

# 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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## mis·sion·ary{noun}

Someone who leaves their **FAMILY**  
for a short time , so that others may be  
with their families for **ETERNITY.**

- 1) **Joe Worndle** - Mail may be sent to: 8346 NW 118 Way, Parkland, FL 33076 (Haiti)
- 2) **John Galloway** - 4 Broughton Valleyfield, East Kilbride, G75oJU (Scotland)
- 3) **Joe Galloway** - 130 Regent Lane, Florence, AL 3650
- 4) **John Davis** - 108 Snell Drive, Florence, AL 35630 (Mission work in Thailand.)
- 5) **Trevor Major** - 11 Olive Crescent, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2025 (New Zealand)
- 6) **Gene Clemons** - PO Box 04, Hardy KY 41501 (Mission work in China.)
- 7) **Ryan & Sarah Davis** - DavisCuscoMission@gmail.com (They are in Cusco, Peru.)
- 8) **Ed Jones** - PO Box 454, Benton, KY 42025 (Mission work in Benin, South Africa.)

Please remember these missionaries in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

Information detailing their work is on the bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

**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  
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Rob Hoover  
Bill Hoover  
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**FRAGILE**  
HANDLE WITH  
prayer

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

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Jay Chevront, 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), 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)



Think  
Spring!!!!

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Strangers are just  
friends waiting to  
happen.

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and greetings, Love, **Paul Inman**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the lovely birthday cards. Each one was special and I enjoyed each and every one. **Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ Thank you for all the well wishes and beautiful cards that we received in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. In Christian love, **Richard and Lorna Marshall**
- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful Christmas and birthday cards I received. I loved them all. **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Dear church Family, I want to say thank you for the prayers, cards, food and those who stayed with me following my surgery. Your outpouring of love was greatly appreciated. In Christian Love, **Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ **Judy Balderson** wants to thank everyone for the prayers for her daughter, Angela Nelson. Angela continues to recuperate from back surgery.

We appreciate **Sandy Hughes** preparing the communion bread this month.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DEACON'S MEETING RESCHEDULED

Deacons will not meet today. The meeting has been rescheduled for next Sunday at 5:00.

## ANNIVERSARY - BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Anniversary/Birthday Fellowship this evening after services. 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 TOMORROW

We will host the Area Wide Youth Devotional tomorrow evening at 7:00. We need brownies and cookies for the fellowship in the MP afterwards. The sheet is on the counter.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow 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. Come enjoy fellowship and get a couple's picture. Sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet March 7 at 5:45 in the MP Room. This will be a time of work around the building, visitation, and other work. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

## OVU STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The OVU Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 12 1:00-3:00 at Pike Street Bowling Lanes. Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards with pledge sheets.

## MID - OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY (SAVE THE DATE)

The 25th Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration day will be Saturday, April 9 hosted by the 36th Street congregation. They have chosen the title, "For Such a Time as This", but it is not about Esther. The phrase is scriptural and can be applied to many areas of our lives. They plan to have four local speakers from various area congregations along with the keynote speaker, Teri Copen. More details to come.

### March 20 Meetings Update

Men's meeting, Ladies meeting  
and Bible Busters at 4:00

The LLL Showcase will be in the  
MP Room afterwards.

### Daily Bible Reading

February 28 - Mark 6:1-29, Numbers 3-4

February 29 - Catch up day

March 1 - Mark 6:30-56, Numbers 5-6

March 2 - Mark 7:1-23, Numbers 7

March 3 - Mark 7:24-37, Numbers 8

March 4 - Mark 8:1-21, Numbers 9-10

March 5 - Mark 8:22-38, Numbers 11-3

March 6 - Mark 9:1-29, Numbers 14



## DANA'S DIRECTION

“What to pray . . . for our leaders.”

As concerned Christians and citizens, we have been praying for those who are leading our country during these uncertain times. This is certainly what God has told us to do. Paul writes that we should pray “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.” (I Timothy 2:2-3)

We often pray that our president and other leaders will “seek God’s will” as they lead. I have often thought, “What exactly is God’s will for kings, presidents, and others in authority?” Actually, a study of Proverbs reveals what God requires of our nation’s leaders.

