

# 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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## Happy Mother's Day!



### A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown

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**He who angers  
 you controls  
 you.**

### Prayer List



Kathy Plant is home recuperating. Continue to remember her in your prayers and with cards. Let her know she is loved and missed at services.  
Her address: 2804 26th Street, Parkersburg WV 26104

### Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Jr, Mary Caplinger, Amanda Cochran, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, 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), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Jim Rapp, 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 (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

**HAPPY**  
*Mother's*  
**DAY**



- ♥ Thank you for our birthday and anniversary cards. **Chris & Terry Hofmann**
- ♥ We would like to thank every one for sharing their love with us by cards, gifts and well wishes for our 70th Anniversary. And for the singers and all the help we had at our party, really made it a special time for us. **Gilbert & Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you for remembering my birthday. You helped make my day special. **Zoe Byrum**
- ♥ Thanks again for showing us the true meaning of having "church" family wherever we go. Your cards, prayers, and visits with us during the passing of my father were truly appreciated! In Christian Love, **Jeff, Jody, Jasmine and Jackson [Fitcher]**

## PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Jerry and Shelly Todd as they placed membership with us. They will be in Care Group 4. We are glad to have them worshipping with us. Welcome them into the family at Camden Avenue.

## AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Amish country trip will be Thursday, May 12. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

## ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

An adult Bible Bowl class will begin next Sunday, May 15 at 4:30 in Room 154. The books of Daniel and Hosea (NKJV) will be studied. Please study Daniel chapters 1 and 2 for this class. The Bible Bowl will be September 17. See Bill Mills for more details.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday the MP Room following worship. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## MEN'S MEETING, LADIES' MEETING, BIBLE BUSTERS

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

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet May 16 in the MP Room at 5:45 for dinner and 6:30 for work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

## 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.

## BASEBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

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

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Lubeck Church of Christ will host a Blood Drive in their Fellowship Hall tomorrow 2:00PM-7:00PM. Please call Martha Hill at 304.485.6236 to schedule an appointment.

6th Annual Spring Apologetics Lectures May 12 at Grand Pointe Conference Center, Vienna, WV  
Details on foyer bulletin boards

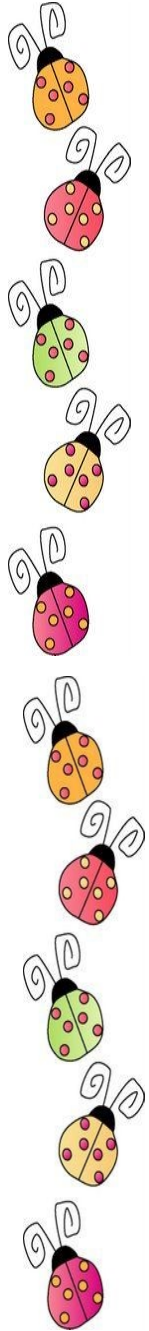
### Daily Bible Reading

May 8 - Luke 23:1-25, 2 Samuel 4-6  
May 9 - Luke 23:26-56, 2 Samuel 7-10  
May 10 - Luke 24:1-12, 2 Samuel 11-12  
May 11 - Luke 24:13-35, 2 Samuel 13-14  
May 12 - Luke 24:36-53, 2 Samuel 15-16  
May 13 - John 1:1-34, 2 Samuel 17-18  
May 14 - John 1:35-51, 2 Samuel 19-20  
May 15 - John 2, 2 Samuel 21-22

### WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Tori Plant and Tyler Stevens Thursday, May 12 at 7:00PM in the MP Room.

They are registered at Walmart.





# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “ A Virtuous Wife and Mother”

Years ago, I drew the assignment to teach a Ladies' Bible Class on the subject of motherhood. I felt imminently qualified! After all—I had a mother! I had also observed my wife being a mother to my two children. Now, all I had to do was to go to the appropriate verses in the Bible and I could advise all the mothers in the class on how to do their jobs better!

Naturally, I turned to Proverbs 31. “The Worthy Woman.” Even as I announced the text, a young woman in our class audibly groaned. Her reaction surprised me. She was a very faithful and dedicated Christian. She was a preacher's daughter and a deacon's wife. She had two pre-school aged children and was working a part time job outside the home. In the eyes of many—she had it all and did it all!

When I inquired about her reaction she said, “whenever I study that passage it makes me feel like a failure.” Immediately, the rest of the class chimed in! “The expectations are too high.” “The work is too demanding.” “We don't get any help from our husbands!” “Our friends who work outside the home look down on us.” “Stay-at-home-moms get stuck with all the volunteer jobs at school and in the church.” All of a sudden, I realized just how unqualified I was to teach this class. It was exactly the reason that Paul instructed “older women to teach the younger women.” (Titus 2:3-5) You can study it in a class, but until you “walk the walk” you really aren't prepared to “talk the talk.”

In the years since, I have grown through study of scripture and of life to more fully understand the importance of the role played both by mothers and fathers. There are several things about Proverbs 31 that need to be understood for it to be fully appreciated.

First, these words were written by a mother to her son (King Lemuel)! (Proverbs 31:1) They were written to guide him in his quest for a wife. So we know, right away, she was speaking of an ideal wife. Few women could live up to every quality described in this passage.

