

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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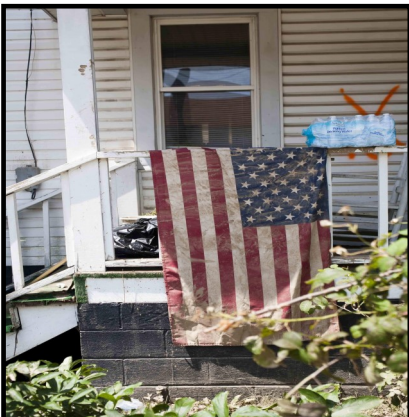
*We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order
that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.*

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Almighty God, thank Thee for the job of this day.
May we find gladness in all its toil and difficulty, its pleasure and success,
and even in its failure and sorrow.
We would look always away from ourselves,
and behold the glory and the need of the world
that we may have the will and the strength to bring the gift of gladness to others;
that with them we stand to bear
the burden and heat of the day
and offer Thee the praise of work well done.

Bulletin Digest



Continue to remember the families in the flood areas of West Virginia. Pray for the people there helping distribute items and aiding with the clean up efforts.

Thank you to everyone that donated items.

(Photos are of the devastation of the WV flood areas. Top-a Bible damaged by the flood water that someone is trying to salvage.)

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
Bill Hoover
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Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Pat Barclay, Mike Bayer, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Jay Cheuvront, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jo Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Betty Lamb, Bill Lemley, Lois Nulter, Kathy Plant, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Tammie Wilson
Diana Hesselrode underwent more tests and is awaiting results.

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, Denver Haught (Debbie Tallman's father), 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), Gail Vensel (Friend/Neighbor of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

Jo Goldsmith is home recuperating from knee surgery. Keep her in your prayers and remember her with cards.

Joyce Reid (Kathleen Albright's sister, Cindy Slingluff's aunt) suffered a serious heart attack last week in Columbus, OH. Keep this family in your prayers.



- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary, birthday and get well cards. The prayers, hospital visits and all acts of kindness were much appreciated. **Jay and Nina Cheuvront**
- ♥ Once again I'm thanking my brothers and sisters in Christ for all your kindness, the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, food and love shown to me after my fall and recovery. I love all of you. **Kathleen Albright**





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be July 6-9 (Wednesday-Friday 6:30PM-8:30PM and Saturday 10:00AM-12:30PM). We will have a study of the life of Jesus. Cookies are needed and should be at the building by Wednesday evening.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

WEDDING RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a reception for Ryan and Madison Highman next Sunday in the MP Room from 3:00-5:00. They are registered at JCPenney and Amazon. Their address is 801 18th Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Highman!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 8 in the MP Room from 1:00-6:00. Sign-up sheets will be available on the counter.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM DONATIONS

Items may be left in the box in the parking lot foyer to be sent home with the children participating in the summer food program. Items need to be individual serving size and have flip tops or be easy to open containers. (Examples: peanut butter/cheese crackers, Goldfish crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit/pudding cups, 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.

CALENDAR CORRECTION

Heather Osburn's birthday is on the church calendar as July 28. It is actually July 12.



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12

Daily Bible Reading

July 3 - Acts 7:46-60, 2 Chronicles 24-25
July 4 - Acts 8:1-25, 2 Chronicles 26-28
July 5 - Acts 8:26-40, 2 Chronicles 29-30
July 6 - Acts 9:1-22, 2 Chronicles 31-32
July 7 - Acts 9:23-43, 2 Chronicles 33-43
July 8 - Acts 10:1-23, 2 Chronicles 35-36
July 9 - Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3
July 10 - Acts 11, Ezra 4-6



DANA'S DIRECTION

"America's Christian Heritage"

One way that people try to change the present world is by rewriting (distorting) history. This, of course, doesn't change the truth, but it does change people's beliefs. Recently there has been a push to destroy the perception that The United States was ever considered a "Christian" nation. Some say that the nation's forefathers were either agnostics or deists (believing in some, unspecified Supreme Being) and had no roots in Christianity or any other religion. This is simply a lie! Anyone who visits our nation's capitol and reads the inscriptions (in English, Greek and Latin) on our oldest and most revered monuments will find countless references to God and the words of the Bible. If you wish to know the truth, let our founding fathers speak for themselves:

"I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth---God governs in the affairs of men. He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of a primitive Christianity, will change the face of the world." Benjamin Franklin

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles. . . This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government." Noah Webster

"The Bible is worth all other books that have ever been printed." Patrick Henry

"Of all the systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to be so pure as that of Jesus. The reason that Christianity is the best friend of government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart." President Thomas Jefferson

"Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other people. The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of government with the principles of Christianity." John Adams

"So great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when duly read and meditated on, it is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise and happy." President John Quincy Adams

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering, but if we neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in obscurity." Daniel Webster



Bearing Witness to the Truth: (John 18:33-38)

“For this _____ I was born, and for this cause I have _____ into the world, that I should bear _____ to the _____. Everyone who is of the _____ hears My voice. Pilate said to Him ‘What is _____?’ (John 18:37,38)

