

# 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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Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:13

## Happy Memorial Day!

We appreciate those who serve and have served our country.

**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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Never give the  
devil a ride - he  
will always want  
to drive.



Jo Goldsmith continues to recuperate following knee surgery. Remember her in your prayers and with cards.

Jay Chevront and Bill Lemley are no longer in the hospital. Continue to pray for them.

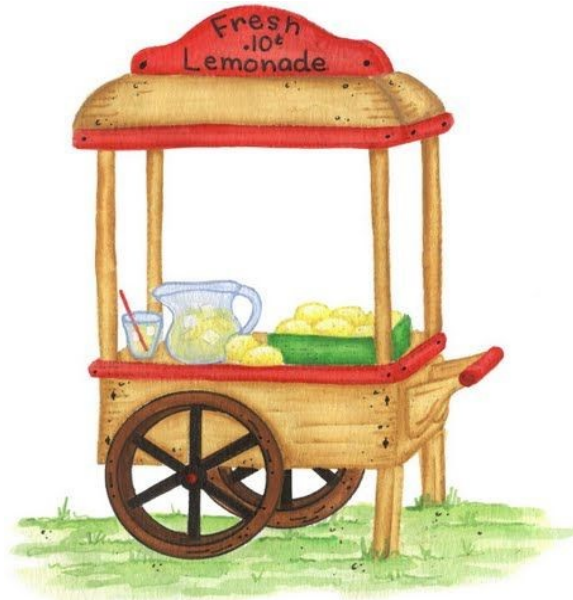
**Marietta Memorial** - Kathleen Albright

**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)



♥ We appreciate the nice cards for our fifth anniversary.  
**Bob and Gala Miller**

♥ Thank you for all the graduation and birthday cards and gifts and for the beautiful Bible with all your signatures. I truly appreciate them.  
In Christian love, **Kira Miller**

Thank you Hannah Shears for helping prepare the communion bread this month.



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## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

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

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

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 today.

## 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 today.

## 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 today. Include name and school information. Photos will be returned.

## LOVE AND CARE SING

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

## END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY

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

## 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.



Debbie Tallman's parents,  
Denver and Dot Haught will  
celebrate their **60th**  
anniversary June 3.  
Let's shower them with  
cards.  
Cards maybe sent to:  
112 Winters Drive,  
Ripley, WV 25271

### Daily Bible Reading

May 29 - John 8:21-47, 1 Kings 22  
May 30 - John 8:48-59, 2 Kings 1-3  
May 31 - John 9:1-12, 2 Kings 4-5  
June 1 - John 9:13-41, 2 Kings 6-7  
June 2 - John 10:1-21, 2 Kings 8-9  
June 3 - John 10:22-42, 2 Kings 10-11  
June 4 - John 11:1-27, 2 Kings 12-14  
June 5 - John 11:28-57, 1 Kings 15-16



## DANA'S DIRECTION

“When You Miss a Service – You Miss a lot!”

Years ago, I used to listen to the daily program of a news commentator on the radio. During the day, the program was promoted by the catch line “if you miss a day – you miss a lot.” If that is true of a radio program, it is certainly true of every opportunity that we have to be in the services of the church!

When asked “Why a Christian should faithfully attend the worship services of the church?” the best answer that many can give is “because it is commanded.” Well, it is true that God expects us to be faithful to the assembly of the saints. “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25) But, is the fact that it is commanded our highest motivation?

Asking if “Christians *have to* attend all of the services of the church?” is, sort of kin to asking “do I *have to* go home and have dinner with my family each night?” If one has a loving family at home, where else would they want to be? Yes, God has said not to forsake the assembly, but for the conscientious Christian, who loves the Lord and his brothers and sisters in Christ, where else would they want to be? I have been asked, “Where does it say that I *have to* attend on Sunday night or on Wednesday night?” I like to look at the example of the early church (Acts 2:46-47) and ask “Where does it say that we should no longer be together daily?”

