

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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Being a Christian is Like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and brings you in.
(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(II Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

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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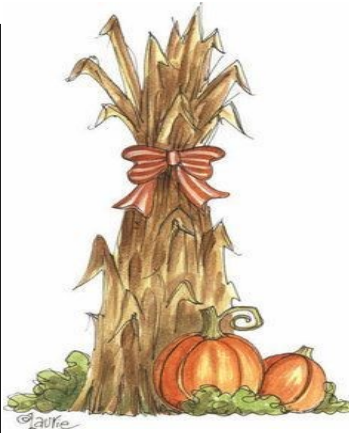
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Every good and
perfect gift is from
above.
James 1:17



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr,
Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Ray Johnson, Nancy Kimes,
Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley,
Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, 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, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin
Anthony), Bill and Linda Butterfield, Cindy Cleninger, John
Curd, Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise), Crystal Rich (Daniel
Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith
(Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's
husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt),
Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and
Richard Marshall)

- ♥ Remember Vernon Mills, Bill's brother in your prayers. He is hospitalized in Teays Valley, WV with serious health issues.
- ♥ Judy Shutts Hughes, Melva's sister, is experiencing health issues and is in need of prayers. She would also appreciate cards of encouragement.
Her address: 110 Cherokee Drive, Waverly, TN 37185.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Armina Summers. She passed away September 26 in Tennessee.

She was a wonderful Christian lady and served as the Kindergarten teacher in our program for many years.



- ♥ Thank you for the cards, Facebook greetings, and phone calls that you sent in celebration of my birthday. You made my special day even better. Love, **Patty Sayre**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, calls, inquiries, and cards during my recent hospital stay and now while I mend at home. I would appreciate your continued prayers as I recuperate and hopefully avoid more back surgery. In Christian love, **Cotton Sayre**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, gift cards, money and gifts of food from a special couple. Really made my birthday blessed so much. Love to all, **Gilbert Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards I received for my birthday. I enjoyed each and every one of them. In Christian love, **Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ **Delmas and Naomi Carr** wish to thank you for the birthday cards and good wishes. You are all so special to us.
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards and wishes for my recent illness and for all the wonderful prayers. In Christian love, **Harvey Caplinger Sr.**
- ♥ Thank you for your sympathy and kindness at the loss of my Brother. Thanks for the many cards and kind words. In Christian Love, **Eloise and Keith Smith**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who sent me the lovely Birthday cards. I enjoyed all of them. In Christian love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you all for the birthday cards and words of encouragement on my birthday! I love you all. **Kyle Inman**



LIFE CHAIN TODAY

Please plan to join us today from 2:00-3:00 in the Sam's Club parking lot. Show your stand against abortion and support of unborn babies.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting coats for the give-away at the Hopewell congregation. Coats of all sizes may be left in the box in the parking lot foyer by this Wednesday. Also, if anyone is in need of a coat, please go to the Hopewell congregation Thursday, October 6 from 6:00PM-8:00PM. See Cody Hoover for more details.

HAID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Everyone is invited to the Haid's annual soup bean dinner at their cabin Saturday, October 8 at 4:30. Please bring items to go with soup beans and remember your lawn chairs. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 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 meet October 10 in the MP Room 5:45 dinner and 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 12 after Bible study on the parking lot across from the MP Room. Bring your children's costume as they will have time to change after Bible study. Please bring snacks and beverages to the MP Room to share afterwards.

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE

Dwain is planning a Golden Agers Fall Foliage drive to the Elkins area Thursday, October 13. Leaving at 8:00AM and returning by 4:00. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

MAGAZINES

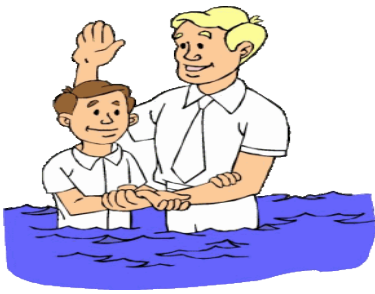
Melva Farris is in need of magazines to cut out pictures for her Bible class.



Mark Tonkery will be preaching at both services next Sunday. We welcome Mark and his family as they begin their work with us.

Daily Bible Reading

October 2 - Galatians 4, Song of Solomon 5-8
October 3 - Galatians 5, Isaiah 1-2
October 4 - Galatians 6, Isaiah 3-6
October 5 - Ephesians 1, Isaiah 7-8
October 6 - Ephesians 2, Isaiah 9-11
October 7 - Ephesians 3, Isaiah 12-15
October 8 - Ephesians 4, Isaiah 16-19
October 9 - Ephesians 5, Isaiah 20-23



DANA'S DIRECTION BAPTIZED OR AFFILIATED?

