

# 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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## Missionaries we support

- 1) **Joe Worndle** - Mail may be sent to: 8346 NW 118 Way, Parkland, FL 33076 (Haiti)
- 2) **John Galloway** - 4 Broughton Valleyfield, East Kilbride, G75oJU (Scotland)
- 3) **Joe Galloway** - 130 Regent Lane, Florence, AL 3650
- 4) **John Davis** - 108 Snell Drive, Florence, AL 35630 (Mission work in Thailand.)
- 5) **Trevor Major** - 11 Olive Crescent, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2025 (New Zealand)
- 6) **Gene Clemons** - PO Box 04, Hardy KY 41501 (Mission work in China.)
- 7) **Ryan & Sarah Davis** - DavisCuscoMission@gmail.com (They are in Cusco, Peru.)
- 8) **Ed Jones** - PO Box 454, Benton, KY 42025 (Mission work in Benin, South Africa.)

Please remember our missionaries in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

Information detailing their work is on the bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Brian Haught  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Ron Riddle  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Dearll Vincent

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A bad attitude is like a flat tire - You can't go anywhere until you change it.



**The Heartland** - Kathleen Albright

Cards may be sent to: 565 Brackenridge Road, Vincent, OH 45784

Remember Mike Bayer with prayers and cards. He had knee surgery Wednesday.

Cards may be sent to: 98 Stone Ridge Road, Washington, WV 26181

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Mike Bayer, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Jay Chevront, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jo Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Bill Lemley, Lois Nulter, Kathy Plant, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Tammy Wilson

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Cindy Cleninger, Michael Cox, Treva Daggett, 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)



- ♥ My sincerest Thank-you to the Camden Avenue Church of Christ for all the prayers and concerns. I now have been diagnosed cancer free. "God heard our many prayers." God Bless you "all" **Delana Blizard**
- ♥ Thanks for all the Birthday cards reminding me of another year older. I enjoyed every one of them. **Bill Mills**
- ♥ Thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits while I was in the hospital. You all are special to me. Love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to my church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. **Bill Lemley**



### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study.

### **CARE GROUP 2 MEETING TODAY**

Members of Care Group 2 are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109 to discuss work camp lunch.

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

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

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be at the Haid's cabin June 25 at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM DONATIONS**

Along with the summer food program we will be sending bags of food items home with the children for the weekend. Items need to have flip tops or be easy to open containers and individual serving size. (Examples: peanut butter/cheese crackers, Goldfish crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit/pudding cups, instant soups, instant mac and cheese, juice boxes, pop tarts, breakfast bars, fruit snacks, etc.) Items may be left in the box in the parking lot foyer.

### **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS**


We will be participating in the 2016 Silver for Children Campaign. Money raised through this campaign will take care of the daily needs of the children, such as utilities, clothing, educational fees, transportation, church activities costs, recreation, and the list goes on. They are asking that each family take one coin bank and fill it over the next three to four months. The banks are available in the foyers.

### **HELP NEEDED WITH TENT**

A crew of 6 men is needed to help set-up and dismantle a 30 X 40 foot tent we acquired for congregational activities, such as VBS, Friend and Family Day, etc. If you want to help, contact Len Haid.

### **BASEBALL TICKETS**

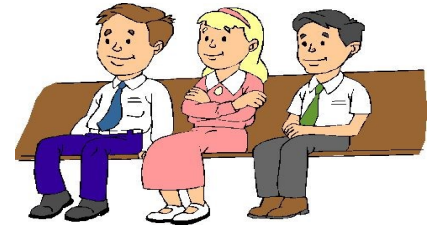
Rick Stanley has baseball tickets available for the August 12 game in Cleveland.

	<p>Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 8 in the MP Room from 1:00-6:00.</p> <p>Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter.</p>
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<p><b><u>Daily Bible Reading</u></b></p> <p>June 12 - John 15, 1 Chronicles 3-5 June 13 - John 16, 1 Chronicles 6 June 14 - John 17, 1 Chronicles 7-8 June 15 - John 18:1-24, 1 Chronicles 9-10 June 16 - John 18:25-40, 1 Chronicles 11-12 June 17 - John 19:1-16, 1 Chronicles 13-15 June 18 - John 19:17-42, 1 Chronicles 16-17 June 19 - John 20:1-18, 1 Chronicles 18-19</p>
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# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Reverence in Worship



“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

I am often asked, and sometimes reminded of the need to address the subject of reverence in worship. I will admit to being so ‘tuned in’ (or ‘tuned out’) during worship services that I seldom notice the commotion going on around me (talking, visiting, going in and out, texting) but I am no less assured that is taking place. This indicates there is a need to address the attitude we should have when we approach God to worship. As you visit other congregations you also become aware of the wide variety of ‘worship styles’ (from formal and staid to ‘hip, hip, hooray’) which begs the question “What is truly involved in holding God in reverence in the assembly of the saints?”

