

# 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 February Anniversary - Birthday fellowship will be next Sunday evening after services in the MP Room.**

Plan to help us celebrate the February birthdays and anniversaries with fellowship and singing. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

**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  
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Kevin Inman  
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Profanity is an  
outward sign of  
Stupidity!



- ♥ To our church family, All your kindness, visits and cards during my brother's death were so much appreciated. Thank you!  
Blessings to All, **Bob and Penny Eddy**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards for our 40th anniversary.  
In Christian love, **Denny and Sandy Keller**
- ♥ Thank you for all those prayers, gifts, cards and notes of encouragement while I was at Willow Brook and since being home. Your concern and love is a blessing to me.  
**Kathleen Albright**



**Marietta Memorial**

Eleanor Slingluff (Room 3362)

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Jr. and Melissa Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway, Phyllis Johnson, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Barbara Saunders, 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, Harold Haid (Len's brother), 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), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

## **MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS/LADIES' MEETING**

Men's meeting, Bible Busters and the Ladies' meeting will be today at 5:00.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 27 at 8:30 in the MP Room. James 5 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

## **ANNIVERSARY - BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY EVENING**

We will begin an Anniversary/Birthday Fellowship after evening services next Sunday. All folks attending are asked to bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. Care Group 3 will be in charge of clean up.

## **AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**

We will host the Area Wide Youth Devotional Monday, February 29 at 7:00PM. We need brownies and cookies donated for the fellowship in the MP afterwards. The sheet is on the counter to indicate what you will donate.

## **LOVE AND CARE SING NEXT MONDAY**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

## **SWEETHEART DINNER**

Couples of all ages are invited to the Sweetheart Dinner Saturday, March 5 in the MP Room at 5:00. This will be a covered dish dinner. Men are to do all the cooking. Voting will take place for the best Bread/Appetizer, Soup/Salad, Main dish, Side dish and Dessert. Sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

## **MID - OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY**

The 25th Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration day will be Saturday, April 9 hosted by the 36th Street Church of Christ. They have chosen the title as "For Such a Time as This". They plan to have four local speakers from various area congregations along with the keynote speaker, Teri Copen. More details to come.

## **BABYSITTER(S) REQUEST**

Scott and Mieka Eddy are in need of occasional babysitters. Details on the bulletin boards.

## **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.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

February 21 - Mark 2, Leviticus 18-19  
February 22 - Mark 3:1-19, Leviticus 20-22  
February 23 - Mark 3:20-35, Leviticus 23  
February 24 - Mark 4:1-25, Leviticus 24-25  
February 25 - Mark 4:26-41, Leviticus 26  
February 26 - Mark 5:1-20, Leviticus 27  
February 27 - Mark 5:21-43, Numbers 1-2  
February 28 - Mark 6:1-29, Numbers 3-4



Cookies and brownies are needed for the Area Wide Youth Devo. that we will host Monday, February 29.

Donation sheet is on the counter.



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### *"Those Who Discourage"*



I once read a story of a Union soldier during the Civil War who received a court-martial for "discouraging the troops." It wasn't that he refused to fight, or committed mutiny against his superior officers—He simply continued to criticize and complain about anything and everything to the point that everyone around him became discouraged.

I'm sure we all understand how important **unity** is to a group that seeks to work together to accomplish a common goal. The same is certainly true regarding the church. Jesus' prayer for His disciples is **"that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."** (John 17:21) Anything that destroys this unity violates God's will and serves only to expedite Satan's efforts to destroy the church.

In Proverbs 6, the writer makes an astonishing statement. We certainly realize that God hates all sin—but Solomon states that among all sins that men commit, there are **"six things the Lords hates, yes seven are an abomination to Him."** (Proverbs 6:16) Included on that list is the **"one who sows discord among brethren."** Jesus stated that **"He who is not with Me, is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."** (Matthew 12:30) There is no way to misunderstand! Those who create dissention, division, and disrupt the unity of the church are working against Jesus himself.

