Carmel, though her husband objected. (II Kings 4:23) In Daniel’s day, the children of God ran to and fro “*to increase knowledge,*” and learn more about God. (Daniel 12:4) Jesus and his disciples were committed to the scheduled times for worshipping God. (Mark 1:21; Luke 4:16) The Ethiopian Eunuch traveled more than a thousand miles from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to worship. (Acts 8:27)

Jesus has told us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) When Jesus instituted His supper, he told us that He would “eat it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29) We are told that all of heaven surrounds God’s throne to worship Him and that the incense that goes before Him is “the prayers of the saints.” (Revelation 5:8) We should be in awe of the privilege God gives us to worship Him! What could possibly be more important? Think about this the next time you chose “whether or not” you will meet with the saints who have assembled to worship God, serve Him, and seek His will. What would you do if this privilege was taken away?

Youth Events



Sean Stokes was recently baptized.

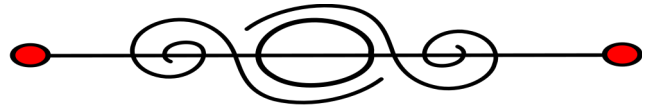
He attends WVU-P majoring in Computer and Information Technology. He is employed at Save-A-Lot.

His hobby is working with computers.

He resides at 2207 27th Avenue.

We welcome Sean into the family at Camden Avenue.

- **January 31** Traveling Youth Group North End
- **January 31** 5th Grade and under devotional after evening services in the MP Room
- **February 7** Youth Super Bowl Party after evening services at the Kirk's home.
- **February 26 - 28** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN



Monday Area Wide Devotionals

February 1—Area Wide Devo at Lower Paw Paw

February 8—Area Wide Devo at Waverly

February 15—Area Wide Devo at Rosemar

February 22—Area Wide Devo at North End

February 29—Area Wide Devo at Camden Avenue

March 7—Area Wide Devo at Ohio Valley University

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

On September 21, 1780, Benedict Arnold met with the British. The deal was simple Arnold would hand over the plans and maps for West Point, an American fort on the Hudson River, in exchange for the equivalent of 3.5 million dollars in today's currency—and a high rank in the British Army. Arnold had decided to betray his country for one reason—he got his feelings hurt. He expected lavish praise and promotions for his efforts in the Revolutionary war, but he didn't get them. So with a bruised ego, he sought greener pastures with the British.

Each of us needs to decide where our loyalties lie. When Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we must give Him first place in our lives. We must commit ourselves to him unconditionally. We don't quit Jesus if our feelings get hurt. We don't quit if life for us becomes unfair. We don't quit if we don't get our way. And the reason we don't quit Jesus is because He has never given up on us! What lasts, what matters, is our doing the will of God! (I John 2:15-17)

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





Ten Ways To Love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaining. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

Bulletin Digest



In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I John 4:10

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 31

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 31

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE—Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Mike Wade

Close—Barry Mills

6:00 PM—Todd Kirk

Close—Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dave Nulter

PM—Justin Moore

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Barry Hupp

PM—Dearl Vincent

Dan Rich

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Paul Saunders

2—Kevin Inman

4—Becky Inman

PM Door

1. Chris & Debbie Tallman

2. Gary Alton & Ryan Gaston

3. Ron & Peggy Riddle

4. Todd & Annette Kirk

5. Gary & Sharon Herridge

6. Dave & Lois Nulter

Facts and Figures

January 17, 2016

AM Service.....273

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....224

Wednesday.....160

Contribution\$7550.00

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