

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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Church Photo Directory



Representatives from *Lifetouch* will be taking photographs for our church directory:

Tuesday, May 3: 2:00PM-9:00PM

Wednesday, May 4: 11:00AM-6:00PM

Thursday, May 5: 2:00PM - 9:00PM

Friday, May 6: 2:00PM-9:00PM

Saturday, May 7: 10:00AM-5:00PM

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the parking lot foyer.
(There is also a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to assist during photo times.)

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
Keith Smith
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"Friends are
God's way of
taking care of us."



Ron Holleron had knee surgery. He is in Florida with Everett and Ruth Sams. Remember him in prayers and with cards to let him know we miss and love him.

Address: 128 Trailwood Dr., Leesburg, FL 34748

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery,
Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Gene & Peggy Phillips,
Jane Pralley, Neil Russell

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 Boyce, Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, Jim Fitcher, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), Bernice McClelland (Friend of Bob and Gala Miller), 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 (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

We extend our sympathy to Chelsea Inman and family in the passing of her grandmother, Edna Drillien. She passed away March 31. Her service was held Monday in Parkersburg.



- ♥ We wish to thank everyone for the Anniversary cards. We enjoyed each one so much! Thank you, **Stan and Debi Inman**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers and cards of encouragement. They have really helped me through these rough few months. Your kindness really cheers me. In Christian love, **Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the nice flowers and special thanks to Paul for arranging for Andy Robison to perform the service for our mother. **Greg, Connie and Tim and Family** [Erma Gore family]
- ♥ Thanks for the birthday cards that remind us that we are another year older. **Mike and Teresa Wade**



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Zoe Merrill was baptized last Saturday by Gary Herridge. We are so proud of Zoe and welcome her into the Camden Avenue family.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

The Men's meeting, Ladies' meeting and Bible Busters will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next Monday, April 18 - 5:45 dinner and 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend. (A special THANK YOU to Herb Wright for preparing the delicious MNFTM meals.)

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's will meet Sunday, April 24 at 5:00.

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the April Birthday-Anniversary get-together in the MP Room Sunday, April 24 after evening services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

SING AT LOVE AND CARE

Please make plans to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, April 25 at 7:00PM.

GOLDEN AGER - YOUTH EVENT AT LOVE AND CARE

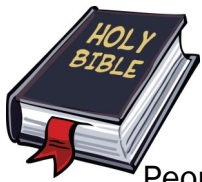
The Golden Agers and youth (6th grade and above) will have a fun evening with the residents at Love and Care Friday, April 29 at 6:00. Herb will prepare ham, soup beans and homemade biscuits. Sign-up sheets on the counter for food items and attendance count.

Daily Bible Reading

April 10 - Luke 9:28-45, Joshua 19-20
April 11 - Luke 9:46-62, Joshua 21-22
April 12 - Luke 10:1-20, Joshua 23-24
April 13 - Luke 10:21-42, Judges 1-2
April 14 - Luke 11:1-28, Judges 3-4
April 15 - Luke 11:29-54, Judges 5-6
April 16 - Luke 12:1-21, Judges 7-8
April 17 - Luke 12:22-40, Judges 9-10

30th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

This year's Bible Bowl will cover the books of **Daniel** and **Hosea**.
The 1st-6th grade will only cover the book of **Daniel**.
The Bible Bowl will be held here Saturday, September 17.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"I know your works"

People often ask "What do you know about the church in _____ (city of your choice)?" The answer may be "they have a fantastic building" or "a dynamic preacher" or "a great program of activities!" I wonder what answer you would get if you asked that question to Jesus? What does He look for in a church?

In Revelation 2-3, near the end of the first century, Jesus wrote letters to seven churches in Asia. He writes in such a way that you know he is writing for eternity; He is writing to churches in every city, in every place, in every age. What does Jesus look for when He looks at the church? In every letter, to every church, the first thing Jesus said was "**I know your works.**" Yes, there were other qualities that He mentioned such as their love, patience, standing for the truth, and moral purity, but His first concern in every church was the work they were doing.

