

# 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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We enjoyed a nice day aboard the Valley Gem experiencing the tour through Devol's Lock and Dam on the Muskingham River last Friday.

Thanks to all that went on the tour. We also appreciate Dwain for planning the trip.

Photos by Keith Smith



**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  
Rob Hoover  
Kevin Inman  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Chris Mullins  
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Obedience to God is  
an Expression of our  
Love to God.



*Welcome to our congregation.  
We are a praying, loving church family.*

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

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery,  
Gloria Frazier, June Freels, Sharon Herridge, Jim Hughes, Bill Lemley, Nancy Kimes,  
Lois Nulter, Kathy Plant, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Dorothy Stevens, Tammie 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, John Curd, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Kathy  
Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider  
(Linda Hall's mother), Willow Slayton (Infant great granddaughter of Cotton and Patty  
Sayre), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma  
White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

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We extend our sympathy to Madeline Gregg in the passing of her brother,  
Larry G. Hays. He passed away August 1 in Mountain Rock, Arkansas.  
Keep Madeline in your prayers.



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and sweet notes. A special thank you to the "special Christian friend" for the card and gift. Love, **Hannah Shears**
- ♥ Thanks for the cards, visits while I was in the hospital. Keep me in your prayers. I am doing my dialysis at home now (with the help of Ira). Hope to see you soon. In Christian Love, **Nancy Kimes**



### RESTORED

Lori Smith came forward Wednesday evening. She requested prayers and to be restored to the church. Continue to pray for her.

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages and join in the fellowship.

### ASSISTANCE REQUESTED WITH FIREWOOD

Anyone willing to help with firewood for Love and Care, please meet tomorrow evening at 5:00 at Professional Tire and Radiator.

### MEN'S MEETING, LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin August 29 at 5:45 in the MP Room. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Job assignments will include visitation, work around the building, attendance cards and pencils, sending cards, etc.

### 30th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 17. Topic: Daniel and Hosea (NKJV). 1st-6th grade only cover the book of Daniel. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. Everyone is welcome to come support the teams.

### GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach will be September 11-14. Please make plans to attend and invite others.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank and fill it over the next months. Banks are available in the foyers.

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new church directories are to be here the end of this month or early September.

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### Daily Bible Reading

August 14 - Romans 7, Psalms 30-33  
August 15 - Romans 8:1-17, Psalms 34-36  
August 16 - Romans 8:18-39, Palms 37-38  
August 17 - Romans 9, Psalms 39-43  
August 18 - Romans 10. Psalms 44-47  
August 19 - Romans 11:1-21, Psalms 48-51  
August 20 - Romans 11:22-36, Psalms 52-56  
August 21 - Romans 12, Psalms 57-61



*Children are a gift  
from the Lord.  
They are a reward  
from Him.  
Psalms 127:3*





## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “I Want to be a Worker for the Lord”

You may be old enough to remember the television program in the 50's that was called the “Life and Loves of Dobbie Gillis.” My favorite character on the show was Maynard G. Krebs (played by Bob Denver, West Virginia native). Maynard was a “beatnick” (50's version of a “hippy”) and Dobbie's best friend. Whenever it was mentioned that a job needed to be done, Maynard would respond with a pained expression “Work?! Even the word “work” made him uncomfortable.

Sometimes you get a similar reaction when you talk about the work of the church. We like to worship and praise God. We like the fellowship with one another. But work?!

I believe that we have had real difficulty over the past few years of striking a proper balance between grace, faith and works. The impression that we may have left through the years that we are saved by our works is wrong. Paul clearly stated “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) But, it is just as wrong to leave the impression that salvation by grace takes away the need for effort. As Paul concludes his statement on salvation by grace through faith, “For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Jesus did not hesitate to speak of the effort that is involved in following Him. He led by His own example. When Jesus did not even take time from His efforts to eat, He told His disciples “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (John 4:34) He said “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.” (John 9:4)

The Christian life is one of working. “Take up your cross and follow Me.” When asked “Lord, are there few who are saved?” And He said to them “Strive to enter in through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” (Luke 13:23-24) The Greek word for strive is *agonos* from which we get the word “agony.” No one will go to heaven who does not desire to go and work toward that end.

