

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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BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Please use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teachers.

Open my mind to learn.

Help my heart remember you are near when I am afraid.

Help me love others like You love me.

Help me be a shining light so others will see You in my life.

Help me do my very best.

I want to be a good student and a blessing to others.

Please bless the teachers, aides, nurses, bus drivers/transportation staff, secretaries, custodians, principles, counselors, kitchen staff, librarians and security officers.

I pray for a prosperous, safe, healthy and happy school year.

Amen

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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Faith in God
includes faith in
His timing.



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, Treva Daggett, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), 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)



Remember our brothers and sisters in Christ that have been experiencing health issues, including Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Sharon Herridge, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Lois Nulter, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell and Dorothy Stevens.

Send them a card to brighten their day.



- ♥ Thanks everyone. My Birthday was so special with brothers and sisters in Christ like you. Love, **Phyllis Johnson**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards I received for my birthday. I enjoyed them all so much! Thank you for remembering me! Thanks, **Debi Inman**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and the visits at the passing of our mother. Thank you. **Ron and Peggy Riddle**



LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will be in charge of the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and this Thursday evening at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

BIBLE BUSTERS

Bible Busters will meet today at 5:30 and will begin meeting the first three Sundays of each month.

BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room from 1:00-6:00. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Donors are still needed.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY TUESDAY

Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue or glue sticks, notebook paper. These should be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer. Monetary donations may be given to Dwain Shears or any of the Elders. We will also deliver cleaning and school supplies to the WV flood areas.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

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

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin August 29 at 6:00 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). The 1st-6th grade only cover the book of Daniel. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. Everyone is welcome to come support the teams.



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

Daily Bible Reading

August 7 - Romans 1:1-17, Job 41-42
August 8 - Romans 1:18-32, Psalms 1-6
August 9 - Romans 2, Psalms 7-12
August 10 - Romans 3, Psalms 13-17
August 11 - Romans 4, Psalms 18-21
August 12 - Romans 5, Psalms 22-24
August 13 - Romans 6, Palms 25-29
August 14 - Romans 7, Psalms 30-33



When you're going through something hard and wonder where God is remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.



DANA'S DIRECTION

A Successful Church

No matter what the undertaking may be, we desire to be successful. That can be no more true than when it comes to the success of the Lord's church. The most important task that we can put our hands to is to work for the success of the church.

That being said, some apparently do not fully understand what makes a church successful. In the minds of most people, a successful church is measured in size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community. People often point to the mega-churches within our society as examples of successful churches.

While there is nothing wrong with size, numbers, facilities and reputation within a community, not a single one of these characteristics is essential or integral to having a successful church. A church can be successful without possessing a single one of the above qualities.

So just what does make a church successful? While I cannot offer an exhaustive list, below are some of the qualities that make churches successful.

- Christians who humbly and quietly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives every day.
- Christians who unceasingly pray, every day for the strength and stability of the Lord's church.
- Christians who love the truth supremely; who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.
- Christians who are committed to moral living and whose goal is not to fit in with society, but whose goal is purity and godliness.
- Christians who love peace more than they do a fight; who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss; and who love words of edification more than the allure of gossip.
- Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and who re-affirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now those characteristics would make a successful church! And take note: It's not about numbers, size, or facilities. It's about inward transformation, a renewing of the mind, conforming one's life into the image of Jesus. And here's the best news—it's within the grasp of everyone of us. You see, it matters not whether we can or cannot grow to great number, or build some huge facility, or have a multimillion dollar budget, because those are not the things that make great churches. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God's eyes are qualities that are within reach, that each one of us, if we choose to embrace, will make, and will continue to make us a faithful and successful congregation of the Lord's church.



SERMON NOTES: "Winning God's Approval"

(II Timothy 2:14-19)

"Be _____ to present yourself _____ to God, a _____ who does not need to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

Winning God's Approval is not just _____, it is _____. "We must all appear before the _____ seat of _____." (II Corinthians 5:10) "For God will bring every _____ into judgment, including every _____ thing, whether _____ or _____." (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

* To be approved by God requires _____ effort. Diligence is the _____ and _____ application to an undertaking; steady _____. Jesus said that serving Him requires _____. "_____ to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you will seek to enter and will _____ be able." (Luke 13:24)

Salvation requires _____. "He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a _____ of those who diligently _____ Him. (Hebrews 11:6) "Giving all _____, add to your faith virtue." (II Peter 1:5)

