

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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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.



**Invite your friends and
join us for a study of Jesus!**

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
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The trouble with
being a good sport
is that you have to
lose to prove it.



Camden Clark

Pat Barclay (Room 117E)

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 will undergo more tests.

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), Gail Vensel
(Friend/Neighbor of Don & 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)



Remember our Jo Goldsmith in your prayers and she has knee surgery
Tuesday.



Congratulations to Jon and Brandi Hescht in the birth of
Cadence Rayne Hescht. She arrived June 21
weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces and 22 inches.

Congratulations to big sister, Teagan and proud grandmother,
Sonya Hescht.



- ♥ **Betty Lamb** would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, visits, meal and Frosty's. Thanks to Jim and Charlotte Galloway, Pam Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nesselroad for the bulletins and Frosty. It was good to get to church Sunday morning. I'm getting better but have a ways to go. May God bless everyone. It's good to have Christian friends. I sure enjoy cards and phone calls. Love, Betty
- ♥ We want to thank all of you who sent us warm wishes for our anniversary. We enjoyed them all. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thanks to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk for decorating the bulletin boards for summer.
- ♥ Thank you to Mary Lemley for preparing the communion bread this month.
- ♥ Thanks to Herb Wright for preparing and serving food for work camp.

BAPTISM

We welcome Joshua Hall as he was baptized last Friday evening. We are happy for Bill, Rosemay and Zoe Merrill for what a great example they are. His address is: 984 Price Road, Mineral Wells, WV 26150. He will be in Care Group 2. Welcome, Josh!

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

VBS TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a VBS teachers meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the June birthday-anniversary get-together in the MP Room this evening after services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to attend the sing and Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be July 6-9. Wednesday-Friday 6:30PM-8:30PM and Saturday 10:00AM-12:30PM. Cookies are needed and should be at the building by Wednesday, July 6.

WEDDING RECEPTION

Congratulations to Ryan and Madison Highman as they were married yesterday. Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor Sunday, July 10 from 3:00-5:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at JCPenney and Amazon.

BLOOD DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE . . . 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.

DVD'S AVAILABLE

The DVD's of the Family Discipleship workshop with Chip Pugh are 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 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 mac and cheese, juice boxes, pop tarts, breakfast bars, fruit snacks, etc.) Items may be left in the box in the parking lot foyer.

Sharon Armstrong-627 Lubeck Road, Washington, WV 26181

Mike Bayer-98 Stone Ridge Road, Washington, WV 26181

Betty Lamb-2600 Unity Plaza Apt. 101, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Bill Lemley-273 Blenn Lake Road, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Tammie Wilson-2503 Beverly St., Apt. 13A, Parkersburg, WV 26101



Let's let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Daily Bible Reading

June 26 - Acts 4:1-22, 2 Chronicles 4-6

June 27 - Acts 4:23-37, 2 Chronicles 7-8

June 28 - Acts 5:1-16, 2 Chronicles 9-11

June 29 - Acts 5:17-42, 2 Chronicles 12-14

June 30 - Acts 6, 2 Chronicles 15-17

July 1 - Acts 7:1-19, 2 Chronicles 18-20

July 2 - Acts 7:20-45, 2 Chronicles 21-23

July 3 - Acts 7:46-60, 2 Chronicles 24-25

DANA'S DIRECTION

“The Beatitudes – Blessed Indeed!”



When Jesus sat down and began to address the multitudes on the Mountain, He immediately gained their undivided attention. His first words offered the hope of blessedness. The Latin word for blessed is *beatus*, from which we get the word *beatitude*. This was a very powerful word to the people of Jesus' day. It meant "divine joy and perfect happiness." This concept was so compelling that it was thought to be unattainable to human beings. Blessedness was a condition enjoyed only by the 'gods' or the dead. Jesus said that, through God, it was attainable to all.... "Blessed are you."