Truthfulness is the _____ of God. “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only _____ God.” (John 17:3) “He is the Rock. His works are perfect, for all his ways are justice, a _____ of _____ and without injustice.” (Deut. 32:4) “God is not man that He should _____.” (Numbers 23:19) “In hope of eternal life which God, who _____ lie, promised before _____ began.” (Titus 1:2)

God’s word is the _____ of truth. “Sanctify them by Your _____, Your _____ is truth.” (John 17:17) **Since God’s word is unchanging, it will always be _____.** “His mercy is everlasting, His truth _____ to all generations.” (Psalm 100:5)

Satan, nor _____, is the source of all deception and lies. “He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the _____, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a _____, he speaks it of himself, for he is a _____ and the _____ of it.” (John 8:44)

God sent Jesus into the world to speak the _____. “I have many things to say and to judge concerning you. He who _____ Me is true; and I _____ to the world those things which I have _____ from Him.” (John 8:26) “I am the way, the _____, the life. No one comes to the Father _____ by Me.” (John 14:6)

Because God is truth, His _____ are real. “The Lord is not _____ concerning His _____.” (II Peter 3:9) **Because God is truth, He _____ are guarantees.** “Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) “That by two immutable things, in which it is _____ for God to _____, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for _____ to lay hold of the _____ set before us.” (Hebrews 6:18)

God expects us to walk in the truth of His word. “And with all unrighteous _____ among those who perish, because they did not receive the _____ of the _____ that they might be saved.” (II Thessalonians 2:10)

Truthfulness must describe our lives. God _____ every false way. “Lying _____ are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal _____ are His _____.” (Proverbs 12:22) “Therefore putting away _____, let every man speak the _____ with his neighbor.” (Ephesians 4:25) “...and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burn with fire and brimstone, which is the second _____.” (Revelation 21:8)



Parents With Broken Hearts

“I taught them right from wrong, I brought them up in the Lord. I made mistakes, but I really tried to model the Lord’s way before them. Why have they left the church and gone to the far country of unbelief and sin?” There is no hurt like the hurt unique to the heart of a parent. These words are for parents who have broken hearts.

Jesus told the story of a broken hearted parent to remind us of God’s love - the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11). Remember the father’s reaction when his son came home? How must he have felt when he left home for the far country? That’s how God feels when we abandon Him! His love is a Father’s love!

Boys and girls, don’t ever do this to your parents! “Children, Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3). Obeying and honoring your parents is just “right” to do and it brings great blessings to your life.

As we mature and leave home the umbilical cord of parental authority is severed. We no longer “obey” our parents as we once did. But there should never be a time in our lives when we do not “honor” them. We even have a responsibility to “repay” them when they are old (1 Timothy 5:4). If you are alienated from precious family members, seek reconciliation! Don’t you know that their hearts are breaking? Paul exhorted, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:18). Doesn’t “all men” include family members? Dream of being reunited with family members and act decisively to make that dream come true. Now to the haunting question! “Why?” We must remind ourselves that our children have freedom of choice. We can train them in the way they should go, but they can and sometimes do reject that training! God was/is the great parent of all, but His children can and often do reject His training. Does that make Him a bad parent? Nor does it make you a bad parent...just a brokenhearted one!

What must you do when you have a child in the far county of unbelief and sin? You must continue living right! Stay true to the Lord! You need Him now more than ever! Second, you must pray! I’m sure you have been praying for your family, especially that child, every day. Keep praying! Third, you must leave your telephone on, your door unlocked and your heart open! May the day come when they pick up that phone, walk through that door and thrill your broken heart! “But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” I pray God that we will experience that.



Have a Happy, Safe Fourth of July!

Thank to those you have served or are serving our country!

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for allowing us to be American citizens.
May we do our part in keeping it a wonderful place to call home.
Thank you Lord, for the beauty you have bestowed upon this country.
Help us do our part in preserving its' splendor.
Thank you for the great history of America.
May we learn from our failures and respect the great men who made it what it is today.
Lord, we pray that you bless the United States of America.
Please guide our President, government leaders and everyday citizens.
Please keep us safe and help us to always look to you for guidance.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent two days on the farm of what he considered a very poor family. On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great Dad." So the father asked, "What did you learn from the trip?"

The son replied, "I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. We have servants that serve us, but they serve each other. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless! Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we really are!"

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? This boy was able to appreciate everything God has given us! I hope we all recognize what money can not buy!

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

MONEY CAN'T BUY
YOU HAPPINESS -



but Jesus can give it.



Vacation Bible School

July 6 -9

Wednesday - Friday 6:30PM-8:30PM

Saturday 10:00AM-12:30PM

Theme: Life of Christ

Activities for all ages, including adults.

Nursery will be available.

Everyone is invited!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Cody Hoover

Close - Dearll Vincent

6:00 PM - Brent West

Close - Scott Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Young

PM - Dan Rich

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Mike Wade

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

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

June 26, 2016

AM Service.....254

Bible Study.....187

PM Service.....197

Wednesday.....NA

Contribution\$6068.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....9

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, Tuesday 7PM on Dish Channel
267 and Direct channel 376.

UPCOMING TOPIC

July 10

IS MARRIAGE OBSOLETE?

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo
congregation.