

# 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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**Thank you for joining us today for the  
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP.**

**We are glad to have Chip Pugh.**

See page 5 for more details.

### 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  
Jeff Taberner

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Give Satan an  
inch and he'll  
be a ruler.



### Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Jay Chevront, Amanda Cochran, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jo Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Bill Lemley, 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, Michael Cox, Treva 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), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



*As you spring clean remember  
this is also a good time to  
spring clean our lives.*

*Spring clean your heart.*

*Create in me a clean heart. . .  
Psalm 51:10*

- ♥ Thank you for the plant, the "day-off" and the thoughtful birthday cards. You made #83 a special day. Agape, **Bill Pralley**
- ♥ A special thank you for the visits, cards, food and prayers for me during my illness. It was greatly appreciated. In Christian love, **Kathy Plant**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. **Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the pretty birthday cards I received. **Len Haid**
- ♥ I appreciate all the cards, prayers, visits to the funeral home and all acts of kindness shown at the passing of my sister. **Margaret Dawkins**

## REQUESTED PRAYERS

June Freels requested prayers Sunday. Continue to pray for her.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

## CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Care Group leaders will meet this evening after services in Room 109.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a VBS meeting this evening after services in Room 112. (VBS will be July 6-9.)

## 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.

## BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the May Birthday-Anniversary get-together in the MP Room next Sunday after evening services. Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

Please make plans to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, May 30 at 7:00PM.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMODITIES OUTREACH

We have been asked to help provide 9 X 12 Divided Hefty Styrofoam Plates, Captain Crunch Cereal, Cream of Celery Soup, Marshmallow Fluff, Ritz Crackers. Items may be left in the box under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by next Sunday, May 29.

## 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 next Sunday.

## END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY

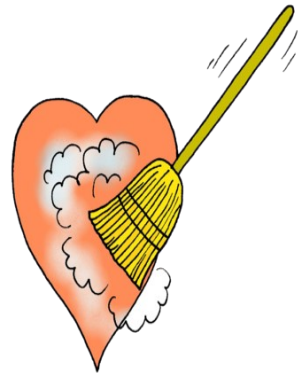
Everyone is invited to the end of the school year ice cream party in the MP Room after Bible study Wednesday, June 1. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for ice cream items.

## BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

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

## LIBRARY INVENTORY

The church library will be closing June 1 for inventory. Please return all library books or let Kay Stanley know which books you have and wish to borrow longer.



### **GRADUATION PICTURES**

Pictures of the high school and college graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Photos need to be submitted to the church office by next Sunday. Include name and school information. Photos will be returned.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

May 22 - John 6:1-24, 1 Kings 9  
May 23 - John 6:25-51, 1 Kings 10-11  
May 24 - John 6:52-71, 1 Kings 12-13  
May 25 - John 7:1-24, 1 Kings 14-15  
May 26 - John 7:25-39, 1 Kings 16-17  
May 27 - John 7:40-53, 1 Kings 18-19  
May 28 - John 8:1-20, 1 Kings 20-21  
May 29 - John 8:21-47, 1 Kings 22



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### *"Those Who Discourage"*

I once read a story of a Union soldier during the Civil War who received a court-martial for "discouraging the troops." It wasn't that he refused to fight, or committed mutiny against his superior officers—He simply continued to criticize and complain about anything and everything to the point that everyone around him became discouraged.

I'm sure we all understand how important **unity** is to a group that seeks to work together to accomplish a common goal. The same is certainly true regarding the church. Jesus' prayer for His disciples is **"that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."** (John 17:21) Anything that destroys this unity violates God's will and serves only to expedite Satan's efforts to destroy the church.

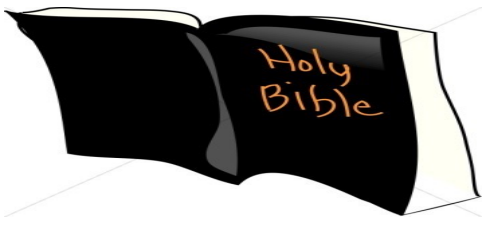
In Proverbs 6, the writer makes an astonishing statement. We certainly realize that God hates all sin—but Solomon states that among all sins that men commit, there are **"six things the Lords hates, yes seven are an abomination to Him."** (Proverbs 6:16) Included on that list is the **"one who sows discord among brethren."** Jesus stated that **"He who is not with Me, is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."** (Matthew 12:30) There is no way to misunderstand! Those who create dissention, division, and disrupt the unity of the church are working against Jesus himself.

There are attitudes and practices, often found in the church, that serve to discourage other Christians. **Gossip is discouraging.** You know this if you have ever realized that your life, or problems, or private matters, had become the source of conversation and amusement to others. There are some who are determined to tell others anything they believe will cause them to think less of someone. Many times even those who have repented of past mistakes and try to get on with their lives, find that "concerned" brothers or sisters make sure that everyone knows and no one forgets. When God forgives, the sin is removed from His memory. He expects the same of us.

