

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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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.

We encourage every member to have their picture taken. For every family or individual that participates, we will receive a free directory. Shut-ins who are unable to have their picture taken may submit one. See Steve Gray for more information.

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
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Faith tells me that no
matter what lies ahead,
God is already there.
Making a way for me.
GOD IS GOOD.
GOD IS GREAT!
GOD LOVES ME.

Please remember our sister Kathy Plant in your prayers. She is a patient at Ruby Memorial Hospital (ICU).
Keep Kathy and her family in your prayers.
Let's shower her with cards of encouragement.

Address: Ruby Memorial Hospital
1 Medical Center Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505

Camden Clark - Amanda Cochran

Marion Goldsmith is home recuperating following surgery.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Amanda Cochran, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Marion Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Gene & Peggy Phillips, Kathy Plant, 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, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, 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 appreciate all of the birthday cards. **Justin & Allie Moore**
- ♥ I appreciate the beautiful birthday cards. **Bev Rlne**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and gift. **Patrick Davis**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the beautiful cards, thoughtful visits and prayers over the past few months. I am truly blessed. **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards for Edwin and Henley. They enjoyed them. **Cody & Kristi Hoover**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone who sent get well and birthday cards to my Aunt Gert who lives in Michigan. She said this meant so much to her and she appreciated each one of them. Thank you from the bottom of heart! Love, **Jo Langler**

A special thank you to **Joyce Wright** for preparing the communion bread this month.

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's will meet today at 5:00.

APRIL BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

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

SING AT LOVE AND CARE

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00

GOLDEN AGER - YOUTH EVENT AT LOVE AND CARE THIS FRIDAY

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 30 in the MP Room at 8:30. John 10 will be discussed. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

GUEST SPEAKER-POTLUCH LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Mark Tonkery will be here next Sunday, May 1 to preach the morning and evening sermons and teach the auditorium Bible class. We will have a potluck lunch after worship and Bible study. Please bring entrees, covered dish items, desserts and beverages. The Elders are considering him for a second minister position and welcome your feedback.

BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley has baseball tickets available for the game August 12 in Cleveland. See him for details.

AMISH HEARTLAND TOUR

We are planning a backroad, guided Amish culture tour Thursday, May 12. This will include a meal in an Amish home. The cost will be \$69 per person. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

BIRTHDAY CARD REQUEST

Ruth (Fox) Dickson would like to receive cards for her 69th birthday May 1. Cards may be left on the card table.

Daily Bible Reading

April 24 - Luke 16, 1 Samuel 1-3
April 25 - Luke 17:1-19, 1 Samuel 4-6
April 26 - Luke 17:20-37, 1 Samuel 7-9
April 27 - Luke 18:1-17, 1 Samuel 10-12
April 28 - Luke 18:18-43, 1 Samuel 13-14
April 29 - Luke 19:1-27, 1 Samuel 15-16
April 30 - Luke 19:28-48, 1 Samuel 17
May 1 - Luke 20:1-26, 1 Samuel 18-19

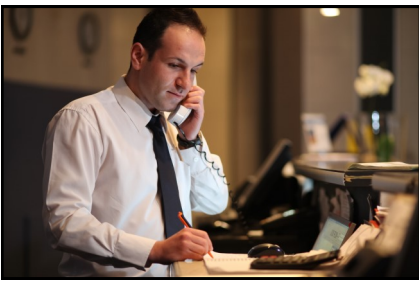
Graduation Pictures

Pictures of the graduates may be submitted to the church office by Sunday, May 29.

We will feature high school and college graduates in an upcoming bulletin.

Include name and school information with the photo. Photos will be returned.





DANA'S DIRECTION

“Do you have a reservation?”

After a long and difficult journey, a man arrives at the resort hotel in which he desires to stay. It is very nice – even more beautiful than he had imagined! He approaches the front desk and announces his arrival. The man at the desk looks at the information before him and asks “Do you have a reservation?”