Not that people in the world have never found happiness – at least the momentary satisfaction of enjoying positive circumstances in their lives. Jesus, however, spoke of a joy that emanates from within. Some speak of the beatitudes as the *be-attitudes*, or the attitudes that we must have to be happy. But, the beatitudes are much more than that! These are the attitudes, the qualities and convictions that must be in our heart to be accepted by God. This is not a Christian self-help program. Jesus is not talking about a change in attitude (although that will certainly result) he is talking about a change in us! The beatitudes are not suggestions they are demands – God's expectations of us. This is what must be true of you and me, if we are going to be able to approach God. If we humble ourselves, and be what God expects us to be, He will make the changes needed in us. This will result in true joy – a genuine and lasting state of being right with God. Blessedness!

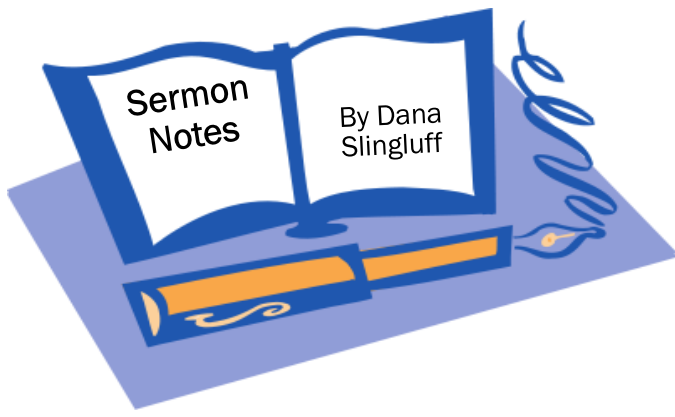
The beatitudes do describe the attitudes that should be true in at least four different areas of our lives:

Our attitude toward ourselves (5:3). *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* To be poor in spirit is the opposite of being haughty or proud. The proud man is self-reliant and sees no need of God. The man who is poor in spirit realizes that he can be nothing and do nothing without Him.

Our attitude toward our sins (5:4-6). *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."* It takes being poor in spirit to recognize the truth about ourselves. An honest person will readily acknowledge his sins, be penitent and sorrowful about them. He will be meekly humble himself under the mighty hand of God. He will hunger and thirst to know God's will for his life and to fulfill it.

Our attitude toward the Lord (5:7-9). *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God."* One who humbles himself before the Lord develops a living relationship with God. Since we have received mercy, we give mercy freely to others. We seek to keep our hearts free from the lusts of this world and focused upon our Father. We seek to lead others to find peace with God and live peacefully with one another.

Our attitude toward the world (5:10-12). *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* As the children of God, we realize that we walk in opposition to the world around us. Being persecuted is an indication that we are being faithful. (II Timothy 3:12) We should be happy to suffer persecution for the one who laid down his life for us! (Acts 5:41) Those who endure these trials will receive a crown of life. (James 1:12)



“Go Your Way And Sin No More”

John 8:1-12

Its Work and Mission are Generously Supported?

Churches that please God talk about money and they promote giving. Sometimes this offends people. But why? It is because we believe the church, because its focus is on the spiritual and things that are above, is somehow soiling her purpose by giving care and concern to that which is material? While it may seem noble to be offended for such a reason it neglects the fact that the church moves and operates in a material world, As we shall see such offense finds no support in Scripture.

The real reason why some find talk of money and giving distasteful in the church is because nothing disturbs the conscience more than challenges that concern our pocketbooks and wallets. We live in a culture of affluence. We don't just have all we need; we have (many of us) far more than we need. Our wants have even become our needs. Consequently many have an insatiable appetite for the things of this world and money is the key to having them. It is often difficult to persuade people to part with "their money."

But what money we have in our control is not really "our money." All we possess is due to the goodness of God who allows us to be His stewards (Matthew 25:14-30). God wants us to give, out of what He has given us, to His work. Great churches are comprised of believers who are seeking God's kingdom first (Matthew 6:33); who have already given themselves (heart, mind, body, and soul) to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:1-7). Nowhere is this attitude better seen than when it comes to the support of the good works of God's church.