Reverence is defined as **“a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration.”** (Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary) The English word “reverence” is used seven times in the New Testament and is usually a translation of the Greek word **phobos** referring to “fear,” and indicates the great awe and respect (fear) that we should have for God. Knowing who God truly is should define everything we do in this life. “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole (duty) of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13) A person who does not have reverence for God every day will not understand the need of it when assembled to worship.

God expects reverence when we come together to worship Him. Reverence for God does not ignore the fact that we should be ‘afraid’ to present to God as worship anything that is unacceptable to Him. “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29) This is certainly what Nadab and Abihu discovered as they offered God a sacrifice that He had not authorized (Leviticus 10:1-2).

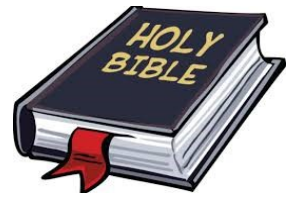
If we truly have reverence for God we will seek to demonstrate that when we assemble to worship. Reverence in worship is not created by an atmosphere (low lights, soft music); reverence creates the atmosphere. When we assemble – realizing that we have come to offer God our sacrifice of praise – we will view the time as sacred. Solomon said “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

If we have reverence for God we will show respect when his word is read. When prayers are led we will participate realizing that we are taking those prayers through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, before the very throne of God! When we sing, we will truly ‘let the words of Christ dwell in us richly’ (Colossians 3:16), and will “sing and make melody in our hearts.” (Ephesians 5:19) When a lesson is presented from God’s word we will regard it as “being from God, not from man.” When the Lord’s Supper is taken, we will stand by faith at the foot of the cross, discerning the body and the blood of Jesus. If we truly participate in worship we will be far too aware of the presence of God to be distracted by every worldly interest and concern.

If we do not have reverence for God, the time that we spend together in the assembly of the saints will seem no different from a school assembly, ball game, or a concert. The truth is that many of us arrive totally unprepared to worship God. We ‘meet and greet,’ get all caught up in the social aspects of seeing one another, then, unsuccessfully ‘draw our minds in from the world’ to worship God. Make an honest assessment of the time you ‘were in worship’ this Sunday. Did you ‘draw near to hear?’ Or, did you ‘offer the sacrifice of fools?’ Our reverence in the assembly will make the difference between worship that God finds pleasing and that which will bring judgment to our souls. (I Corinthians 11:29)

# The Key to Christian Joy

## (Philippians 4:4-9)



Paul had joy because he put importance in being in God's \_\_\_\_\_ body.

"I \_\_\_\_\_ God upon every \_\_\_\_\_ of you, always in every \_\_\_\_\_ of mine making request for you with \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 1:3-4)

Paul had joy because he \_\_\_\_\_ for and saw the \_\_\_\_\_ in every situation.

"But I want you to know, brethren, that the \_\_\_\_\_ which have happened to me have actually \_\_\_\_\_ out for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 1:12)

Paul had joy because he lived life with an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective.

"For to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_, and to die is \_\_\_\_\_. But if I \_\_\_\_\_ on in the flesh, this will mean \_\_\_\_\_ from my labor; yet what I shall chose I cannot tell. For I am hard- \_\_\_\_\_ between the two, having a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ and be with \_\_\_\_\_ which is for better. Nevertheless to \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh is more \_\_\_\_\_ to you." (Philippians 1:21-24)

Paul had joy because he put the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ first.

"Fulfill my \_\_\_\_\_ by being like-minded, having the same \_\_\_\_\_, being of one \_\_\_\_\_, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem \_\_\_\_\_ better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:2-4)

Paul had joy because he knew joy was the result of \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

"Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... He \_\_\_\_\_ himself and became \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of \_\_\_\_\_, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

Paul had joy because he was in \_\_\_\_\_ of that which is \_\_\_\_\_.