“Well,” the traveler responded, “I have heard so many wonderful things about this place. It is always where I intended to stay! In fact, when I called and inquired, you sent me a wonderful brochure. It was filled with all kinds of helpful information including the cost and a map that showed the way.”

The man at the desk looked at his register. “Sir, we have the names of all of those who are coming today. You are not registered! If you have not registered, if you do not have a reservation, you cannot stay here. You cannot enter in.”

That would certainly be disappointing! Perhaps you have even had a similar experience. But as disappointing as that may have been – it wasn't the end of the world! You were able to go somewhere else. But there is a situation, one toward which we are all traveling, that will not just be disappointing – it will be tragic.

All of us are going to reach the end of our lives. We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Every one of us will want to enter into heaven at that time. But do we have a reservation? Peter speaks of the hope of an *“inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”* (I Peter 1:4)

We've heard about heaven all our life! Long ago, we made up our minds that that's where we want to go. We have inquired. God sent us a brochure (the Bible) that not only tells us about this wonderful place – it tells us what we must do to go there! Jesus said *“In my Father's house are many mansions (rooms). I go to prepare a place for you...and where I go you know, and the way you know.”* (John 14:1-4)

But have we made a reservation? There is a registry in heaven – it is called the Lamb's Book of Life. Jesus told His disciples to *“rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”* (Luke 10:20) When does one get his name in this book? When he is saved! *“And those who gladly received the word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:41,47) As long as we are faithful to the Lord and to His church our names remain written in this book. If, however, we become unfaithful, our names can be, and will be blotted out. (Exodus 32:32-33)

Do you have a reservation? Are you registered? Only those in the *“general assembly and church of the firstborn are registered in heaven.”* (Hebrews 12:22) What about those who are not? Certainly it was not God's desire for you. He even paid the price so that you might be saved. But He gave you the choice. *“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”* (Revelation 20:14-15) *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”* (Hebrews 2:3)

Do you have a reservation? If you don't, please make one today!

The Local Church – And You (Acts 2:40-47)



The Local Church in God's Scheme:

From Greek word Ecclesia which means _____. "But you are a _____ generation, a royal _____, a _____ nation, God's own _____ people" (I Peter 2:9). **The Universal church:** "On this rock I will build My _____ and the gates of Hades shall not _____ against it" (Matthew 16:18). "The Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being _____" (Acts 2:47). **The Local congregation:** A gathering or _____ of the church in a specific place. Both _____ and divine.

Why the Local Church is needed:

#1) To keep the _____ church in tact:
The local church is a place for Christians to _____ in a physical sense. Denominationalism is to _____ the church in a way that is greater than the _____ but less than the _____ church.

#2) Meets the need for Christians to _____: "And they continued steadfastly in the _____ doctrine and _____, in the breaking of _____ and _____... So continuing _____ with one accord in the temple, and breaking _____ from _____ to _____ they ate their food with _____ and simplicity of heart, _____ God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:42,46-47). "Now on the _____ day of the week, when the disciples came _____ to break _____" (Acts 20:7).

#3) There is a "Together" component to worship. "Teaching and _____ one another in psalms, _____, and _____ songs" (Colossians 3:16).

4) Assembling creates a _____ dynamic. God planned a _____. "And they that were _____ went everywhere _____ the word" (Acts 8:4).

#5) The local church promotes the _____ of God's kingdom. The _____ is preached. It is where Christians are _____ and _____ to serve the Lord. "And let us _____ one another in order to stir up _____ and good _____... Not forsaking the _____ of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

#6) The local church is where we _____ and are known by Christians. A setting for us to _____ to one another. What responsibilities are mentioned in these verses? James 5:16 _____. Hebrews 3:13 _____. Galatians 6:1 _____. Galatians 6:3 _____. I Thessalonians 5:14 _____. Romans 12:15 _____. "And this commandment we have from Him; that he who loves _____ must love his _____ also" (I John 4:21).



