

# 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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## GIVE BLOOD

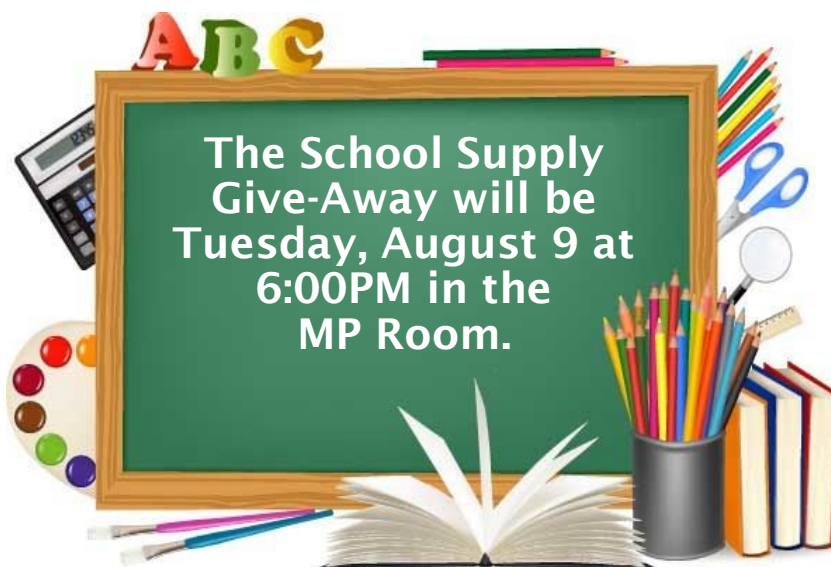


American Red Cross

*You can make a difference.*

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

Donors are still needed.



The School Supply  
Give-Away will be  
Tuesday, August 9 at  
6:00PM in the  
MP Room.

Items are needed for our School Supply Give-Away.

See page 3 for details.

## 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  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner

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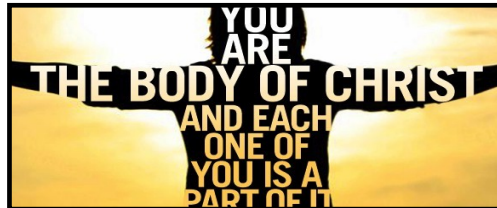


The tongue weighs  
practically nothing,  
yet so few people  
can hold it!



- ♥ I want to thank my church family for the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. They all mean so very much during this difficult time. I am doing better each day but still have room for improvement. My throat muscles and speech has been affected this time and it is going to take time for them to recover. I've been told by the doctors to only speak for ten minutes out of each hour to allow time for the muscles to recover. And the same goes for my throat muscles that control the swallowing. Please continue to remember me in your prayer. Love you all. **Bill Lemley**
- ♥ Christian friends, Sometimes simple words say it best, thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, food and encouragement. Our heartfelt appreciation. Thank you again. Love, **Marion and Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ We thank you all for the anniversary cards. **Keith and Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards and well wishes during my knee surgery and recovery. **Mike Bayer**
- ♥ I appreciate your acts of kindness while I was in the hospital. The cards, visits and calls meant so much. **Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the cards for my 95th birthday. I appreciate all of them very much. I hope to get cards next year for my 96th. **Harold Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the beautiful anniversary cards and wishes. Also greatly appreciated were the fresh fruit and edible arrangement. In Christian love, **Jane and Bill**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards. **Margaret Dawkins**

A special thank you to **Debi Inman** for baking the communion bread this month.



## Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, June Freels, 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)

Our sister Dorothy Stevens has been in the hospital and is now home. Please keep her in your prayers and remember her with cards. No visits, please.

Billie Coe has been in the hospital and is now home recuperating. This is a great time to send her a card and let her know she is loved and in our prayers.



## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ron Riddle and family in the passing of his mother, Wilma Riddle. Her service was held yesterday in Harrisville.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Our brother Glenn Snider came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers. Continue to pray for and encourage our brother.

## GOLDEN AGER BOAT RIDE TRIP- MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 to discuss the upcoming Golden Ager trip. We will be taking a boat ride this Friday, August 5, leaving here at 10:00 AM. This will be a 3 hour historic trip on the Muskingham River. Rain or shine. Sign-up sheet on the counter with details.

## BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the get-together in the MP Room this evening after services to celebrate July birthdays and anniversaries. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

## SECRET SISTER

We will meet to reveal our secret sisters at 6:00PM this Thursday, August 4 at Western Sizzlin. If you need more details, see Julie Taberner or Kimberlee.