When we miss any service of the church, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Midweek Bible study, Gospel Meetings, etc., - we really do miss a lot! Consider the following things you miss when you fail to assemble with your Christian family:

- When you miss the Lord’s Day, you miss being with the Lord and your brethren as they surround the Lord’s table. Jesus told us when He instituted the supper that He would take it with us in the kingdom. (Matthew 26:29)
- When you miss any service, you miss the opportunity to be with the Lord in a unique and special way. He also said “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)
- You can sing by yourself (although it is doubtful that you do), but you miss the opportunity to join your voice with others being taught and admonished by the words that you sing. (Ephesians 5:19)
- You miss the opportunity for an organized and prepared study of the scriptures.
- When you don’t attend, you fail to receive the encouragement of other Christians as they admonish one another and “stir one another up to love and good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)
- When you forsake the assembling of the saints, can it be truly said that you are “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?” (Matthew 6:33)
- How can you “let your light shine before men” (Matthew 5:16) and “be an example to the believers” (I Timothy 4:12) if the church isn’t more important than the things of the world that keep many away.

When you, without any true cause, forsake the assembling of the saints, you are actually guilty of committing a “willful sin.” (Hebrews 10:28) Consider your choices in light of James 4:17 “Therefore to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

**When you miss a service – You miss a lot!**

# Sermon Notes

John Rockhold III will be speaking this morning in Dana's absence.  
Dana is taking some vacation time.  
The young men will be conducting the service this evening.



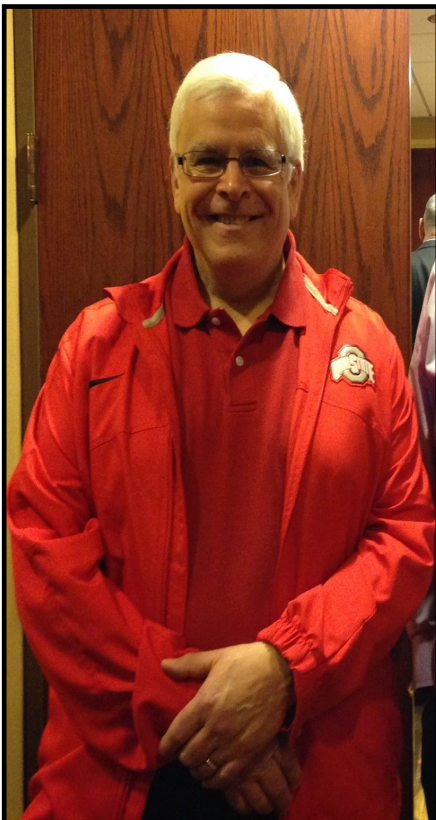
# 12 REASONS CHRISTIANS DON'T ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS

- The coach never came to visit me.
- Every time I went, they asked for money.
- The people sitting in the row didn't seem very friendly.
- The seats were hard.
- The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
- I was sitting with hypocrites.
- Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- The band played some songs I had never heard before, others were too slow and some were even too loud.
- The games are scheduled on my only days to sleep in and run errands.
- My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- Since, I read a book on sports, I feel I know more than the coaches, anyway.
- I don't want to take the children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.



Doesn't this sound like some excuses folks give for not attending church services? Let's stop the excuses and give our all for Christ and His church.

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Happy Birthday, Dana!



Dana with his sister, Connie.

## Happy Birthday, Dana!

We appreciate you and all that you do for us!

Here's to many more happy, healthy birthdays!!



Dana's selfie with his mother, Eleanor



Dana, Cindy, Nathan and Amy in the early 1980's



## 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.

Transportation will leave today 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.

A youth Cedar Point trip is being planned for July 12. More details to come.



We wish our youth a great summer break!

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

A man visited New York City for the first time and became turned around and confused. He stopped at a newsstand in the heart of Times Square and asked the vendor which direction was north. "Look buddy," the vendor replied in a loud and annoyed voice. "We got uptown, we got downtown, and we got cross-town. We don't got north!"