There are attitudes and practices, often found in the church, that serve to discourage other Christians. **Gossip is discouraging.** You know this if you have ever realized that your life, or problems, or private matters, had become the source of conversation and amusement to others. There are some who are determined to tell others anything they believe will cause them to think less of someone. Many times even those who have repented of past mistakes and try to get on with their lives, find that "concerned" brothers or sisters make sure that everyone knows and no one forgets. When God forgives, the sin is removed from His memory. He expects the same of us.

**Criticism is discouraging.** So many people expect perfection of everyone but themselves. Anyone can find fault. It takes no talent. It contributes nothing that is positive or good. Anyone who "looks at others for the purpose of finding fault" is a hypocrite—because he is overlooking his own faults in the process. Jesus said, **"judge not that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."** (Matthew 7:1-2) He also tells us to **"first remove the plank from your own eye, then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."** (Matthew 7:5)

**Ignoring others and showing favoritism is discouraging.** Some people treat the church as if it is their own personal "social club." Jesus regards the church as His family. I cannot imagine a family experiencing the birth of a child and that child not being immediately accepted. Certainly the same should be true in God's family. I have heard sad tales, on many occasions, of people who were not made to feel welcome in the church. James refers to such partiality as sin. (James 2:9)

Rather than being a source of discouragement to one another, God expects us to edify, to build up one another. This includes not only what we say, but also what we think. Paul writes **"if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things."** (Philippians 4:8) **"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers...Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."** (Ephesians 4:29-32)



# Forgiving Like Jesus Forgave (I Peter 2:21-25)

“Because Christ also suffered for you, leaving us an \_\_\_\_\_, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ in His steps: “Who committed no \_\_\_\_\_, nor was \_\_\_\_\_ found in His mouth”; who when He was \_\_\_\_\_, did not revile in \_\_\_\_\_; when He \_\_\_\_\_, He did not \_\_\_\_\_, but committed himself to Him who judges righteously.” (I Peter 2:21-23)

I) **Forgiveness is the \_\_\_\_\_ for which Jesus came into the world.** \_\_\_\_\_ was the problem of man from the beginning. “We have all \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) “The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 6:23). God’s plan to forgive man of their sin was Jesus. “You will call His name \_\_\_\_\_ for he will \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus had the power to \_\_\_\_\_ sins. In Luke 5:20 Jesus told the paralyzed man who came for healing “man, your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

Jesus was God’s plan for the forgiveness of man. “He made Him, who knew no \_\_\_\_\_ to be sin for us.” (II Cor. 5:21) “He was wounded for our \_\_\_\_\_, bruised for our \_\_\_\_\_ ... by His stripes \_\_\_\_\_ are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5) “Knowing that you were not \_\_\_\_\_ with corruptible things...but with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.” (I Peter 1:18-19)

II) **Forgiveness was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ life.** “And when they had come to Calvary, there they \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Then Jesus said, “Father \_\_\_\_\_ them, for they do not \_\_\_\_\_ what they do.” (Luke 23:33-34) “Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, son of Jonas, do you \_\_\_\_\_ Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 21:15-17)

III) **Forgiveness is the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus taught.** “But I say to you, \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies, \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ you, do \_\_\_\_\_ to them that hate you, and \_\_\_\_\_ for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matthew 5:43-45) “Peter said, “Lord, how \_\_\_\_\_ shall my brother \_\_\_\_\_ against me and I \_\_\_\_\_ him? Up to \_\_\_\_\_ times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say up to seven times, but up to \_\_\_\_\_ times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22) “If your brother sins against you \_\_\_\_\_ him; if he repents \_\_\_\_\_ him. And if he sins against you \_\_\_\_\_ times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I \_\_\_\_\_, you shall \_\_\_\_\_ him.” (Luke 17:3-4)

IV) **Our Forgiving others is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for forgiving us.** “For if you \_\_\_\_\_ men their \_\_\_\_\_, your heavenly Father will also forgive \_\_\_\_\_. But if you do not forgive men their \_\_\_\_\_, neither will your Father \_\_\_\_\_ your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15) After telling of the unforgiving servant who was delivered to be punished, Jesus said “So will my heavenly Father also do to you, if \_\_\_\_\_ of you, does not \_\_\_\_\_ his brother his trespasses.” (Matt. 18:35) “For judgment is without \_\_\_\_\_ to the one who has \_\_\_\_\_ no mercy.” (James 2:13)



The elders will give their annual report to the congregation this evening.