**Our nation’s leaders must make judgments that are just and fair.** *“Divination is on the lips of the king; his mouth must not transgress in judgment.”* (Proverbs 16:10)

**Our nation’s leaders must be transparent (up front and honest) about their actions and motives.** *“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”* (Proverbs 25:2)

**Our nation’s leaders should take a stand against evil in order to protect honest citizens.** *“A wise king sifts out the wicked, and brings the threshing wheel over them.”* (Proverbs 20:26)

**Our nation’s leaders should be held to the highest standards of morality and conduct.** *“It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness.”* (Proverbs 16:12) Who says character doesn’t matter?

**Our nation’s leaders should avoid association and the influence of those who are dishonest and corrupt.** *“Take away the dross from silver, and it will go to the silversmith for jewelry. Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.”* (Proverbs 25:4-5)

**Our nation’s leaders should resist the appeals of lobbyists and other “special interest groups.”** *“The king establishes the land by justice, but he who receives bribes overthrows it.”* (Proverbs 29:4)

**Our nation’s leaders should be compassionate and be a voice for those who are weak and need representation.** *“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”* (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Yes, we should continue to pray that our leaders will seek God’s will as they lead. We have every right to expect from our leaders what God does.

# Pray like Jesus Prayed: (Matthew 26:36-46)



**What prayer meant to Jesus.** “Father, I thank You that You have \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and I know that you \_\_\_\_\_ hear Me.” (John 11:41) **We need the Lord to teach us to pray.**

**I) Jesus spent much time in prayer. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ time for prayer.** “Now in the \_\_\_\_\_, having risen a long while before \_\_\_\_\_, He went out and departed to a solitary place, and there He \_\_\_\_\_.” (Mark 1:35) “Now it came to pass in those days, that He went out to the mountain to \_\_\_\_\_, and continued all \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer to God.” (Luke 6:12)

**Wrong motive for prayer.** “And when you \_\_\_\_\_, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogue and on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ by men... But you, when you pray, go into your \_\_\_\_\_, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in \_\_\_\_\_, and your Father who sees in secret will \_\_\_\_\_ you openly. (Matthew 6:5-6)

**II) Times when Jesus prayed. Jesus prayed when he was succeeding.** “So He Himself \_\_\_\_\_ withdrew to the wilderness and prayed.” (Luke 5:16) “When Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_ again to the mountain by Himself alone.” (John 6:15)

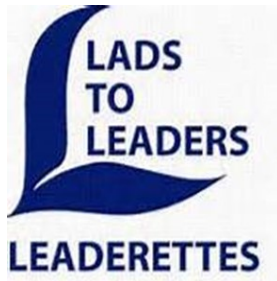
**Jesus prayed when \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** Jesus prepared for His temptations through \_\_\_\_\_ days of fasting and prayer. “Lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ us from the evil one.” (Matthew 6:13) **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.** “And being in \_\_\_\_\_, He prayed more \_\_\_\_\_. And His sweat became like great drops of \_\_\_\_\_ falling down to the ground.” (Luke 22:44)

**III) How Jesus prayed. He was \_\_\_\_\_.** “Father, if it is Your \_\_\_\_\_, remove this \_\_\_\_\_ from Me; nevertheless not \_\_\_\_\_ will, but Yours be done.” (Luke 22:42)

**Jesus’ prayers centered around \_\_\_\_\_.** **Jesus prayed for Himself. We can take our needs to God in prayer.** “Be anxious in nothing, but in \_\_\_\_\_, by prayer and supplication, with \_\_\_\_\_, let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:6)

**Jesus prayed for His disciples.** “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked for you, that He may sift you as wheat, but I have \_\_\_\_\_ for you that your \_\_\_\_\_ may not fail.” (Luke 22:31-32)

**Jesus prays for you and for me...For all that would \_\_\_\_\_ in Him through their word.** “That they all may be \_\_\_\_\_, as you Father are in Me, and I in you, that they also may be one in \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 17:21) Jesus lives to make \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (Hebrews 7:25)



It is that time of the year again for our kids to finish preparations for our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention. We will be leaving on March 24th for Louisville KY. The theme this year is "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". All of the events our kids have been working have this as the focus. Our kids have put a lot of work into this effort again this year. Each year I am so proud of the work they do and the growth of each one of them. Our group is also growing with three families going this year that have not went before. It is so encouraging to see this work continue on to the next group of Christian leaders. That is the whole intent of why we do this, to start the process of growing leaders of tomorrow. In the coming weeks there will be many opportunities to support and encourage our children. Watch the announcements and the bulletin for details of our activities. Over the next few weeks I would like to let you know the different events each our kids are involved with.