**Criticism is discouraging.** So many people expect perfection of everyone but themselves. Anyone can find fault. It takes no talent. It contributes nothing that is positive or good. Anyone who "looks at others for the purpose of finding fault" is a hypocrite—because he is overlooking his own faults in the process. Jesus said, **"judge not that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."** (Matthew 7:1-2) He also tells us to **"first remove the plank from your own eye, then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."** (Matthew 7:5)

**Ignoring others and showing favoritism is discouraging.** Some people treat the church as if it is their own personal "social club." Jesus regards the church as His family. I cannot imagine a family experiencing the birth of a child and that child not being immediately accepted. Certainly the same should be true in God's family. I have heard sad tales, on many occasions, of people who were not made to feel welcome in the church. James refers to such partiality as sin. (James 2:9)

Rather than being a source of discouragement to one another, God expects us to edify, to build up one another. This includes not only what we say, but also what we think. Paul writes **"if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things."** (Philippians 4:8) **"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearer...Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."** (Ephesians 4:29-30)



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### 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?

# Jesus And The Family



Through his apostles, Jesus stressed the importance of family life. Each member of the household had responsibilities assigned. Children were “to obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1). Fathers were required not to “provoke your children to wrath, but to nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

“Aged women” were to “train the young women” (Titus 2:3-50. Christians were to be taught to respect “an elder as a father, the younger men as brethren, the elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters, in all purity” (1 Timothy 5:1-2).

The importance of participation in religious life was dominant in the family of Jesus. It is critically imperative that Christian families be consistent in home Bible study, corporate worship opportunities and sacrificial giving. It really is true that families that pray together stay together.

When parents grow old, Christ requires that their families not neglect their needs (Matthew 15:5-6). Christians must “first learn to show piety toward their own family and to requite their parents, for this is acceptable in the sight of God” (1 Timothy 5:4).

Paul added that “if any provides not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8).

Even when Jesus was hanging on the cross, he arranged for his mother’s care. John records Jesus’ words to Mary and to John himself: “Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother! And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own house” (John 19:26-27).

May our families model the patterns found in the home of Jesus and his family!

Bulletin Digest



A hearty welcome back to Ron Holleron. We are glad to have him back with us after his recent stay in Florida and South Carolina.



Transportation will leave here next Sunday at 5:30 to join the traveling youth group at the Rockport congregation. Their service starts at 6:00. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

### Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

(Camp Hervida)

Senior week June 12 -17

Junior week June 19 - 24

Intermediate week June 26 - July 1

### West Virginia Christian Youth Camp

Pennsboro, WV

College Week June 19 - 24

Sports Week June 26 - July 1

Senior Week July 3 - 9

Intermediate Week July 10 - 15

Junior Week July 17 - 23

All Age Week July 24 - 30

Singing Week July 31 - August 6

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

Kitchen help is needed at OVCYC Senior week, June 12-27. See Jeff for more information.

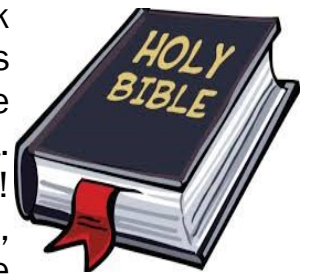
## **Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

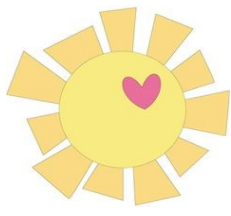
Pfc. Brendon Schweigart, 22, was on a mission to recover a tank that had broken down in Baghdad, Iraq. Upon reaching the tank, he was struck in the chest by a sniper's bullet. Fortunately for Schweigart, the bullet became embedded in a Bible that he carried in his shirt pocket. The Word of God had quite literally saved his life!

Mr. Schweigart's experience reminds me of a passage in the Bible, "therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

Schweigart learned that keeping a Bible near your heart can literally save your life. But more important than that, by keeping a Bible near YOUR heart you will also be able to stop the attacks of Satan and will save your soul. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:14)

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





# IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,  
 I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.  
 If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,  
 I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.  
 If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in

praise,

I would video tape each action and work,  
 so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or  
 two to stop and say "I love you,"  
 instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,  
 well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip  
 away.

For surely there is always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,  
 and we always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our "I love you's"  
 And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can  
 do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,  
 I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.  
 Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,  
 And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one  
 tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,  
 That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and  
 you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one  
 last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,  
 Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them  
 dear.

Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's  
 okay."

And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

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## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, May 29

ELDER IN CHARGE—Ron Riddle  
DEACON IN CHARGE—Jeff Taberner

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Brent West  
 PM—YOUNG MEN

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jimmy Galloway  
 Close—Kevin Cochran  
 6:00 PM—YOUNG MEN  
 Close—YOUNG MEN

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Mills  
 PM—YOUNG MEN

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Gary Herridge  
 PM—Walter Morgan  
 Doug Hinzman

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

## 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 15, 2016

AM Service.....276  
 Bible Study.....215  
 PM Service.....222  
 Wednesday.....204  
 Contribution .....\$6238.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....5  
 Restored or Requested  
 Prayers.....3  
 Placed Membership....9

## Friday Night Sing



The sing will be held at the  
 Lubeck congregation this week  
 at 7:00PM.

### 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 29  
 SEARCH ME, O GOD!

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00