

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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*This is Jesus.
Jesus gave up His
life for His friends.
Jesus loves you.
Be like Jesus.*

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*Please join us this month for a
series of lessons entitled,
“Be Like Jesus”.*

See page 4 for details.

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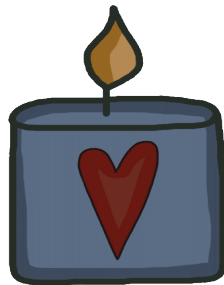
An acid that eats
worse than a cancer is
a sour disposition.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ I want to thank my Christian friends for my gifts and Christmas cards and my birthday cards and gifts. I enjoyed them all. I thank God for giving me health to help other people at 88 years old. God has been with me all the way. Thanks for the ones that called for my birthday. Love, **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me, wrote letters, and sent messages during my recovery. Your concern was greatly appreciated. In Christian love, **Braden Hesselrode**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the beautiful birthday cards you sent me and for the sweet treats from Merilee Morgan and Mary Nesselroad. Thanks a lot. Love, **Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thanks so much for the wonderful birthday wishes! You helped make my milestone of turning 20 for the third time...all the more special!!!! In Christian love, **Gala Miller**
- ♥ Thank you for the visits, cards and all the love you've shown. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family. You loving sister in Christ, **Phyllis Johnson**
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and offers of help during my recovery after my surgery. They were all appreciated very much. **Jim Galloway**

Thank you to **Gwen Johnson** for baking the communion bread last month.

A special THANK YOU to **Clyde Yoho** for donating copy paper to the church office.



Camden Clark

Jay Chevront (Room 158)

Pittsburgh Veteran's Hospital

Gary Farris

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Jr. and Melissa Caplinger, Jay Chevront, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway, Phyllis Johnson, 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)

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



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Bob, Paula and Benjamin Franklin as they placed membership with us. They will be in Care Group 3. Help us in welcoming them into the Camden Avenue family.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S MAGAZINE

If you would like to purchase *Christian Woman* magazine, please make checks payable to Robin Anthony **today** for \$17.98 for each subscription. This is an excellent magazine filled with articles on marriage, family and spiritual growth, also a Bible study and much more.

CYC MEETING TODAY

There will be a CYC meeting today after Bible study in Room 109.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers soup bean dinner Friday, February 19 at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING SCHEDULES

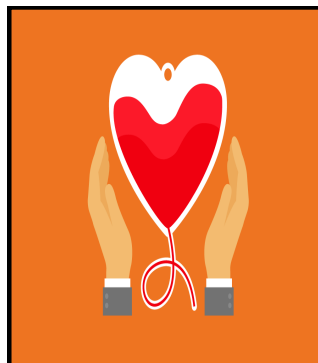
The Friday night sing schedules are available in the foyers. The first sing will be at the Hopewell congregation February 19 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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.

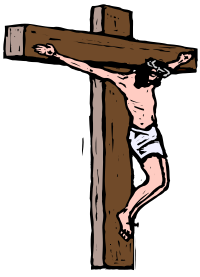
Daily Bible Reading

February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28, Exodus 30-31
February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51, Exodus 32-33
February 9 - Matthew 25:1-13, Exodus 34-35
February 10 - Matthew 25:14-46, Exodus 36-37
February 11 - Matthew 26:1-13, Exodus 38-39
February 12 - Matthew 26:14-35, Exodus 40
February 13 - Matthew 26:36-56, Lev 1-4
February 14 - Matthew 26:57-75, Lev 5-6



Donors are still needed for our Blood Drive tomorrow 1:00–6:00PM in the MP Room.

Sign up sheet is on the counter.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Be like Jesus

A few weeks ago I started noticing a stick figure that people were posting on Facebook. It said "This is Bill," then after saying something that he did or did not do; "Be like Bill." I understand that it began as a comment on Facebook etiquette; telling of rude, obnoxious and impolite things people do but that Bill does not do: "Be like Bill." Soon people were making stick figures of themselves speaking of their own good behavior and saying "Be like Bob" or "Be like Janet."

Then I saw a positive post. The one pictured on the front of the bulletin. Someone had taken a fad and made a challenging message of it. "This is Jesus. Jesus gave up his life for His friends. Jesus loves you. Be like Jesus." I thought, "That is good. People will notice and be made to think." I tried to find out where it originated. I have heard that it was first posted by a child. I never found out where it came from, but I noticed at one time it had been "liked" over ten thousand times.