The year was 1956. I was preaching in Sherman, Texas, when a prominent business man responded to the invitation and told me that he wanted to be “affiliated” with the church, but he didn’t want to be baptized because he couldn’t see any sense in it.

My thoughts went back to a man named Naaman, commander of the army of Syria. When you read the account found in 2 Kings 5 you will discover that he had leprosy, a most loathsome skin disease. Fortunately, a little maid he had taken captive informed her mistress that there was a prophet in Samaria who could cure him of his leprosy. (The faith of this young girl was great because the prophet, Elisha, had not cured anybody of leprosy in Israel according to Jesus - Luke 4:27).

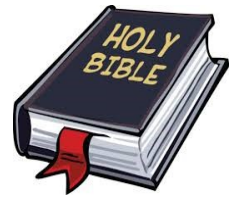
Naaman rejoiced at the news. A cure seemed to mean everything to him based on the price he was willing to pay. He brought with him some seven hundred fifty pounds of silver, and about one hundred fifty pounds of gold, along with ten sets of clothing for the prophet, but when he was told to go wash in the Jordan seven times, he turned away in a rage. “But his servants came near and said to him, *“My father, if the prophet has commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”* (2 Kings 5:13). Willing to do some great thing, he stumbled at washing in the Jordan! But it was not until he had dipped seven times in the Jordan river that he found cleansing.

But back to Sherman, Texas. I found myself unable to convince the man of his need for baptism, and asked if he would be willing to meet with me and the elders of the church at three o’clock to discuss the matter. He agreed. About thirty minutes ahead of time he knocked on my office door and said, “John, I’ve decided that I want to do whatever the Lord requires of me. I’m ready to be baptized.”

Baptism may not appear to be some great thing in man’s eyes, but listen to what the Bible says: *“for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”* (Galatians 3:26-27).

John Gipson
Windsong Church of Christ

"Baptism Saves Us." I Peter 3:18-22



"There is also an _____ which now _____ us - baptism (not the _____ of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good _____ toward God), through the _____ of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 3:21 NKJV)

Four statements about baptism and salvation in I Peter 3:21. #1) Baptism is a _____. #2) Baptism _____. #3) Baptism allows a clear _____ toward God. #4) Baptism saves by the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is an _____. "a thing formed after some _____; that which corresponds to a _____."

Noah was saved by God's _____. By _____, By _____. "By faith, Noah being divinely _____ of things not yet seen, _____ with godly fear, _____ an _____ for the saving of his household." (Hebrews 11:7)

The Antitype for the way water stood between Noah and his salvation, and water stands between us and our salvation is _____. The waters of the flood separated the _____ from the lost. Baptism separates the _____ from the _____. The flood destroyed the evil world and gave Noah a new _____. In baptism the _____ man of sin _____ slowing us to "walk in _____ of life." (Romans 6:4)

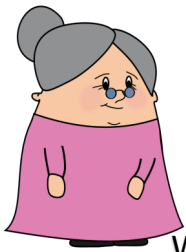
Salvation is _____ in the water. The eight souls were saved _____ the water.

The only thing that can wash away our sin is the _____ of Jesus. "To Him who _____ us and _____ us from our sins in His own _____." (Revelation 1:5)

Baptism saves us _____ the _____ of Jesus Christ. If Christ has not been raised, we would still be in our _____. (I Corinthians 15:17)

Our baptism is an _____ of the _____. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were _____ into Christ, were _____ into His _____? Therefore, we were _____ with Him through _____, that just as _____ was _____ from the dead...., even so we should _____ in _____ of life." (Romans 6:3-4) "God be thanked, that though you were the _____ of sin, yet you _____ from your heart, that _____ of doctrine to which you were delivered." (Romans 6:17)

Peter First Preached _____ on _____. "Repent, and let every one of you be _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ for the _____ of your sins." (Acts 2:38) "Those who _____ received the word were _____." (Acts 2:41)



God's Golden Years

We live in a youth oriented society. In the church great emphasis is placed upon youth. We have youth groups, youth programs, youth rallies, youth ministers, deacons and leaders [for the youth.] While we would never minimize the importance of training our young people, we need to awaken to the fact that our population is growing older and that the church in America is too. Some call it “the graying of the church.”

With advancement in medical technology and commitment to healthier lifestyles, Americans are living longer. The psalmist spoke of people normally living seventy years; eighty years by reason of strength (Psalm 90:10). According to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging “The older population persons 65 and older - numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available). They represent 14.5% of the U.S. population, about one in every seven Americans.” According to Census Bureau projections, the elderly population will more than double between now and the year 2060, to 98 million people. *

The church will need to adapt to meet the needs of an aging population. Unlike Moses, who lived to be 120 years and retained his physical strength (Deuteronomy 34:7), many aged people will need help. There will be complicated emotional and financial burdens in caring for aged relatives and brethren.