There are two things we need to appreciate when it comes to giving. First, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights. . ."* (James 1:17). Second, no matter how much you give to God it will never compare to God's gift to you through His Son. Any way we want to look at it we are indebted to God.

Because God expects His people to support the work and mission of the church, great churches remind their members of the dangers of riches (1 Timothy 6:10), of God's love for the cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7), and that the blessings of God to the giver are greater than His blessings to the receiver (Acts 20:35). Just as God expects us to love Him because He first loves us (1 John 4:19), so He expects us to give in response to His giving to us.



The church that gives is the church that lives.

The church that bestows is the church that grows.

The church that releases is the church that increases.

The church that spends is the church that wins.

The church that holds is the church that molds.

The church that keeps is the church that weeps.

Youth Events

There will be a meeting today in Room 109 after Bible study to discuss the Cedar Point Youth trip planned for Tuesday, July 12.

The traveling youth group will be at Sunrise congregation this evening. Their service begins at 6:00.

No transportation will be provided.

West Virginia Christian Youth Camp

(Pennsboro, WV)
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.



RATTLED

A certain young man worked in a factory where heavy machinery rattled the entire building. Not liking the jarring, he brought a rubber mat to the factory and stood on it. The vibrations no longer bothered him as they once had. However, after several days, someone stole his mat. He responded by getting two pieces of rubber and nailing them to his heels. He now had two little rubber mats that no one could steal and that went with him everywhere. The name of the young man was O'Sullivan, the inventor of rubber heels. Like this young man, we as Christians have that which protects us against the jarring of the world. It is called prayer, and it goes with us everywhere.

Bulletin Digest

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



In a few months, we will be electing a new President of the United States along with other officials. Have you decided who will receive your vote? If so, what criteria have you used to make your decision? Is your vote based on the candidate's political party? Will you vote for the person who has the nicest looks, the best personality, or who promises the most money in your wallet? How do you decide?

I hope you include other reasons when you make your decision! As Christians, I would hope that our decisions are based on more godly principles. I would hope that we would consider what God's Word has to say about what is right and wrong, and that we would cast our votes for those who best represent these Christian values. We cannot separate any part of our lives, including our political opinions, from our Christian lives. As such, we must cast our votes based on God's standard of right and wrong, **NOT** on superficial and worldly reasons like were just mentioned. How will **you** cast your vote?

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



NOT ENOUGH TIME

USA Today consulted the advice of experts from various fields to chart how much time was needed for the daily necessities of life - if you did everything the experts said you were supposed to, for as long as they said you should.. The experts stated:

- You should sleep for 7.5 hours.
- Exercise for 30 minutes.
- Spend 45 minutes for personal grooming.
- Allow 1 hour for cooking and eating.
- Spend 1-2 hours for housekeeping and chores.
- Work 7-10 hours.
- Grocery shop for about 20 minutes.

The *USA Today* article also contained expert advise on how must time to spend with children, your spouse, commuting to work, reading, and other daily activities. *USA Today* counted up all the minutes needed for our daily tasks, and it came to 42 hours! Obviously no one has that much time in a day. What do we do? We prioritize to get done what needs done. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not a fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16).

He most important matter in our lives is our relationship with God, but many never find enough time to fit God in. Don't make that mistake. Seek God first, and other things will fall into place (Matthew 6:33).

David Sargent (Tipp City Church of Christ bulletin)

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6 - 9 Vacation Bible School
July 23 Church Picnic

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

July 3
SAYING NO TO GOD

Friday Night Sing



The sing will be held Friday at the
Valley Bend congregation (South
of Elkins) at 7:00PM.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 3



ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brent West

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Jim Hinzman

Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Gaston

PM - Rob Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Hoover T

PM - Chris Mullins

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

**The Lawn Crew for this week is
the Kirk crew.**

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



Facts and Figures

June 19, 2016

AM Service.....280

Bible Study.....184

PM Service.....197

Wednesday.....169

Contribution\$6190.00

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