

# 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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## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

Keep our LLL group in your prayers. They will leave for the convention in Louisville, KY Thursday and arrive back next Sunday evening.

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase today in the MP Room following the Men's meeting. Come view the projects and encourage the students.

More information on page 6.

**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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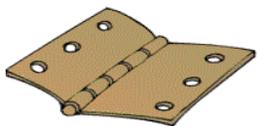
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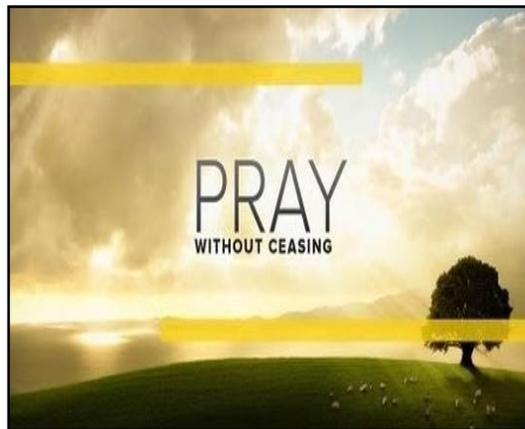
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Little things are the  
hinges on which  
great results turn.



- ♥ We want to thank everyone who sent us birthday cards. They brightened our day. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards I received. I appreciated each one of them. In Christian Love, **Paul Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. **Mark Dean**
- ♥ To our church family, Thanks, along with much appreciation, for the many birthday cards. God bless all, **Penny Eddy**



Jim Hughes had surgery in  
Mt. Albany, OH.  
Remember him with cards and in  
your prayers.

Cards may be sent to:  
3309 North Avery Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

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

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery,  
Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Walter Morgan, Gene & Peggy Phillips,  
Jane Pralley, Ray Sams, Eleanor Slingluff (She is in Marietta Center.)

**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), Bob and Mike Boyce, Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Goodwin, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), 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), Margaret Wilcox and Carolyn Wilcox (Health issues; Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



## **MEETINGS TODAY**

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

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

Everyone is invited to MNFTM tomorrow evening in the MP Room. Dinner at 5:45 with work assignments at 6:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items. Please sign if you plan to attend.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Ecclesiastes 5 will be discussed.

## **DEACON'S MEETING RESCHEDULED**

The deacon's will not meet next Sunday. They will meet Sunday, April 3 at 5:00.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**

Everyone is invited to the monthly Birthday-Anniversary celebration in the MP Room following evening services March 27. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. Care Group 4 will be in charge of the clean up.

## **MONTHLY SING AT LOVE AND CARE**

Please make plans to attend the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

## **CARD SHOWER**

Angela Nelson recently had back surgery and is home recuperating. She would enjoy cards of encouragement. Her address is: 2567 St. Rt. 555, Little Hocking, OH 45742. She is a member at the Sunrise congregation.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

March 20 - Mark 15:21-47, Deuteronomy 3-4  
March 21 - Mark 16, Deuteronomy 5-6  
March 22 - Luke 1:1-25, Deuteronomy 7-9  
March 23 - Luke 1:26-56, Deuteronomy 10-11  
March 24 - Luke 1:57-80, Deuteronomy 12-14  
March 25 - Luke 2:1-24, Deuteronomy 15-17  
March 26 - Luke 2:25-52, Deuteronomy 18-20  
March 27 - Luke 3:1-18, Deuteronomy 21-22



**May 21 - 22**

Family Seminar with Chip Pugh

**September 11-14**

Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach



## DANA'S DIRECTION

*"A chicken in every pot"*

Every time an election cycle rolls around, the candidates seem to try to out-do one another by making promises. "Free healthcare, better education, full employment, lower taxes, greater benefits, better military – but bring them home, energy independence, etc., etc., etc." The practice of "say anything to get elected" isn't new. In 1928 Herbert Hoover, campaigning on a platform of economic prosperity, ran on the promise that every American would not only have a "chicken in every pot," but a "car in every garage" as well! He was elected – The Great Depression began the next year.

To say that most voters are skeptical of all of these promises is an understatement. A recent survey showed that 92% of them do not think any of the candidates will keep all of their promises. In fact, only 37% thought that they would even try!