How are we to act toward the aged? The Bible answers! We are to honor our parents (Ephesians 6:4). The value we place upon them is shown in our care in their declining years. Solomon exhorted, “*Listen to our father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old*” (Proverbs 23:22). We are “*to show piety at home and to repay our parents*” (1 Timothy 5:4). Paul goes on to say that “*this is good and acceptable before God.*” What about one who does not provide for the aged members of his family? Paul declares “*he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*” (1 Timothy 5:8). Serious business folks!

What about our aged saints? There is so much to learn from their wisdom and understanding. “Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding” (Job 12:12). Their godly behavior should not go “unnoticed” or their good teaching “unheard” (Titus 3:1-5). Don’t you admire their faith, reverence and eloquence? They do more for us than we can ever repay! The Bible says, “*The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness*” (Proverbs 16:31). God bless them!

Bulletin Digest
Dwight Fuqua

*Statics have been updated.





Worship + Love + Serve

YOUTH EVENTS

Wednesday, October 26

Deadline to pay \$30.00 CYC registration for 6th grade and above. CYC will be February 24-26.

October 28 - 29

Bridgeport Youth Rally for 6th grade and above.
Let Jeff know by October 5 if you plan to go.

Sunday, October 30

Transportation will leave at 5:45 to join the traveling youth group at the 6:30 service at the Lower Paw Paw congregation.

Friday, November 4

Bonfire after the PHS-South game for 6th grade and above

Friday, November 11

Widow-Widowers-Veterans Dinner

Saturday, November 12

Rake and Run

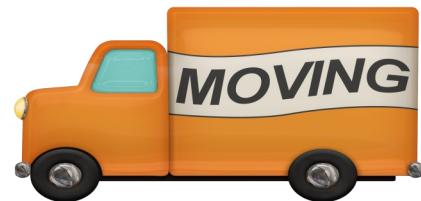
Sunday, November 27

Traveling youth group at Newport. We will leave at 5:30 for their service at 6:30.



Congratulations to Jerod and Courtney Richards in the birth of their son, Kaien Derrick Richards.

He arrived September 27 weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces and 21 1/2 inches.
Proud grandmother is Tammy Kerns.



HELP NEEDED

We will be helping Mark Tonkery move.
We will leave here at 7:30AM this Friday.
Let Jeff know if you can help.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A preacher visited a member who operated a large grain farm of over 2500 acres. The preacher asked him how he planted the seed. The farmer showed him a seed planter that was some thirty feet wide. "We take that truck, fill it with seed, back it up to the planter, and pour in the seed." He went on to say, "If you're ever going to be cheap, don't be cheap with the seed!" Investing one bushel of good seed yields thirty bushels of grain harvested. Thirty to one is not a bad return!

In a similar way, God says, believe Me, trust Me, and try My plan, and see the kind of harvest I will give. Paul stated this principle in his letter to the Corinthians, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all times, you may abound in every good work." (II Corinthians 9:8)

No one "out gives" God; no investment is a better one. When you place your life and your heart, into the hands of God, He is able to do great things with them.

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, October 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Scott Smith

Close - Dearll Vincent

SCRIPTURE

AM - Russ Alton

PM - Mike Wade

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Brent West

PM - Mike Fleak

Stan Inman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



Area Gospel Meetings and Events

October 2-5

Rockport congregation

Speaker: Eddie Cooper

October 2-5

Bridgeport congregation

Speaker: John Board

October 9 -12

Oxford Street congregation, Sistersville

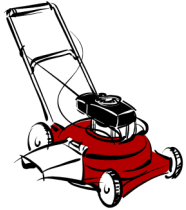
Speaker: J D Conley

October 9-13

Salem congregation

Speaker: Bob Vincent

The Lawn Crew for this week is
the Galloway crew.



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

Ladies Inspiration Day

October 15

Sardis congregation

Brenda Speer

Facts and Figures

September 25, 2016

AM Service.....287

Bible Study.....203

PM Service.....189

Wednesday.....151

Contribution\$7048.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....11

Flyers for these events on the foyer bulletin boards.

Round Robin Gospel Meeting - 7:00PM each Monday

<u>October</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
3	Sandyville	Elvis Galbreath	One in Spirit
10	Sunrise	Jeff Dorton	One in Purpose
17	Mineral Wells	Robert Notgrass	One in Hope
24	Lubeck	Larry Wigal	One in Destiny

Everyone invited!

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 5:00 for the sing at the
Winfield 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.

UPCOMING TOPIC

October 9 - JUST A CHRISTIAN