Being like Jesus is a New Testament teaching. Paul wrote "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Be like Jesus. Peter wrote, "To this you were called, because Christs also suffered for us, leaving us an example that you should follow in His steps" (I Peter 2:21). Be like Jesus. John wrote, "The one who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just like He walked" (I John 2:6). Paul said, "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1). Be like Jesus.

The thought crossed my mind that this would make a good theme for a series of sermons. This month I will be focusing on the need to be like Jesus.

The Lessons in this series will be as follows:

February 7:

A.M. Be obedient like Jesus

P.M. Be humble like Jesus

February 14:

A.M. Love like Jesus

February 21:

A.M. Pray like Jesus

P.M. Forgive like Jesus

February 28:

A.M. Seek the lost like Jesus

P.M. Be a friend like Jesus

I look forward this month to studying with you and seeking to become more like Jesus.

Be obedient like Jesus. (Philippians 2:5-11)



God's Word admonishes us to be like Jesus. "Let this _____ be in you that was also in _____ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). "To this were you also _____, Christ suffered for us, leaving us an _____ that you should _____ His _____" (I Peter 2:21). "The one who says he _____ in Him ought himself also _____ just like He _____" (I John 2:6).

Jesus was obedient. "And being found in appearance as a _____, He humbled Himself and became _____ to the point of _____, even the death of the _____" (Phil. 2:8). "My Father if _____ let this _____ pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I _____ but as _____ will" (Matthew 26:39).

The plan for our salvation was God's. "Blessed be the _____ and _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ... just as He chose us in _____ before the _____ of the world" (Eph. 1:3-4). **Jesus followed every detail of God's plan.** "Behold I have _____ to do _____ will" (Hebrews 10:7).

Jesus lived under authority. "Though he was a _____ yet he learned _____" (Hebrews 5:8). "Then He went down with them to _____ and was _____ to them" (Luke 2:51). "Children _____ your parents in the Lord, for this is _____" (Ephesians 6:1).

Every aspect of Jesus' life was a fulfillment of God's _____. **When Jesus was baptized, it was obedience.** "Permit it to be so now, for this is to _____ all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). "All Your _____ are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172). **When Jesus resisted temptation it was obedience.** To every temptation Jesus answered. "It is _____" (Matthew 4:4,7,10).

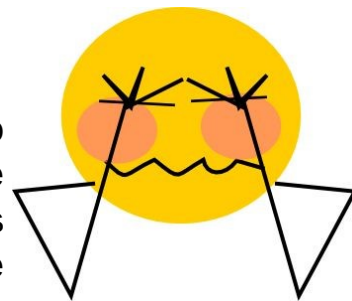
Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of obedience. "My _____ is to do the _____ of _____ who sent me, and to _____ His _____" (John 4:34). "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My _____ will, but the will of Him who _____ Me" (John 6:38). "And He who sent Me is with Me. The _____ has not left Me alone, for I _____ do those things that _____ Him" (John 8:29).

To be saved, we must _____. "And having been _____, He became the author of eternal salvation to those who _____ Him" (Hebrews 5:9). **We obey Him to show Him our _____.** "If you _____ Me, _____ My _____" (John 14:15). **We obey Jesus to stay saved.** "If you keep My _____ you will abide in My _____, just as I have _____ My Father's _____ and abide in His love" (John 15:10).

We must be obedient to and teach Jesus' word. "Whoever _____ and does not abide in the _____ of Christ does not have _____. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the _____ and the _____" (II John 9).

Being obedient gives us the promise of answered prayer. "And whatever we _____ we receive from Him, because we keep His _____ and do those things that are _____ in His sight" (I John 3:22).

ASHAMED?



There is growing sense of embarrassment in our fellowship over what we believe and teach. Some folks, wanting to be accepted by the denominational world, cringe when preachers teach the truth on subjects like the role of woman, the use of the instrument, and baptism. They no longer want their preachers to show the difference between what the Bible teaches and what the denominations advocate. In other words, some folks have become ashamed of the truth and ashamed of those who actually take a stand for truth. They want to be “politically correct” and “doctrinally neutral” in order to mingle among the modern religions without repercussions.

