

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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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP with Chip Pugh

May 21-22, 2016

Saturday, May 21: 9:00AM-11:00AM

Title: The Path of Discipleship (Part 1)

We may know how to *become* a Christian, but how do we *grow* as a Christian? How do we overcome the common pitfalls that keep many Christians from living to their full potential and even cause many to fall away from the faith?

1:00PM-3:00PM

Title: The Path of Discipleship (Part 2)

Sunday, May 22 9:30AM

Title: The Value of BEING a Disciple

What could happen if your life caught fire for Jesus? How could one life impact the world?

11:00AM Bible Study

Title: The Path to MAKING Disciples

What are the steps to sharing your faith? What can you do today that can help you reach your family, friends, and community with the good news of Jesus?

Please plan to attend!

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
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It is better to live for
Christ...
Than to wish you had.



Lois Nulter and
Kathy Plant are
home recuperating.
Continue to
remember them in
your prayers and
with cards.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Jr, Amanda Cochran,
Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Lois Nulter, 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,
Trevia Daggett, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father),
Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Jim Rapp, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother),
Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White
(Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox
(Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

We extend our sympathy to Margaret Dawkins in the passing of her sister,
Shirley Sutton. Her service was held Wednesday in Parkersburg.



Happy 80th Birthday to
Dave Nulter today! 😊

- ♥ Thank you so much for all the beautiful Birthday cards. I appreciate every one. **Susan Anderson**
- ♥ I reaaaalllyyyy appreciate all of the birthday cards. They made my day! **Calvin Martin**
- ♥ Thank you for our birthday cards. **Belinda and Sarah Buckley**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each of them. **Jim Hinzman**
- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards and well-wishes. Love, **Dwain Shears**

RESTORED/PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Huxley came forward Sunday requesting prayers. Continue to pray for her. We welcome Clayton and Verna Huber back as they have placed membership. Their address is: 1500 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. They will be in Care Group 2.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The adult Bible Bowl class will begin today at 4:30 in Room 154. We will study Daniel chapters 1 and 2. The Bible Bowl will be September 17 and will cover the books of Daniel and Hosea (NKJV).

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION THIS EVENING

Everyone is invited to attend the high school graduates recognition this evening after services in the MP Room. Bring finger foods, beverages and desserts. Bibles to be presented to the graduates are on the table in the parking lot foyer for everyone to sign.

MEN'S MEETING, LADIES' MEETING, BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting, Ladies' meeting and Bible Busters today at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room-5:45 for dinner and 6:30 for work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 28 in the MP Room at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. 1 John will be discussed.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Pictures of the high school and college graduates may be submitted to the church office by Sunday, May 29 to be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Include name and school information with the photo. Photos will be returned.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

We will be participating in the Wood County Schools summer food service program June 6 through July 29. We will serve meals Monday-Friday 11:00AM-1:00PM in the MP Room. If you would like to help, see Teresa Wade.

Daily Bible Reading

May 15 - John 2, 2 Samuel 21-22
May 16 - John 3:1-21, 2 Samuel 23-24
May 17 - John 3:22-36, 1 Kings 1
May 18 - John 4:1-26, 1 Kings 2-3
May 19 - John 4:27-54, 1 Kings 4-5
May 20 - John 5:1-18, 1 Kings 6-7
May 21 - John 5:19-47, 1 Kings 8
May 22 - John 6:1-24, 1 Kings 9



Everyone is invited to the end of the school year ice cream get-together in the MP Room after Bible study
Wednesday, June 1.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter for ice cream items.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“A Friendly Church?”

George Plagenz, a religious columnist for the Scripts Howard Publishing Company, for many years, wrote a column he called “Saints and Sinners.” I have a copy of one he wrote more than twenty years ago in which he asked “Is Your Church Friendly Enough?”

To do research for the article, Mr. Plagenz made unannounced visits to several churches, small and large, and rated each for friendliness. He created a system for grading his experience in each church: 10 points for a smile, 10 for a greeting, 100 for an exchange of names, 200 for an invitation for coffee, 1,000 for an introduction to another worshipper, 2,000 for an introduction to the minister or other church leader. Of the 18 churches he visited, 11 earned fewer than 100 points, five or fewer than 20! The best two, got just over 1,000 points.