"But what things were \_\_\_\_\_ to me, these I have counted but \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ." (Philippians 3:7)

Paul had joy because he found joy in the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ which produces \_\_\_\_\_. "Therefore I take \_\_\_\_\_ in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_." (II Corinthians 12:10)



## “Get in the Wheelbarrow!”

There was a tightrope walker, who did incredible aerial feats. All over Paris, he would do tightrope acts at tremendously scary heights. Then he had succeeding acts; he would do it blindfolded, then he would go across the tightrope, blindfolded, pushing a wheelbarrow. An American promoter read about this in the papers and wrote a letter to the tightrope walker saying, “Tightrope, I don’t believe you can do it, but I’m willing to make you an offer. For a very substantial sum of money, besides all your transportation fees, I would like to challenge you to do your act over Niagara Falls.” Now, Tightrope wrote back, “Sir, although I’ve never been to America and seen the Falls, I’d love to come.”

Well, after a lot of promotion and setting the whole thing up, many people came to see the event. Tightrope was to start on the Canadian side and come to the American side. Drums roll, and he comes across the rope which is suspended over the treacherous part of the falls - blindfolded!! And he makes it across easily. The crowds go wild, and he comes to the promoter and says, “Well, Mr. Promoter, now do you believe I can do it?” “Well of course I do, I mean, I just saw you do it.” “No,” said Tightrope, “do you really believe I can do it?” “Well of course I do, you just did it?” “No, no no,” said Tightrope, “do you believe I can do it?” “Yes,” said Mr. Promoter, “I believe you can do it.” “Good,” said Tightrope, “Then you get in the wheelbarrow.”

The word believe, in Greek means “to live by.” How often do we say we believe Christ can do it, but refuse to get in the wheelbarrow? Faith is an action word. It has been defined as “belief with legs.” Faith is an obedient faith, getting in the wheelbarrow and letting God lead you and guide you through life.

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him”*  
Hebrews 11:6.

Bulletin Digest

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Let’s have 500 tonight!

If you attended here years ago, you will remember this appeared in our bulletin often. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have 500 assembled for church services?



# CHURCH CAMP

## 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 on the youth bulletin board by the office.

If you need financial assistance, see one of the elders.

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



You are invited to the wedding of Macey Dean (daughter of our Mark Dean) and Chris Davis. They will be married June 18 at 2:30 at the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells. Everyone is invited to attend.

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### *Congratulations to Danielle and Katelyn Vincent!*

Katelyn was recently inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Danielle graduated from Wright State University April 30 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences concentrating in Applied Physiology. She began studies at Kettering Medical College in May to become a Physician's Assistant.

They are the twin daughters of Bob and Debbie Vincent and granddaughters of Dearll and Carol Vincent.

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

Newspaper advice columns often print letters complaining about a spouse's snoring or some other small irritation. But whenever those letters appear, they are soon followed up with letters from widows and widowers with statements like these:

"I used to hate my husband's snoring, but now that he's gone, I would give anything to have him lying beside me during the night - snoring and all," Or they write, "My wife used to nag me about my appearance. But since she died, I can see that no one cares about me the way she did."

These people have learned that in the end, those little marital irritations mean less than nothing.

You and your spouse are distinctly different individuals - that is the way God created you. All these types are guaranteed to produce irritations. But that doesn't mean you have to focus on them.

Don't get angry about little things. Let God help you gain a deep appreciation for your spouse - even those things that seem to make you crazy!

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 19**

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dearll Vincent  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

**SONG LEADERS**

AM - Brian Haught  
 PM - Ben Haught

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley  
 Close - Bill Mills  
 6:00 PM - Stan Inman  
 Close - Kyle Inman

**SCRIPTURE**

AM - Don Dougherty  
 PM - Gary Herridge

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Don Gaston  
 PM - Dwain Shears  
 Barry Hupp

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk



**OVU SOJOURNERS' LECTURESHIP/WORKSHOP**

Have you ever wondered what Sojourners is all about? You are welcome to any or all the sessions held at Ohio Valley University (Room 139) June 13-17. Schedules are in the bulletin today with details. Also, there will be an area sing June 14 at 7:00PM.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Galloway crew.

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



We will be providing transportation to the **Spiritual Giftedness Seminar.**

June 24 - 26 at the Sissonville Church of Christ.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.  
 (Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards)

**OUR UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 6 - 9 Vacation Bible School  
 July 23 Church Picnic

**Facts and Figures**

June 5, 2016

AM Service.....273  
 Bible Study.....205  
 PM Service.....215  
 Wednesday.....207  
 Contribution .....\$11050.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

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



**Have a great week!**

Look for someone this week to lead to Christ. Share the gospel, talk with someone - ask to set up a Bible study or Bible Correspondence Course.

**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 19  
**KNOWING CHRIST**

**Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Salem/Ten Mile congregation.