You're In My Seat!

Once upon a time, in a church far, far away from any church we've ever attended, there was a small band of Christians who met together every Sunday to worship God.

These regular assemblies were conducted faithfully for many years, but without any change in the people who were occupying the seats.

One day, one of the members of this small band of Christians made the observation that if they wanted their church to grow, they needed to do more than unlock the doors and turn on the lights, they needed to invite their neighbors and friends.

So they did. John and Jane Doe were among those who received an invitation to this assembly and they decided to accept the invitation.

Not wanting to arrive late, John and Jane arrived early and sat on the third pew from the back. Shortly after getting settled, a lady approached their pew and just stood at the end of their aisle looking at them. John Doe rose to his feet to greet this woman whom he thought was wanting to get acquainted, only to hear her tersely say, "This is my seat. You're sitting in my seat." Embarrassed, John and Jane Doe apologized, gathered their things and moved to another pew, only to have this same scenario play out once again.

Now bewildered, embarrassed, and more than a little hurt, John and Jane Doe, afraid of sitting in yet another persons seat, gathered their belongings and exited the building, never to return again. As for this little band of Christians, they continue to assemble each Sunday, sitting in their pew; their "own pew;" the pew they value more than a soul.

Dear Lord, forgive us for our shortsightedness, our misplaced priorities, and bless us with so many visitors eager to study and worship, that none of us get to sit in "our own pew."

By Steve Higginbotham



Happy 70th Anniversary to Gilbert and Lucille Hardman
Wednesday, April 27.

They are a wonderful Christian example for all of us.
Congratulations to The Hardman's!



Youth Events

Today

Transportation will leave today 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 sheets are 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 1

6th - 12th graders are asked to meet in the MP Room following evening services to help prepare boxes for the Postal Food Drive. Please bring finger foods and beverages.

May 14

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

May 15

High school graduates recognition in the MP Room following evening services

May 29

Transportation will leave here at 6:00 to join the Traveling 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

Churches across the nation are concerned about the young people's drop-out rate - as well they should be! It is tragic to see precious boys and girls, who are thrilled with Bible study when young, grow cold and uninterested in the Lord's work as they grow older.

Several congregations made in-depth studies to find the problem. What is needed? More youth programs? More rallies? Special teachers? One cause began to emerge. Their faithfulness had little to do with special programs or teachers. The single most important factor was their own immediate family.

One church found that where both parents were faithful, which included interest in all programs, 93% of the children remained faithful. Where both parents were only marginally active, it fell to 53%. The shocker - in cases where both parents attended infrequently, 6% of their children stayed faithful. Six percent! Do you want your children to go to heaven? Lead them there!

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





Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries Commodities Outreach

We have been asked to help provide the daily needs of the children.

They are requesting:

- 9 X 12" Divided Hefty Styrofoam Plates
- Captain Crunch Cereal
- Cream of Celery Soup
- Marshmallow Fluff
- Ritz Crackers

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.

Items need to be left at the building (under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer) by Sunday, May 29.

*Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you might know nothing about.
Be kind. Be loving. Be caring.
Always.*

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, May 1

ELDER IN CHARGE—Brian Haught
DEACON IN CHARGE—Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Chris Hofmann
Close—Scott Johnson
6:00 PM—Patrick Rine
Close—Barry Hupp

SCRIPTURE

AM—Steve Moser
PM—Ron Riddle

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Stan Inman
PM—Len Haid
Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.

They include
Kevin Cochran,
Doug Hershman,
Doug Hinzman and
Kevin Inman.



Facts and Figures

April 17, 2016

AM Service.....	312
Bible Study.....	231
PM Service.....	232
Wednesday.....	188
Contribution	\$6727.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....	3
Restored or Requested	
Prayers.....	1
Placed Membership....	5

Friday Night Sing



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

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.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....	9:30
Bible Study.....	11:00
PM Worship.....	6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00