Isn't it wonderful to know, that as Christians, we are serving a God whose promises will come true? God's promises are guarantees – how do we know? God is truth. It is impossible for God to lie! (Hebrews 6:17) Knowing that God's promises are certain and true gives us hope – something which we can cling to in an uncertain world – "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." (Hebrews 6:18-19)

And God has made some tremendous promises to us if we will but love and serve Him. Peter states that He, through His divine power "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us **great and precious promises.**" (II Peter 1:3-4) What are some of these promises? The greatest blessings promised by God are certainly the spiritual blessings that are found only in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-13) In that passage Paul includes the promises of **redemption, forgiveness of sins, an eternal inheritance, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.** That alone demands that we take a closer look at the things God has prepared for those who love Him. (I Corinthians 2:9)

In proclaiming the gospel, Jesus promised **salvation** to those who believe and are baptized. (Mark 16:15-18) Peter's first preaching of this good news stated that those who repent and are baptized will receive **the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" (Acts 2:32) Knowing that we stand in a right relationship with God gives us a **peace that passes all understanding.** (Philippians 4:7)

For the Christian God has promised that He will **hear and answer our prayers** (John 14:13-14), including the prayer for **wisdom.** (James 1:5). God has promised **His providential care** – "all things work together for good" – to those who love and serve Him. (Romans 8:28) He has promised that **the needs and necessities of our lives** will be met if we "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:31-33) Most importantly, of course, is the promise that God has made to those He has saved and who remain faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10) of a **home in heaven.** (John 14:1-3) **What great and precious promises!** These are the promises that give us meaning to our lives and the hope, yes the assurance, of eternal life.

"Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. I'm standing on the promises of God."

# “The Christian Citizen” (Romans 13:1-7)



“Let every soul be \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing \_\_\_\_\_. For there is no authority except from \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ that exist are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.” (Rom. 13:1) “Therefore you must be \_\_\_\_\_ not only because of \_\_\_\_\_ but also for \_\_\_\_\_ sake. For because of this you also pay \_\_\_\_\_, for they are God’s \_\_\_\_\_ attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all the \_\_\_\_\_: taxes to whom \_\_\_\_\_, customs to whom \_\_\_\_\_, fear to whom \_\_\_\_\_, honor to whom \_\_\_\_\_.” (Rom. 13:5-7)

**Our first duty as a Christian citizen is to \_\_\_\_\_ to those who rule.** “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to every \_\_\_\_\_ of man for the \_\_\_\_\_ sake, whether to the \_\_\_\_\_ as supreme, or to \_\_\_\_\_ or to those who are sent by him...for this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (I Peter 2:13-14,15)

**The reason we are to submit is because the authorities that exist are \_\_\_\_\_ by God. Daniel submitted to \_\_\_\_\_ but told him that “The Most \_\_\_\_\_ rules in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, and gives it to \_\_\_\_\_ He will.” (Dan. 4:17) “He \_\_\_\_\_ kings and \_\_\_\_\_ up kings.” (Dan. 2:21) Jesus submitted to \_\_\_\_\_ judgment but told him “You could have no \_\_\_\_\_ against me if it had not been \_\_\_\_\_ to you from \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 19:11) To resist the government is to resist \_\_\_\_\_. “Therefore whoever \_\_\_\_\_ the authority resists the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and those who resist will bring \_\_\_\_\_ on themselves.” (Rom. 13:2)**

**Those who are in authority are \_\_\_\_\_ of God. They exist to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do good.** “Rulers are not a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ works, but to \_\_\_\_\_. Do you want to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the authority? Do what is \_\_\_\_\_, and you will have \_\_\_\_\_ from the same.” (Rom. 13:3) **They exist to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do evil.** “But if you do evil, be \_\_\_\_\_; for he does not bear the \_\_\_\_\_ in vain; for he is God’s \_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_ to execute \_\_\_\_\_ on him who practices evil.” (Rom. 13:4)

**There is an \_\_\_\_\_ to this rule.** “We must \_\_\_\_\_ God rather than man.” (Acts 5:29) **Even then, we may break only the law that is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ us to disobey God, we have no authority to break other \_\_\_\_\_ to protest the unjust law.**

**Our second duty as a Christian citizen is to \_\_\_\_\_ what is due.** “For because of this you also pay \_\_\_\_\_, for they are God’s \_\_\_\_\_ attending continually to this very thing.” (Rom.13:6) “Render to all their \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; fear to whom \_\_\_\_\_; honor to whom honor.” (Rom.13:7)