It’s interesting to me that Timothy may have entertained some of the “don’t make waves” kind of thinking when he preached in Ephesus. Paul was aware of his tendencies, so he wrote a rather strong encouragement for the young preacher to teach the truth. Here’s what he said: *“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God”* (2 timothy 1:7,8).

Not only is “acceptance” a motivation for the present shame we are witnessing, but there is also a desire to avoid any kind of suffering that lies behind the willingness to compromise truth for error. People will leave us alone if we don’t take a firm stand against the sin and error in which they have become enslaved. Timothy seems to have been tempted to exhibit this kind of shame...but what about us? Are we ashamed of the gospel and those who preach it plainly?

Bulletin Digest



The Greatest Thing You Can Do

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing, but is the chief thing. The great people of earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer;
nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take the time to pray.

S.D. Gordon



Youth Section

- CYC meeting today in Room 109 after Bible study.
- Youth Super Bowl party this evening after services at the Kirk's home. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

February 26 - 28

CYC Pigeon Forge, TN

Area Wide Monday Devotionals

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

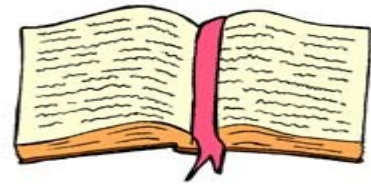
March 7—Area Wide Devo at Ohio Valley University

Events in March

March 6 - Travelling youth group at Rosemar

March 11 -12 - North End Youth Rally

March 18-19 - Stark County Youth Rally



According to You

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are read by more than a few. But the one most read and commented on is the Gospel according to you. You are writing a gospel, a chapter a day, by the things that you do and the words that you say.

Men read what you write, whether faithless or true. Say what is the gospel according to you?

Do men read His truth and His love in your life, or has yours been too full of malice and strife?

Does your life speak evil, or does it ring true?

Say, what is the gospel, according to you?

Borrowed

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Everyone knows that holding hands with your spouse is romantic. But did you know it could be therapeutic? Neuroscientists at the University of Virginia found that married women under extreme stress who reach out and hold their husbands' hands feel immediate relief. And not just any hand will do - their husband's touch provided significantly more comforting than that of a stranger.

"The effect of this simple gesture of support is that the brain and the body don't have to work as hard in response to a threat," says the study's lead author. "It's deeply soothing." So the next time you're feeling stressed over deadlines at work, finances, or kids, grab your husband's or wife's hand. You will both feel better!

Solomon also had this figured out when he wrote in Ecclesiastes, "two are better than one" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

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 14

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vicent
DEACON IN CHARGE—Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Brent West

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ron Riddle
Close—Rob Hoover
6:00 PM—John Life
Close—Brian Haught

SCRIPTURE

AM—Paul Inman
PM—Mike Wade

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dwain Shears
PM—Chris Mullins
Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Dwain Shears
2—Jon Hescht
4—Brandi Hescht

PM Door

1. Susan Anderson & Linda Camp
2. Mark Dean & Dana Sponseller
3. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman
4. Barbara Cramlet & Tammy Kerns
5. Stan & Debi Inman
6. John & Linda Hall

Facts and Figures

January 31, 2016

AM Service.....276
Bible Study.....208
PM Service.....185
Wednesday.....238
Contribution\$7671.00

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

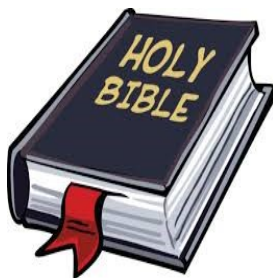
Wednesday

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

Love & Care

The last Monday evening of every month is a "Sing" at Love & Care. Attendance had been dwindling quite rapidly. Let's try to attend these sings to worship and fellowship with the ladies there.

Love & Care currently has private rooms available. If you or a loved one has been considering the need for assistance in your daily living, now might be the time to take a tour of the facility. Services provided include: Room and board, three balanced meals daily, laundry service, assistance with bathing and hair care, medication dispensed by Nurse or AMAP, 24-hour security system, weekly worship service and daily devotions, and Christian environment. Please call for more information and pricing 304.863.8950.



"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

(Psalm 139:23-24)

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.
We love and care for YOU.**



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.