Second, most scholars believe this description to be a summary of the life-role of a mother and a wife. Obviously there are times in our lives where the most “pressing” needs take the greatest “precedence.” A woman with small children doesn't have time to “make sashes” or “plant a vineyard!” At other times in her life she is more free to “buy a field and stretch out her hand to the poor!” Paul gives credence to this view when he lists the qualities of a widow who is worthy to be supported by the church. She was to be “well reported for good works; having brought up children, lodged strangers, washed the saint's feet, relieved the afflicted and followed every good work.” To qualify—she had to be at least 60! (I Timothy 5:9-10)

What I do believe that Proverbs 31 does emphasize is relationships. A wife and a mother's true virtue is revealed in how she deals with the relationships God entrusts her with. Relationships that can and should be prioritized! They are—in order of importance: First, her relationship to God. “A woman who fears the Lord shall be praised.” Second, her relationship to her husband. “The heart of her husband safely trusts in her. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.” Third, her relationship to her children and in making a home for her family. “She brings her food from afar. She is not afraid of snow for her household. Fourth, her relationship to those she serves as she serves God. “She stretches out her hands to the poor. She opens her mouth with kindness and wisdom.” Fifthly, she takes care of herself. “She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen.”

The truth is all of these relationships emanate from one. She loves God! Her love of God shows itself in the fruit of her good works.

So, to all wives and mothers, there is good news to be had. God doesn't expect you to “have it all” or be able to “do it all.” Do what you can—when you can. Enjoy each season of your life. In doing so, God will be pleased and those who are most important in your life, your family, will be blessed.

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.”

# Things that Mothers Teach Us

(Proverbs 31:10-31)



## The role of a mother:

“Admonish the young women to \_\_\_\_\_ their husbands, to love their \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, chaste, home \_\_\_\_\_, good, \_\_\_\_\_ to their own husbands.” (Titus 2:4-5)

## The meaning of \_\_\_\_\_.

“As one whom his \_\_\_\_\_ comforts, so I will comfort you.” (Isaiah 66:13)

Mothers are \_\_\_\_\_ and kind.

Mothers do not \_\_\_\_\_.

Mothers are not easily \_\_\_\_\_.

Mothers \_\_\_\_\_ all thing, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things...  
love never \_\_\_\_\_ (from I Corinthians 13)

## The demonstration of love is \_\_\_\_\_.

“Her \_\_\_\_\_ rise up and call her \_\_\_\_\_, her husband also and he \_\_\_\_\_ her.” (Proverbs 31:28)

## Teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_.

“Bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and admonition of the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ephesians 6:4)

## Teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_.

“Train up a \_\_\_\_\_ in the way he \_\_\_\_\_ go and when he is \_\_\_\_\_, he will not \_\_\_\_\_ from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) “My son, keep your father’s command and do not \_\_\_\_\_ the law of your \_\_\_\_\_. Bind them continually upon your \_\_\_\_\_ ... when you roam, they will \_\_\_\_\_ you; when you \_\_\_\_\_, they will keep you; when you are awake, they will \_\_\_\_\_ with you. For the commandment is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the law is a light.” (Proverbs 6:20-23)

## Teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_.

Honor your father and your mother, which is the first commandment with \_\_\_\_\_: that it might be \_\_\_\_\_ with you and you may \_\_\_\_\_ long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2,3) “If any widow has \_\_\_\_\_ or grandchildren, let them first learn to show \_\_\_\_\_ at home and to \_\_\_\_\_ their parents; for this is good and \_\_\_\_\_ before God.” (I Timothy 5:4)

# Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

(Camp Hervida)

We have been asked to donate the following items:

- 2 - #10 chocolate pudding
- 5 - 5# bags sugar
- 10 - chocolate cake mixes
- 300 napkins
- 10 bags of potato chips
- 200 - 6 oz. Styrofoam cups
- 10 packages of store bought cookies
- 5 - squeeze mayonnaise
- 5 - squeeze bottle of ranch dressing



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.**

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

Senior week June 12 -17  
Junior week June 19 - 24  
Intermediate week June 26 - July 1

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## 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**

# youth group

SCHEDULE

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 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.



Everyone is invited to attend the high school graduates recognition next Sunday evening, May 15 in the MP Room following the services. Bring finger foods, beverages and desserts.

Everyone is invited to an 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.



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 serve, conduct a short devotion or a fun activity with the children, see Teresa Wade.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Cancer! The word strikes terror into the hearts of those who hear it. To many the diagnosis of cancer is the worst thing they could possibly think about. But cancer is really limited. There are many things that Cancer simply cannot do. Here are some of those things:



Cancer cannot cripple love,  
Cancer cannot corrode faith,  
Cancer cannot destroy peace,  
Cancer cannot kill friendship,  
Cancer cannot suppress memories,  
Cancer cannot silence courage,  
Cancer cannot invade the soul,  
Cancer cannot steal eternal life.

God's promises are far surer and far more reassuring! Regardless of what might happen to our bodies, God has promised us eternal life if we simply obey his commandments. Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:20-21)

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 15**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Stan Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Jeff Taberner

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—Kyle Inman  
 PM—Jon Hescht

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Jeff Taberner  
 Close—Richard Cozad  
 6:00 PM— Dearll Vincent  
 Close—Rob Hoover

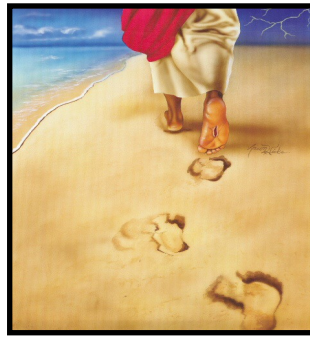
**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Todd Kirk  
 PM—Gary Alton

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Mike Fleak  
 PM—Kyle Inman  
 Dustin Hughes

**PA SYSTEM**—Steve Gray



**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!**

**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**

May 1, 2016

AM Service.....327  
 Bible Study.....229  
 PM Service.....243  
 Wednesday.....188  
 Contribution .....\$8691.75

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....5  
 Restored or Requested  
 Prayers.....1  
 Placed Membership....7

**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 5:15 for the sing at the Belle 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 15  
**WHAT GOD WANTS FOR YOU**