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will be in charge of the services at Love and Care Sunday, August 7 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 11 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

## BLOOD DRIVE

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

## SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

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 send supplies to the WV flood areas.



Have a great week in the service of our Lord!

Let the beauty of Christ be seen in YOU!

**Serve, Love, Act, Live,  
Be...Like Jesus!**

## Daily Bible Reading

July 31 - Acts 24, Job 24-27  
August 1 - Acts 25, Job 28-29  
August 2 - Acts 26, Job 30-31  
August 3 - Acts 27:1-12, Job 32-33  
August 4 - Acts 27:13-44, Job 34-36  
August 5 - Acts 28:1-15, Job 37-38  
August 6 - Acts 28:16-31, Job 39-40  
August 7 - Romans 1:1-17, Job 41-42



Church doesn't start until the service is over.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Whom Should We Fear?

**Jesus said “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But a rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).**

We are certainly living in violent times. The focus on the news every evening seems to be on people taking out their hatred, fears or disappointments by randomly shooting people. Our sensitivities to this are so acute, that wherever in the world it takes place, whether it involves 3 people or 300, it is the leading story. It leads to a feeling of paranoia. Like we are at risk every day and in every place.

In reaction to this threat, people are buying guns in record numbers. The daily political debate vacillates between “More gun control” and “Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.” Let me state clearly, the purpose of this article is **not political**. There is certainly nothing wrong in owning a weapon or using it to protect the safety of one’s self or family. I believe that Jesus indicated this principle when he spoke of His return as a thief in the night. **“But know this, if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into” (Matthew 10:43).**

The focus of this article is rather about perspective and priorities. I do not think God wants the focus of our life to be one of fear. Our primary concern in life should not be protecting our stuff from bad people, but sharing the gospel of Christ which has the power to make bad people good. Treating all people with kindness, respect and love eliminates much, certainly not all but much, of the animosity that people might act out with against us. It’s true that all of us face the risk of being harmed in this world, but if it keeps us from living lives of faith and trust in God, then evil has prevailed over good. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). If I lose my life while protecting myself, my soul is secure in Christ. If I take one, [a life] they would be without hope. (I would protect myself and my family if necessary, but my faith would be that the Lord’s will would be done however it turned out).

My second thought relates to security of Christians who are assembled to worship. Church security is a booming industry. Thousands of dollars are being spent on cameras, alarms and monitoring devices. Churches are training response teams and having “active shooter” drills. It has been said, the church has an obligation to provide a safe setting for people to worship. I wonder how the church in the first century regarded that obligation. But for the sake of discussion, what is the risk involved? Could it happen – Yes! But what is the actual risk of armed people coming into our assembly and killing worshippers?

The most recent year I could document was 2012. That year there were 135 incidents of deadly force on church properties which resulted in 75 deaths. That included not just worship times, but church charities, and day care centers, etc. The majority of them involved personal grievances, domestic disputes, etc. The “armed robbery” that we often talk about involved a minute number. The average number of American people in church on Sunday was determined by Pew Research for that year was about 134 million. Now what is the statistical chance of being endangered by a random shooter in Sunday worship? Less, much less, that the chance of being stuck by lightning.

My conclusion: Should we take reasonable measures to protect those who assemble to worship? Absolutely! But what is our primary concern? What is our primary focus? It has to be on people’s eternal souls! Do we show the same amount of concern for those who are attending our worship who are not living as Christians should? James says turning them from the error of their way will save them from death (eternal loss). (James 5:19-20) Shouldn’t we be willing to invest the same amount in training, expense and effort to seek and save the lost as we do to protect our facilities? **Where is our focus? “Do not fear him who can kill the body...but Him who can destroy soul and body in hell.”**

# "All Scripture"

(II Timothy 3:14-17)



## I) The Bible is from God.

"All \_\_\_\_\_ is given by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (II Timothy 3:16)

The meaning of the word inspiration is God \_\_\_\_\_. "No prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_ is of any private interpretation.... But holy men of God spoke as they were \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit." (II Peter 1:20-21) **The Bible is Holy.** "And from childhood you have known the \_\_\_\_\_ Scriptures" (II Timothy 3:15) **We are \_\_\_\_\_ to have a Bible.**