The church at **Ephesus** was working, but they had "left their first love." (Rev. 2:4) The church at **Smyrna** was working under great persecution. They were admonished to "be faithful unto death." (Revelation 2:10). The church at **Pergamos** was tolerating worldly behavior in their midst. (Revelation 2:14-15) The church at **Thyatira** was working, in fact their last works were greater than their first. But, they too, had immorality in their midst. (Revelation 2:20-23) The church at **Sardis** had a "name that they were alive," but, Jesus said they were really dead. He told them to "strengthen the things that remained because their works were not perfect before God." (Revelation 3:2-3) God told the church at **Philadelphia** that because of their works, He was setting an open door before them." (Revelation 3:8) And to the church at **Laodicea**, Jesus said "I know your works, you are neither cold nor hot...because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16) How important, do you believe, are our works to Jesus?

If Jesus was to write a letter to you, or to our church, what would He say? "**I know your works.**" Would He be pleased? It's true that we are not saved by our works. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) But it is also true that we cannot be saved without them. "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17) We have been saved to work! "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). Paul spoke of being saved by grace, but added "His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than them all." (I Corinthians 15:10) God has set apart, for Himself, His own special people. What is special about God's people? They are zealous about doing good works." (Titus 2:14)

God expects the church to be working. Not just busy, but working! "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." (Mark 16:15) "Visit orphans and widows in their trouble." (James 1:27) "Warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak." (I Thessalonians 4:14) "Restore the erring. Bear one another's burdens." (Galatians 6:1-2) "Feed the hungry, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those who are in prison." (Matthew 25:31-46)

God not only expects the church to be working, He expects our efforts for Him to grow and abound. (I Thessalonians 4:1) He expects our "last works to be more than the first." (Revelation 2:19) It is so easy to fall into the trap of "what usta be." "We usta have 500 for worship." "We usta have Bible studies going on every night." "We usta help people all over town." "We usta be the fastest growing church in town!" We may not be able to be what we "usta" be. We could be better! But one thing is sure – we cannot stop trying! We cannot stop working! Jesus knows our works! He doesn't command us to be successful, but He does demand that we be faithful. "Be faithful (working - DPS) unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

For the Growth of the Body: (Ephesians 4:11-16)



#1) The church will grow when every member is _____. “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some _____, some pastors and _____, for the _____ of the saints for the work of _____, for the _____ of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Church leaders must be _____ men. “Therefore brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good _____, full of the _____ and _____ that we may appoint over this business” (Acts 6:3). “A bishop must be _____, temperate, sober-minded, of good _____, hospitable, able to _____, not given to wine, not _____, not greedy, but _____, not quarrelsome, not _____” (I Tim.3:2-3).

The role of leadership is to identify _____ of the church and the _____ of the people and put the two _____ to get the _____ done. In a growing church leaders _____ and _____ the abilities of those in the church and continually _____, equip and _____ new Christians to _____ in the work. “As _____ one has received a _____, minister it to one another, as good _____ of the manifold grace of God” (I Peter 4:10).

#2) The church will grow when there is _____ of the faith. “Till we all come to the _____ of the faith” (Eph. 4:13). “Having been _____ on the _____ of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief _____” (Ephesians 2:20). “There is one _____ and one Spirit, just as you were called in one _____ of your calling; one _____, one faith, one _____; one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). **The church will grow when we take a stand for the _____.** **When we stand on New Testament _____.** **If we are not so grounded we will be** “Tossed to and fro carried about with every _____ of doctrine, by the _____ of men” (Ephesians 4:14).

#3) The church will grow when we are centered on _____. “Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the _____ of the _____ of God, to a _____ man, to the measure of the _____ of the _____ of Christ” (Eph. 4:13). **The church is not just an organization of men doing good works, it is the _____ of Christ.** “But _____ in the grace and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18).

How can Growth be Measured?

The church is growing if we are a people who _____ to Jesus. “But, _____ the truth in _____, may grow up in all things into _____ who is the _____ Christ” (Ephesians 4:15)

The church is growing if we are a people who are becoming more _____ Jesus. “Until we come to a _____ man, to the _____ of the _____ of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

The church is growing if we are a people who are _____ together for Christ. “the whole body, _____ and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective _____ by which every _____ does its share, causes _____ of the body” (Ephesians 4:16).