I wonder how we would rate? We generally think of our home congregation as friendly - after all, whenever we attend we receive hearty greetings from folks we have loved and shared our lives with for many years. We can hardly wait to get caught up on all the news. But, I wonder, what kind of impression a stranger has, being in our assembly for the very first time? We have some members who do a great job at looking for visitors, greeting them and offering to help in any way. They view this as a ministry - and it is! But what do our visitors see, once they get past that immediate contact?

It has been well said, that the first sermon one hears preached in a church assembly is not the one presented by the preacher. Those who are visiting are observing each of us and learning, or at least forming opinions, about the church. They see the way we enter in to the worship service: whether we are bored or involved, whether we sing, bow our heads in prayer, solemnly partake of the Lord's Supper, and follow the sermon with Bible in hand. A visitor's first impression of whether or not there is “something worthwhile” happening in our assembly is formed by watching us to see if we really believe there is.

It does matter! Paul, when discussing the “out of control” assembly in Corinth asks “what if there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers?” (1 Corinthians 14:23) James speaks of the sin of showing “respect of persons” (partiality or prejudice) towards our visitors by showing more attention to those who have wealth and personal appeal and those who are poor and disrespected.” To do so, he says bluntly, “is a sin.” (James 2:1-9)

So, my encouragement to each of us is not to act friendly (anyone can see through an act!) but to be friendly. Get out of your comfort zone - you will see and talk to your closest friends and relatives many times this week - but this may be your only opportunity to reach out to one who has been interested enough to come to our services. Out yourself in the visitor's place - what kind of greeting would make you feel welcomed? Smile! Introduce yourself. Let folks know how happy we are that they have chosen to visit with us. Find out enough about them to determine which members/families in the congregation that they would have the most in common with - then introduce them to those members. Give our preacher or one of our elders a tip about our visitors so they can meet them too. Get to them quickly after service, express your appreciation again - invite them to return. These “little things” leave a big impression and may just be instrumental in leading one to the Lord.

“Keeping the Unity” (Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-16)



Unity in the church doesn't just happen – we must _____ for it. “Endeavoring to _____ the _____ of the Spirit in the _____ of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) **Jesus’ plan and his prayer for the church is unity.** “That they all may be _____, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may be _____ just as we are _____” (John 17:21,22). “A new _____ I give to you, that you _____ one another; as I have _____ you, that you also love one _____.” By this all will know that you are My _____ if you have _____ for one another” (John 13:34-35). “How _____ and how _____ it is for brethren to _____ together in unity” (Psalms 133:1).

#1) Unity has a _____. “That in all things _____ may be glorified through _____” (I Peter 4:11).

#2) Unity has a _____. “If anyone _____, let him speak as the _____ of God” (I Peter 4:11). “Can two _____ together unless they are _____” (Amos 3:3)? **The doctrinal truths upon which we must stand:** “There is one _____ and one _____, just as you are called in one _____ of your _____; one Lord, one _____, one _____; one God and Father of all, who is _____ all and _____ all, and in you _____” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

#3) Unity has an attitude - _____. **Love is always mentioned _____.** “And above all things have _____ love for one another” (I Peter 4:8). “Bearing with one another in _____, endeavor to keep the _____ of the Spirit in the _____ of _____” (Ephesians 4:2-3). **How Christians are to love (treat) one another:** “With all _____ and _____ with _____, bear with one another” (Ephesians 4:2). “Let each esteem _____ better than _____. Let each of you look out not only for his _____ interests, but also for the interests of _____” (Philippians 2:3-4).

#4) Unity has a responsibility – to _____ one another. “As each one has received a gift, _____ to one another” (I Peter 4:10).

#5) Unity has an objective – to do the _____ God has given us to do. Fellowship means that which is _____. There will always be a lack of unity in a congregation where just a _____ are expected to _____ the load. “The whole _____ joined and knit _____ according to the effective _____ by which _____ part does its _____” (Ephesians 4:16).



WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

We often hear people say the church is losing its young people. Exactly what do they mean by this statement? It seems to me that this is not usually given as a statement of fact but rather intended to be an indictment of the church for failure of some sort.

The truth of the matter is that the church has no young people to lose. God has entrusted children to their parents, not the church. *“And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”* (Ephesians 6:4)

The church has the same responsibility to young people that it has to anyone else - preach the Word. It is not the church that must decide at what hour your teen must be in. It is not elders that tell your children what to watch. The church does not choose the friends your children can have in your home, nor the ones they run with at school. It is not the church that allows them to smoke, use language that would shock a sailor, drink beer and/or whiskey. It is not the church that allows your daughter to sit on the lap of a young man. It is not the church that allows young people to abuse or destroy the property of people good enough to invite them into their homes as guests. Teachers are not the ones who allow a boy or girl to leave their workbooks (and Bibles) at home. Who should see to these things?