Todd Kirk

**Dawn Mullins**

Year Round Bulletin Board  
Year Round Bible Reading/Study  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Read the Word  
Group Scrapbook  
Year Round Songs of Praise  
Speech  
Group Banner  
Keepers: Home Safety  
Speech

**Brenden Smith**

Winner Circle Song Leading

**Sophia Moser**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Oral Bible Reading  
Know the Books

**Ben Haught**

Communion Volunteer  
Bible Bowl Test  
Debate  
Winner Circle Song Leading  
Year Round Song Leading

The LLL Showcase will be Sunday, March 20 in the MP Room following the Men's meeting. Everyone is invited to come view the projects and encourage the students.

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

# Youth Events

We will host the  
**Area Wide Youth Devotional**  
tomorrow evening at 7:00.

We need cookies and brownies for the fellowship afterwards. Sheet is on the counter.

## March Events

**March 6** - Travelling youth group at Rosemar

**March 7**—Area Wide Devo at Ohio Valley University

**March 11 -12** - North End Youth Rally

**March 18-19** - Stark County Youth Rally

**March 24 - 27** - Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

## Saturday, April 2

The Mineral Wells congregation will have a youth day Saturday, April 2 from 9:30-3:00 for teens. Speakers include Terry Jones, Andy Robison and Ryan Currey.



Remember our members that have not been able to attend services:

**Kathleen Albright**  
565 Brackenridge Road  
Vincent, OH 45784

**Peggy Cowdery**  
815 Westview Drive  
Belpre, OH 45714

**Myrtle Metz**  
707 Virgil Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Dorothy Weaver**  
4206 Powell Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Neil Russell**  
204 Edgelawn Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

**Chelsea Doonan**  
2104 43rd Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Ray & Bonnie Sams**  
23 Delaware Street  
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

**Jenny Reynolds**  
605 Hill Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Jane Pralley**  
Worthington Care & Rehab.  
2675 36th Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

**Zoe Byrum, Pat Burkey, Eleanor Slingluff,  
Valeria Sprout**  
Love & Care  
PO Box 1512  
Parkersburg, WV 26102

Remember them with prayers and cards.

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

Here are some things God **won't** ask you on the Judgment day:

- \* God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who **didn't** have transportation.
- \* God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed **into** your home.
- \* God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped **clothe**.
- \* God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- \* God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to who **you** were a friend.
- \* God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.
- \* God won't ask how successful you were; He'll ask how your children turned out.
- \* God won't ask how many football games you saw; He'll ask how much time you spent with your children teaching them about Him.

Are **you** prepared to give God the right answers?

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, March 6

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE—Todd Kirk

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Gary Alton

PM—Brent West

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Walter Morgan

Close—Dustin Hughes

6:00 PM—Leon Hupp

Close—Delmas Carr

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Bob Armstrong

PM—Russ Alton

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Chris Mullins

PM—Bill Camp

Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

AM Door     1—Doug Hershman  
              2—Todd Kirk  
              4—Alisha Hershman

PM Door

1. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
2. Don & Mary Nesselroad
3. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
4. Len & Susan Haid
5. John & Karen Life
6. Leon & Judy Hupp



One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new preacher called on one of the older members to lead the opening prayer. The man stood, bowed his head and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The preacher opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The man continued, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the preacher was totally perplexed. The man continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour either. But after you mix ’em all together and bake ’em in a hot oven, I just love the biscuits.”

“Lord, help us realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than them there biscuits. Amen”

Romans 8:28

## Facts and Figures

February 21, 2016

AM Service.....294

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....221

Wednesday.....214

Contribution .....\$6862.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....4

## 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

**Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards**

## 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

March 6 - YOUR SOUL

## Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave here at  
5:10 for the sing at the  
Bridgeport congregation.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sing schedules are in the foyers.