This is a little like modern religion today; it has lost its bearing. Some churches seem like enterprises, and others seem like concerts. One has to wonder where the cross is in all this. Where is north?

We must go back to the cross and stand firm, not moved by the culture of our day or the pressure to compromise our faith for popularity. We must not give in to the substitutes for Christian faith. Real Christianity is in dedicating ourselves to the truth, rather than accommodating the latest cultural fad.

It is the cross that saves NOT culture. Let us seek the "old paths" and walk in them. (Jeremiah 6:16)

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, June 5

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Saunders

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Kyle Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht

Close - Jim Galloway

6:00 PM - Scott Johnson

Close - Ryan Gaston

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Doug Hershman

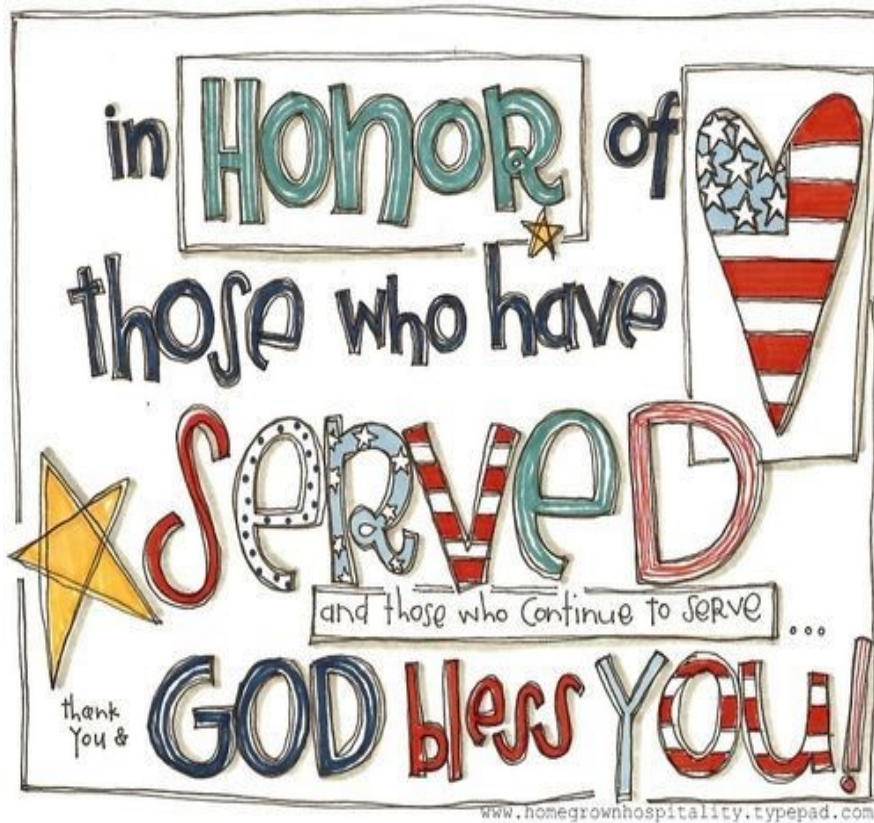
### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Bill Hoover

Breck Hesselrode

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway



The Lawn Crew for this week is  
the Kirk crew.

They include  
Delmas Carr,  
Braden Hesselrode,  
Bill Hoover and  
Todd Kirk.



In memory of many,  
In honor of all,  
Thank you!  
God bless you all!

### **Facts and Figures**

May 22, 2016

AM Service.....311

Bible Study.....197

PM Service.....211

Wednesday.....158

Contribution .....\$8360.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....5

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....9

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
Your presence has been a blessing!

### **Schedule of Services**

#### **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study.....7:00

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**  
June 5  
BORN AGAIN

### **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 6:00 for the sing at the  
Newport, OH congregation.