** To be approved by God, We must be a _____. "For we are His _____ created in Christ Jesus for good _____ which God prepared _____ that we should _____ in them." (Ephesians 2:10) Jesus' life was an example of _____. Jesus did _____ work. "I must work the works of _____ who _____ Me while it is _____, the night is coming when no one can _____." (John 9:4) God has given us _____ to do. These involve meeting _____ needs. God's primary work is the _____ of souls. "Go and make _____ of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit _____ them to observe all things I have _____ you." (Matthew 28:19-20) We must work diligently. "Be _____, immovable, always _____ in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in _____ in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58)

*** To be approved by God, We must _____ His _____. "A _____ that who does not need to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15) Knowing God's word requires _____. "These were more _____ than those in Thessalonica, in that they _____ the word with all _____, and _____ the Scriptures, to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11) As God's workers, the only tool we have is the _____. "Be _____ to give an _____ to everyone who _____ you a reason for the _____ that is in you, with _____ and in _____." (I Peter 3:15) "A _____ of the Lord must not _____ but be _____ to all, able to _____, _____, in _____ correcting those who are in opposition - so they may know the _____." (II Timothy 2:24-25)



DO YOUR VERY BEST

I heard a story recently about a congregation that hired a contractor to repaint their building steeple. When the painting began, it became apparent that the contractor had underestimated the amount of paint it would take to do the job. He instructed his workers to thin the paint so that there would be enough to complete the work. Even though it was a clear day and not a cloud in the sky, when the workers started using the thinned down paint, there was a large clap of thunder and a voice from heaven said, "Repaint, and thin no more."

While we enjoy a humorous story such as this, there is a moral lesson here as well. God desires for us to be honest, to do our very best, take no short cuts, and be true to the commitments we have made. By doing these things and striving to be like Jesus, the world will be able to see Him in our lives and hopefully be receptive to the good news about our Savior.

Isaiah 33:15-16, *"He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil - this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied and water will not fail him."*

Proverbs 12:22, *"The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in men who are truthful."*

1 Peter 1:15-16, *"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do: for it is written; "Be holy, because I am holy."*

Philippians 4:8, *"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

Colossians 3:23, *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men."*

Ecclesiastes 9:10, *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."*

Ecclesiastes 12:13, *"Now all has been heard, here is the conclusion of the matter; Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."*



Back to School

New clothes are in the closet. New backpacks are packed and ready to go. Summer vacation is over and it's back to school! The weeks of summer pleasure gave young minds a chance to rest, but now it's back to work. Time to study again.

Even though school work is demanding, we should never neglect studying and learning from the Bible.

Our young people face many challenges today. We need to pray for them and be an encouragement to them. Let them know they are loved and appreciated.

We pray that all students from pre-school through college will have a happy, healthy and prosperous school year.

2 Timothy 2:15 - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When you see a birthday gift are you afraid to open it? Do you timidly poke at it, hoping that it won't bite you? Of course not! Because you know it's a gift that was given to you by someone who cares about you! So you don't stop opening until the gift is revealed. That is exactly what God wants you to do with the precious gift He's given you [which is] "the future"!



No matter what stage of life you are in, the future is waiting for you every morning, as new and bright as the promises of God. Don't let fear of the unknown keep you from folding back the paper and taking hold of what God had given you.

"I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11)

When you realize that God is always with you, the future doesn't look like such a scary place anymore. It just looks like a gift waiting to be opened. All you have to do is trust Him and follow where He leads.

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

WANTED

Loyal Church Members

- All sizes. Males and Females. Baptized believers. Identified with the local congregation.
- Attend all Bible classes and worship services, when possible. Actively participates in the work of the congregation.
- Positive thinkers. Optimistic. "Sons of exhortation." Not grumbling complainers. Not carping critics.
- Pray daily for the church. Speak well concerning their congregation. Refuse to gossip. Encourages the youth of the church.
- Compliment teachers. Commend leaders. Praise good works. Sympathize with the hurt. Help the weak. Lift up the discouraged.
- Seek the lost. Restore the fallen. Give liberally. Volunteer for service.
- Eager to work. Desire a challenge. Strive for excellence in all church activities. Despise mediocrity. Put the Lord first, all else second.
- Study the Bible daily.
- Live holy lives. Have we described YOU?

Adapted from the Bulletin Digest

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

BIBLE LECTURSHIP

August 7-10, 2016

Church of Christ - 5075 Toledo Avenue, Lorain, OH 44055

HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST? Luke 14:28-30

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Sand Hill (Point Pleasant) congregation.

Everyone invited!

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 14- BELIEVING IN JESUS

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 14

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Bill Merrill

6:00 PM - Steve Moser

Close - Jim Hinzman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Hayden Moser

PM - Len Haid

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Dearll Vincent

Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Galloway crew.



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

Facts and Figures

July 31, 2016

AM Service.....195

Bible Study.....272

PM Service.....287

Wednesday.....194

Contribution\$5665.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership....11

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00