Notice how many of Jesus' illustrations (parables) about the kingdom (church) involve work. The kingdom is called a vineyard where the master calls his servants to work. (Matthew 21:28) The judgment is compared to a master who returns and calls his servants to give an account of their work. (Matthew 25:14-30) If one is still uncertain about what those works may be, the scriptures clearly state that the Father's works include seeking the lost, taking care of the sick and the poor, the fatherless and the widows, building up and encouraging the church.

It seems like the church today has lost the urgency of working in the Lord's church. During the years that the church was growing so rapidly, we emphasized it. Look at the many songs we have sung through the years. “I want to be a worker for the Lord,” “To the work to the work.” “Are you sewing the seed of the kingdom, brother?” A recent article by one who studies the hymns of the church concluded of all the new praise songs that are being used today, none of them speak of working for the Lord!

There is no question, however, about what God emphasizes. God has “purified for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:14) There are those, however, that profess to know God, but in works, they deny Him.” (Titus 1:16) To every church that Jesus wrote to through John in the Revelation, He said “I know your works.” Of that final judgment Jesus said “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Revelation 22:12)

I want to be a worker for the Lord!

# The Greatest Command (Mark 12:28-34)



“Which is the greatest commandment of all? Jesus answered him, ‘The \_\_\_\_\_ of all the commandments is: \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_. And you shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all you \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_\_\_. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment.’” (Mark 12:28-30)

God is the source of our \_\_\_\_\_. He measures our religion by what is in our \_\_\_\_\_. “If I have not \_\_\_\_\_, it profits me nothing.” (I Corinthians 13:3)

We must love God \_\_\_\_\_. “With all your \_\_\_\_\_.” “But his delight is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, and in His law he \_\_\_\_\_ day and night.” (Psalm 1:2) “Do not love the \_\_\_\_\_ or the things of the world. If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ the world, the love of the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in him. For all that is in the world – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh, the lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of life is not of the Father but is of the world.” (I John 2:15-16)

We must love God \_\_\_\_\_. “With all your \_\_\_\_\_.” “You obeyed from the \_\_\_\_\_ that form of \_\_\_\_\_ that was delivered unto you.” (Romans 6:17) “For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He gave his only begotten Son.” (John 3:16)

We must love God \_\_\_\_\_. “With all your \_\_\_\_\_.” “God is \_\_\_\_\_ and those who worship Him must worship Him in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_. Christianity is a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ and with one another.

We must love God \_\_\_\_\_. “With all our \_\_\_\_\_.” “Be \_\_\_\_\_ of the word, and not \_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves.” (James 1:22). “Present your \_\_\_\_\_ a living \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable to God, which is your \_\_\_\_\_ service.” (Romans 12:1)

The Proof that we love God. “Love the Lord your God, \_\_\_\_\_ in all of His ways, keep His \_\_\_\_\_; hold \_\_\_\_\_ to Him; \_\_\_\_\_ Him with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Joshua 22:5) “If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ Me, he will keep My \_\_\_\_\_; and my Father will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ to him and make our \_\_\_\_\_ with him.” (John 14:23)