**Our third duty as a Christian citizen is to \_\_\_\_\_.** “For kings and all who are in \_\_\_\_\_, that we may lead a \_\_\_\_\_ and peaceable life in all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. For this is good and \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God our Savior.” (I Tim.2:2-3)



This Thursday we will leave for our convention in Louisville. This is the culmination of year of hard work that our kids have put forth. You can see much of what our kids have done this year this afternoon at our Showcase. We will get started right after the men's meeting is completed. If you have opportunity please plan on coming and show the group how proud of them you are. I would like to thank all of the direct adult support that we receive each year from our event coordinators. This would not be possible without the help of so many adults! There is a list posted on the youth Bulletin Board by the office. Stop by and see the adults that make this happen each year. Lastly I would like to thank Bill Mills for all of the direction he gives to this work. Yes Bill has retired from the Eldership but he is just as involved as ever. The leadership and love he has shown to this group is second to none. It is a great honor to work with Bill each year.

Todd Kirk

**Madison Taberner**

Hostess Volunteer  
Art Says It – Photography  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Year Round Bible Reading/Study  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle  
Year Round Songs of Praise  
Group Banner  
Keepers

**Hayden Moser**

Debate  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Speech  
**Jordan Kirk**  
Debate  
Good Samaritan  
Group Banner  
Year Round Songs of Praise  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle  
Keepers

**Alex Saunders**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Good Samaritan  
Group Scrapbook

- Everyone is invited to view the projects and encourage the students at the LLL Showcase today in the MP Room following the meetings.
  - Items are still needed for the LLL picnic. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.
- If you would like to make a monetary donation to send students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.



## Whose Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

(Thank you to Gilbert Hardman for sharing this.)



## YOUTH EVENTS

**March 24 - 27**

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

**Saturday, April 2**

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

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

While President Harry S. Truman was in office, there was an attempt made to assassinate him. Endeavoring to protect the President, one of his guards was killed. With deep sadness, the President commented, "You can't understand how a man feels when somebody else dies for him."

I would think, after such an experience, that the remainder of Truman's life would become very special. After all, without the self-sacrifice of that guard, the President would not have had those remaining years of life. Each day would seem very precious, because of it's having been purchased for him by the shedding of another man's blood.

Does this sound familiar? Does the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ, have the same kind of meaning for us? Can we really understand what it means to have someone die - choose to sacrifice their life - so that we might have the opportunity for eternal life? Jesus did do this for us. Once we truly understand, the remainder of life takes on a new and different meaning, just like it did for president Truman!

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

**JESUS**  
he died for you  
& me!

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, March 27

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Ron Riddle

**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Todd Kirk

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Ben Haught

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Dearll Vincent

Close—Mike Wade

6:00 PM—Ryan Gaston

Close—Don Gaston

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Delmas Carr

PM—Cody Hoover

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Jimmy Galloway

PM—Keith Smith

Steve Moser

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM Door**     1—Bill Davis  
                  2—Cody Hoover  
                  4—Carolyn Davis

**PM Door**

1. Kyle & Sarah Inman
2. Gary Alton & Barry Hupp
3. Delmas Carr & Dustin Hughes
4. Justin & Allie Moore
5. Mary Daniel & Melva Farris
6. Ryan Gaston & Donovan Walton

## **Facts and Figures**

March 13, 2016

AM Service.....276

Bible Study.....193

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....221

Contribution .....\$10593.00

### **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



### **March 20-25**

Pennsboro Church of Christ

Speaker: Phil Grear

### **March 20-25**

Spencer Church of Christ

Speaker: Steven Haguewood

### **April 10-13**

West Union Church of Christ

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

### **April 10-15**

Hillview Terrace Church of Christ

Speaker: Mike Phillips

### **April 17-20**

Ullman Street Church of Christ in Beverly, OH

Speaker: Bob Vincent

### **April 3-6**

58th Annual OVU Lectureship

### **April 9**

25th Annual

**Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day**

36th Street Church of Christ

### **April 9**

**28th Annual Golden Agers Day**

New Concord Church of Christ

Speakers: Tom & Louann Arnold

### **April 22-23**

**2016 Men's Retreat**

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Pre-registration only...due by April 15

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## **Friday Night Sing**

Transportation will leave at 6:30  
for the sing at the Waverly  
congregation.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Sing schedules are in the foyers.

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 27 - YOUR DESTINY