## II) The Bible contains God's \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

"The holy scriptures which are able to make you \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation, through faith that is in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus." (II Tim. 3:15) "You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have \_\_\_\_\_ life; and these are they that \_\_\_\_\_ of Me." (John 5:39) **It is only through the scriptures that we could \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.** "These things are written that you might \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God, and believing you might have \_\_\_\_\_ in His name." (John 20:31) "Faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_ and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (Romans 10:17) **We are saved by the \_\_\_\_\_.** "Having been born again, not of \_\_\_\_\_ seed but incorruptible, through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which \_\_\_\_\_ and abides forever." (I Peter 1:23)

## III) The study of the Bible is profitable.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for instruction in \_\_\_\_\_." (II Tim 3:16) **Doctrine teaches you what is \_\_\_\_\_.** **Reproof teaches you what is \_\_\_\_\_.** **Correction teaches you how to \_\_\_\_\_ right.** **Instruction in righteousness teaches you how to \_\_\_\_\_ right.**

## IV) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

"That the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ for every good work." (II Tim 3:17) "Through His \_\_\_\_\_ power has given us \_\_\_\_\_ things that pertain to life and \_\_\_\_\_ through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." (II Peter 1:3) **We need to get \_\_\_\_\_ to the Bible.**



**OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY**  
**TEACHERS**  
**ELDERS**  
**DEACONS**  
**WORKSHOP**



**Saturday, August 6, 2016**

The Ohio Valley University Teachers/Elders/Deacon’s workshop is a special day packed with practical tips, expert advice, and relevant information on leading various aspects of today’s churches. Come prepared to be energized and enlightened. Leave enthused and ready to make practical applications in your congregation!

**Saturday, August 6, 2016**

8:30AM	Registration
9:00-9:45	Opening Keynote - “Hope for the Church”
10:00-10:45	Session 1
11:00-11:45	Session 2
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-2:00	Session 3
2:00	Close & Dismiss from individual class sessions

Classes - the day is divided into three sessions, during those sessions you may choose any class you wish to attend from the list below. Feel free to take a teaching class and an elder class, or two elder classes...choose the topics that interest you.

- Teaching Preschoolers** (Jenny Haguewood and Robin Davidson)
- Teaching Grades 1 - 3** (Kay Mills)
- Teaching Grades 4 - 6** (Tammy Marcum and Kitty Kahrig)
- Teaching Teens** (Ryan Ice)
- Teaching Adults** (Gary Herridge)
- The Mental Model of Leadership**
- Overcoming Resistance to Change**
- Taking Action**
- What Ministers Wish Their Elders Knew**

Deacons will engage with others in a peer-to-peer roundtable event to gain advice and discuss how to become more effective servants in the church.

**Note:** Anyone desiring to attend - the Elders have agreed that our congregation will pay the \$15.00 registration fee.

# YOUTH SECTION

The Traveling Youth Group will be worshipping with us this evening at our singing service. Then our youth will meet in the MP Room and have a campfire on the lawn.

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes kick-off

There will be a meeting this Friday evening at 6:30 in the MP Room for anyone interested in LLL. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts and beverages.

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You will never have this day with your children again. Tomorrow they'll be a little older than they were today.

This day is a gift from God.

Pause to say a prayer and thank Him for our children. Just breathe, notice, study their little faces and feet.

Pay Attention.

Relish the charms of the present.

Enjoy today, it will be over before you know it.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The old preacher brought out a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of glass, crystal, and plain looking cheap cups. When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in their hands, the preacher said: "Notice that all the nice looking expensive cups were taken, but not the plain and cheap ones. What you really wanted was the chocolate, not the cup, but you subconsciously went for the best cups.



Consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us.

God makes the hot chocolate, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have! Live simply. Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly. And enjoy your hot chocolate!

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



## Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, Lord, for the rewards of Your love and the simplicity of Your grace; thank You for letting me discover Your will for my life with patience and understanding; thank You for being a compassionate Father and constant friend.

Thank you, Lord, for listening closely to my prayers, seeing what my heart needs most, and blessing my life with Your goodness.

The blessing of prayer is knowing God is listening and upholding every promise He has made to you.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Author Unknown

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## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURSHIP

August 7, 2016

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

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

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards with details

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Veto congregation.

### 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 7 - HEARING THE GOSPEL**

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 7

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Marion Goldsmith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Jon Hescht

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life  
Close - Jimmy Galloway  
6:00 PM - Don Gaston  
Close - Chris Hofmann

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Bent West  
PM - Braden Hesselrode

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Ron Riddle  
PM - Bill Camp  
Patrick Rine

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway

## 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

July 24, 2016

AM Service.....258  
Bible Study.....154  
PM Service.....192  
Wednesday.....179  
Contribution .....\$6645.44

### 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