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1 - *Ted & Rebecca Miller
May 2 - Calvin Martin
May 3 - Susan Anderson, Kristi Hoover
May 5 - Belinda Buckley
May 7 - Don Gaston, Jim Hinzman, Madonna Smith, *John & Karen Life
May 10 - Dwain Shears
May 11 - Austin Hennen, Herb Wright
May 12 - Kiley Goldsmith, Jenny Ware, *Chris & Teri Cox
May 14 - Braden Hesselrode, Bill Pralley, *Bob & Gala Miller
May 15 - Dave Nulter, Brady Sheppard
May 16 - Leonard Haid
May 19 - Doug Hinzman, *Gene & Peggy Phillips
May 20 - Jay Chevront, Rick Stanley
May 21 - *Jon & Brandi Hescht
May 22 - Kira Miller, *Mike & Kelly Fleak
May 23 - Cindy Huxley
May 26 - Kaleb Cochran, Klay Cochran, *Delmas & Naomi Carr
May 28 - Sarah Hinzman
May 29 - John Rockhold III
May 31 - Lewis Lee

* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be listed on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.



All have times in our lives when our days go from busy , to full, to “I cannot manage one more thing.” It’s in these times where small acts can make a huge difference. Here’s a few easy ways to brighten someone’s day. You may not know the difference your small act of kindness could make for them, and yourself.

- Send thank you notes to people.
- Return a shopping cart to the station for an older person or a busy mother.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Tell someone how they inspired/inspire you.
- Be grateful when others do things for you, like hold the door.
- Ask for someone’s opinion. It will make them feel valuable.
- Repeat something nice you heard about someone else.
- Ask a neighbor if they need anything at the store.
- Ask someone, anyone, how you can help!
- Put “I love you” notes in your children’s lunchbox.
- Show appreciate to your spouse - do a chore for them to make life easier, leave a note in their car or in a place they'll find, cook their favorite meal.

Youth Events

This Evening

There will be a devotional for the 5th grade and younger this evening after services.

April 24

Transportation will leave at 5:30 to join the Traveling youth group at New Matamoras. Their service begins at 6:30. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

April 29

Golden Ager - Youth Event at Love & Care for the 6th grade and above. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

April 30

Spring Formal Night

Hosted by the Sunrise congregation 4PM-10PM

Details on the youth bulletin board by the office or see Jeff.

May 14

6th - 12th graders service project helping with the Postal Food Drive at the church building

May 29

Transportation will leave here at 6:00 to join the Travelling youth group at the Rockport congregation. Service starts at 6:30. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I once read a statement that really got my attention. It declared that a tiny gnat can wreck an automobile. Of course, I wondered, "How?" The article then explained that a tiny gnat had wrecked a car by flying into the eye of the driver at a critical time, causing him to lose control.

So often in life, little things can do great harm. It is easy for us to be like that gnat. Our petty criticisms, murmurings, complaints, and fault-finding can "wreck" the most ambitious person or program. What our world really needs is builders - not "wreckers". The next time you start complaining about something or someone; just remember that your small comment could have major implications. Reputations have been destroyed because of self-serving comments from jealous people. Jesus put it very well when he said, "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:5)

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, April 17

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE—Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught
 PM—Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Hoover
 Close—Steve Moser
 6:00 PM—Dwain Shears
 Close—Brent West

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Camp
 PM—Don Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Paul Saunders
 PM—Jeff Taberner
 Mike Fleak

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 10-13

West Union Church of Christ
 Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

April 10-13

North End Church of Christ
 Speaker: Andy Robison

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 22-23

2016 Men's Retreat
CHURCH LEADERSHIP
 Pre-registration only...due by April 15

April 23-24

Creations vs. Evolution
 Held at St. Albans High School
 Speaker: David Everson

FLYERS OF THESE EVENTS ON THE FOYER BULLETIN BOARDS

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.



They include
 Austin Hennen, Gregg Hennen, Kody Inman, Kyle Inman and Brandon Sheppard.

Facts and Figures

April 3, 2016

AM Service.....271
 Bible Study.....191
 PM Service.....195
 Wednesday.....210
 Contribution\$9654.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....3
 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.....7:00

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the 6th & Washington congregation.



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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
 April 17 - FREE WILL