## How's Your Preaching?

You preach a message of good cheer, acknowledgement and friendliness when you say “Good Morning” to those you meet.

You preach a message of “Welcome, we have room for you!” when you slide down the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.

You preach a message of respect for God and His word when you listen attentively and follow in your Bible and take notes during the sermon.

You preach a message of hope and spirituality when you reverently take part in the Lord's Supper.

You preach a message of faith and commitment when you cheerfully give of your means.

You preach a message of love, interest and acceptance when you smile, say “hello”, introduce yourself to guests and invite them to return.

Many messages are preached before and after the preacher stands in the pulpit. If your message is positive and consistent, THEN the message that is given from the pulpit will be much better received. Come to each service and preach your sermon - it has eternal significance!

# Youth Events

## Area Wide Monday Devotionals

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



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Area Wide Youth Devotional  
Monday, February 29 at 7:00PM.

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## February 26 - 28

CYC Pigeon Forge, TN

## Events in March

March 6 - Travelling youth group at Rosemar

March 11 -12 - North End Youth Rally

March 18-19 - Stark County Youth Rally

March 24 - 27 - Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

## **Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Some people are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway!

If you do good, some people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Do good anyway!

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Do good anyway!

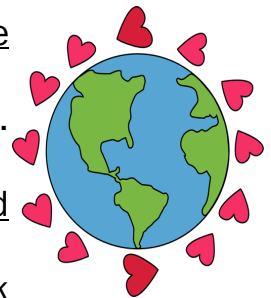
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway! The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest minds.

Think big anyway!

Give the world your best, and some will kick you in the teeth. Give them the best you've got anyway!

Paul gave this advice to the Corinthians, "Let all that you do be done with love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). Solomon also addressed this concern when he said, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:14) Do not let the evil of this world keep you from doing what is right!

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, February 28**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Brian Haught  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Scott Johnson

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—Brent West  
 PM—Scott Smith

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Kyle Inman  
 Close—Sean Plant  
 6:00 PM—Jimmy Galloway  
 Close—Steve Gray

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—John Hall  
 PM—Jim Hinzman

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Steve Moser  
 PM—Scott Johnson  
 Richard Cozad

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

**DOOR GREETERS**

**AM Door**      1—Gary Herridge  
                   2—Delmas Carr  
                   4—Tammy Kerns

**PM Door**

1. Margaret Dawkins & Melva Farris
2. Todd & Annette Kirk
3. Ron & Peggy Riddle
4. Jennifer Thomas & Amy Young
5. Rick & Kay Stanley
6. Jim & Rose Merrill



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 5

41st Annual Men's Inspiration Day  
 Norval Park congregation

March 5

Ladies Day  
 Speakers: JoAnne Howe  
 The congregation at Fishinger Road in Columbus, OH

April 8 - 9

West Virginia Marriage Getaway 2016  
 Sponsored by the churches of Christ at Alum Creek and Belle

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

**Facts and Figures**

February 14, 2016

AM Service.....243  
 Bible Study.....226  
 PM Service.....202  
 Wednesday.....186  
 Contribution .....\$9073.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....1  
 Restored or Requested  
 Prayers.....1  
 Placed Membership....4

**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 Chan-  
 nel 239, Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV chan-  
 nel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Chan-  
 nel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday  
 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday  
 5:00PM.

**UPCOMING TOPIC**

March 6 - YOUR SOUL

**Friday Night Sing**



The sing this week will  
 be held at the  
 Mineral Wells  
 congregation at  
 7:00PM.  
 Everyone is invited!