## September Birthday - Anniversaries

September 1 - Lole Johnson, \*Calvin & Jean Martin  
September 2 - Grayson Harper (Tim & Nancy Proffit's granddaughter)  
September 4 - \*Paul & Barbara Saunders  
September 5 - Wilma Lewis, Harold Shank, Ruth Wells  
September 7 - Steve Moser  
September 8 - \*Kody & Chelsea Inman  
September 9 - Delmas Carr, Ali Cochran  
September 10 - Gloria Frazier, Zoe Merrill, Leigh Parmer, \*Keith & Peggy Cowdery  
September 11 - Kathy Plant, Ike Parmer  
September 12 - Bill Fleak, Jason Parmer  
September 13 - Gene Phillips  
September 14 - Sally Shank, Brenden Smith, \*Steve & Holly Sprout  
September 16 - Patty Sayre  
September 17 - Jenny Reynolds  
September 18 - Ray Johnson, Braiden Knotts, Kyle Knotts  
September 20 - Colton Rouse, Valeria Sprout, \*Brent & Holly West  
September 21 - Connie Hickman  
September 22 - Nancy Inman  
September 23 - Jo Goldsmith  
September 24 - De Fleak, Sandy Keller, \*Harvey & Mary Caplinger  
September 25 - Avery Goldsmith  
September 26 - Alisha Hershman, Chloe McCloskey  
September 27 - Gilbert Hardman, Sean Plant  
September 28 - Carl Curtiss, Natalie Inman, \*Allen & Billie Coe  
September 29 - Cheryl Logston  
September 20 - Naomi Carr



If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed above and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.

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Remember our shut-ins and those who have not been able to attend services lately.  
Let them know we love them and pray for them.

### Jane Pralley

Worthington Care and Rehab. Center  
2675 36th Street Parkersburg, WV 26104

### Pat Burkey, Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault, Eleanor Slingluff, Valeria Spout

Love & Care  
PO Box 1512 Parkersburg, WV 26102

### Myrtle Metz

707 Virgil Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101



### Dorothy Stevens

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Mineral Wells, WV 26150

### Nancy Kimes

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Parkersburg, WV 26101

### Sharon Armstrong

627 Lubeck Road  
Washington, WV 26181

### Neil Russell

204 Edgelawn Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

# Youth Events

August 27

Youth Day at Rockport congregation  
3:00-9:00

August 28

Travelling Youth Group at the  
New Concord congregation



All children are invited to come to  
Bible Busters 5:30 each Sunday evening.



Thanks to those who gave blood at our Blood Drive last Monday. We were short on donors but did OK. They collected 21 units and our goal was 32, (down from 39). Thanks again to our workers, Linda Camp, Sandy Hughes, Tammy Kerns, Annette Kirk, Sallie Hinzman, Karen Life, Patty Sayre, Emma Hershman, Holly Haught and JoAnn Goldsmith. A special thanks o the Hershman's for the cookies.

Marion

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Tom was one of the fortunate ones. He survived his heart attack at age 45. It was a Monday morning when he first experienced a sharp pain between his shoulder blades. He recognized the symptoms quickly and a friend rushed him to a nearby hospital where he was saved. Today he leads a normal life, and follows a healthy lifestyle.



But what about a spiritual heart attack? The indicators of this kind of heart attack are: elevated self importance, a weak prayer life, overemphasis on worldly things, and lack of interest in church or Bible study. Is it time to start taking care of your spiritual heart as well as your physical heart!

The next time you take the pulse of your physical heartbeat, use that as a reminder to check your spiritual heartbeat. And guess what! There is also a book on the topic of maintaining a healthy spiritual heart - It's called the Bible! John said, "I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2).

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, August 21

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dearll Vincent

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Marion Goldsmith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Scott Smith

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Brian Haught

6:00 PM - Paul Inman

Close - Jim Galloway

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Barry Hupp

PM - Paul Saunders

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Scott Johnson

Ben Haught

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk



## Life is A Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - think of someone who died too early.

Before you complain about your children - think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep - think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive - think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger of condemning another - remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one Maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

Author Unknown

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.



They include Kevin Cochran, Doug Hershman, Doug Hinzman and Kevin Inman.

## Facts and Figures

August 7, 2016

AM Service.....278

Bible Study.....207

PM Service.....239

Wednesday.....220

Contribution .....\$10264.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....11



**In Search** program will air 6:30-7:00AM through September 4 due to program changes.

The program will also air on CBS 12:00-12:30PM.

## 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.

**August 21- REPENTANCE**

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pursley congregation.

**Everyone invited!**