Parents, we are not really that dense. Who is kidding whom? If your child is lost, do not blame the church.

Bulletin Digest

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 may be left in the box under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by
Sunday, May 29



May 15

High school graduates recognition in the MP Room following evening services

May 29

Transportation will leave here at 5:30 to join the Traveling youth group at the Rockport congregation. Service starts at 6:00. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

June 1

Everyone is invited to the end of the school-year ice cream party. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for items.



Church Camp

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

(Camp Hervida)

The sign-up sheet is on the counter to indicate what you would be willing to provide.

Items need to be left in the box under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by Sunday, May 29.

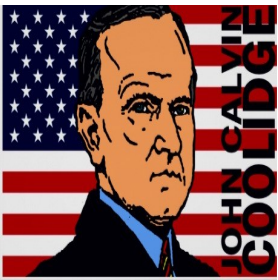
Senior week June 12 -17

Junior week June 19 - 24

Intermediate week June 26 - July 1

Camp registration forms are available in the foyers and the youth bulletin boards.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



The thirtieth president of the United States was Calvin Coolidge, known as “Silent Cal.” He once said, “four-fifths of all our troubles in this life would disappear if we would only sit down and keep still.” His last will and testament was only twenty-three words long! His motto was, “If you don’t say anything, you won’t be called on to repeat it.” He was so notorious for saying so little that a White House dinner guest once made a bet that she could get the president to say more than two words. When she told the president about her wager, he replied, “You lose.”

When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees about what should be done with a woman caught in adultery, he at first said nothing. He simply stooped down and wrote on the ground. When asked again, Jesus simply said, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” Hearing this, all of the woman’s accusers left. James had it so right when he said, “Let every man be . . . Slow to speak.” (James 1:19)

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, May 22

ELDER IN CHARGE—John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE—Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode
PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dwain Shears
Close—Don Gaston
6:00 PM—Rick Stanley
Close—Paul Saunders

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dustin Hughes
PM—Chris Tallman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dana Slingluff
PM—Brent West
Bill Merrill

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- June 1** - Dana Slingluff
June 2 - Jansen Goldsmith, *Tim & Nancy Proffitt
June 3 - Kevin Cochran, Glenn Snider, *Leonard & Susan Haid
June 4 - Bronwyn Sheppard
June 5 - Bill Mills
June 6 - Jim Hughes
June 8 - Peggy Dearth, Holly Haught
June 10 - Brenda Feick, *Chris & Patty Mullins
June 11 - Debbie Tallman, *Gary & Sharon Herridge,
*Patrick & Beverly Rine
June 12 - *Cody & Kristi Hoover
June 14 - *Jim & Sandy Hughes, *Walter & Merilee Morgan
June 16 - Claire Moser, *Jim & Charlotte Galloway,
*Kevin & Becky Inman, *Ron & Peggy Riddle
June 17 - Hayden Moser, Larry Plant
June 18 - Pat Barclay, Joni Rouse, Rachel Turner,
*Jay & Nina Chevront
June 21 - *Kyle & Sarah Inman
June 22 - Jon Hescht, *Josh & Brittany Gray, *Greg & Cassie Hennen,
*Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
June 23 - Kyle Cox, Ann Knotts
June 24 - Wilma Davis, Jo Langler
June 25 - Maci Inman, Jennifer Thomas, *Don & Brenda Dougherty,
*Todd & Annette Kirk
June 26 - Lori Smith, Dorothy Weaver
June 27 - *Breck & Diana Hesselrode
June 28 - *Bill & Carolyn Davis
June 30 - Robin Anthony, Stan Inman, Lenore Vaught

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

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Galloway crew.



They include
Jimmy Galloway,
Ryan Highman,
Justin Moore and
Daniel Rich.

Facts and Figures

May 8, 2016

AM Service.....309
Bible Study.....198
PM Service.....215
Wednesday.....202
Contribution\$7414.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....5
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....2
Placed Membership....9

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
George Street 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.

UPCOMING TOPIC

May 22
THIRSTING FOR GOD