

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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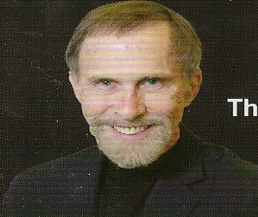
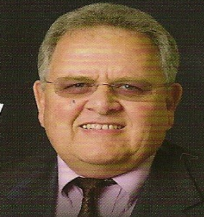
We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

A formal debate concerning the existence of God between two high profile academics.

6:30 PM
Mershon Auditorium
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

 ALEXANDER ROSENBERG	TALE of the TAPE	 RALPH GILMORE
Atheist	WORLDVIEW	Christian Theist
Johns Hopkins University	DOCTORATE	University of Tennessee
Professor of Philosophy	POSITION	Professor of Bible and Philosophy
Duke University	INSTITUTION	Freed-Hardeman University
"Since I know that there is vast human and animal suffering, I know that a benevolent, omnipotent God does not exist."	AFFIRMATION	"The use of suffering as a moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists."

FREE ADMISSION – SEATING LIMITED
To reserve your seat: www.TheGreatDebate16.com


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APOLOGETICS
CENTER

In partnership with
Buckeyes For Christ Campus Ministry
1.877.350.WCAC
www.warrenapologeticscenter.org

We will be providing transportation to the debate Tuesday, September 27 at the Mershon Auditorium on The Ohio State University campus. We will leave the building at 3:00PM.

Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.
See Dana for tickets.

Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards.

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
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A thankful heart is
a happy heart.
Thank you, Jesus.



The Prayer List

My name is on the list for prayer.
In my distress and need;
The bulletin made the church aware,
It's there for all to read.
Pray oft for me, and prayers renew,
Give God my name with care;
How would you have me pray for you,
If yours was listed there?

~Bulletin Digest

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, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie 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)



♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards we received. We appreciated each one. Sincerely, **Paul and Barbara Saunders**

Announcements and News



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Our brother Woody Wagoner came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Continue to keep him in our prayers and be an encouragement to him.

MEN'S MEETING, LADIES' MEETING

The Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting today at 5:00.

GOLDEN AGER AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers trip to the Amish country will be this Tuesday. Leaving the building at 8:15AM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with agendas.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 24 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Proverbs 15 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the Birthday-Anniversary get-together in the MP Room next Sunday evening after services. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Everyone is invited to MNFTM September 26 in the MP Room 5:45 dinner - 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance.

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MILDRED GAULT

Mildred Gault's phone number is 304.893.1885. Please update your new church directory.

Daily Bible Reading

September 18 - 2 Corinthians 3, Proverbs 12-13
September 19 - 2 Corinthians 4, Proverbs 14-15
September 20 - 2 Corinthians 5, Proverbs 16-17
September 21 - 2 Corinthians 6, Proverbs 18-19
September 22 - 2 Corinthians 7, Proverbs 20-21
September 23 - 2 Corinthians 8, Proverbs 22-23
September 24 - 2 Corinthians 9, Proverbs 24-25
September 25 - 2 Corinthians 10, Proverbs 26-28

Widowhood Workshop will be held at OVU
Saturday, October 1 from 9:00AM-3:00PM.
It will be helpful to those who have lost their mates
as well as to others who hope to become more
prepared to minister to them.
The goal is to grow and to serve.
An announcement is posted on the bulletin
boards.
See Dana if you are interested in attending.

DANA'S DIRECTION



Recently our elders reminded us of a goal that we had established for this year: to average 225 for bible study every Sunday morning. A few years ago we reversed the order of our worship service and bible study to encourage more to stay for classes. For some time there was an increase of nearly twenty percent. It seems now that many have fallen into their old practice of ignoring the opportunity for bible study all together. The following article was written by a preacher who is a tremendous preacher and an early influence on me many years ago. Listen to what he has to say. ~Dana

“Do You Attend Bible Class”

Many do not. They think Bible classes are for children. And they are too grown-up for such things. They persuade themselves that one hour of worship on Sunday morning is sufficient.

But before you completely write off the Sunday School hour in your life, permit me to make a few observations.

1. **It is necessary for us to study the Bible.** Peter enjoins us to “make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge...” (2 Peter 1:15). But the required knowledge is only going to come through study. Bible classes afford an opportunity to gain the knowledge God wants us to have. A lack of study on our part can have devastating results. Remember the people of Hosea’s day. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).
2. **Bible Study presents an opportunity to see ourselves as God sees us.** Most of us are obviously concerned about how other people see us. We spend time in taking all kinds of beauty treatments: facials, permanents, hair-cuts, shaves, manicures, plastic surgery, etc. We place mirrors everywhere: in our homes, cars, offices, etc. and we continually check our appearance. By studying the Bible we see how God sees us (James 1:23-25).
3. **We should attend Bible classes to gain knowledge with which to teach others.** Christianity is a teaching religion and each one of us must prepare himself to teach. Do you remember the rebuke given in Hebrews 5:12? “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of God’s word.” Please note that God takes notice of time and helps we have for gaining knowledge of the scriptures and then **expects** us to teach.
4. **Bible study feeds our souls.** We cannot grow without the Word. Peter says, “Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation” (1 Peter 2:2). Through continued study and practice we will then be able to take on solid food (Hebrews 5:12-14).

There is something wrong with a man physically when he loses all interest in food; and there is something wrong with a man spiritually when he loses all interest in the Bible.

Be Holy – God is Holy (I Peter 1:13-17)



From the scripture readings: (Fill in the blanks) “But as He who called you is _____, you also be _____ in all your _____, because it is written, “_____ for I am holy.” (I Peter 1:15-16)

“Great and _____ are Your works, Lord God _____! Just and _____ are Your ways. Who shall not _____ You, O Lord, and _____ Your name? For You alone are _____.” (Revelation 15:3-4)

God is holy:

In His nature

1. “God is _____ and in Him is no _____.” (I John 1:5)
2. God cannot be tempted by _____. (James 1:13)
3. God is the giver of every good _____ and every _____ gift. (James 1:17)

Name five things David praises about God in Psalm 145.

God’s attitude toward sin:

God hates sin.

“God is a just God and is _____ with the sinner every day.” (Psalm 7:11)

God is of “_____ eyes than to behold _____ and cannot look on _____.” (Habakkuk 1:13)

God expects Christians to be holy:

To be holy we must have our sins taken away.

“Repent and be baptized for the _____ of your sins.” (Acts 2:38)

To be holy we must surrender our lives to Jesus.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living _____, _____, acceptable unto God.” (Romans 12:1)

“Come out from among them and be _____.” (II Corinthians 6:17)

To be holy we must turn our backs forever on sin.

“If we say that we have _____ with Him and walk in darkness, we _____ and do not practice the truth. (1 John 1:5-6)

To be holy we must chose to do what God says is right.

“But fornication and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be _____ among you, as is fitting for _____.” (Ephesians 5:3)

Our hope of heaven is what motivates us to be holy. (I John 3:3)



Ashamed?

There is a growing sense of embarrassment in our fellowship over what we believe and teach. Some folks, wanting to be accepted by the denominational world, cringe when preachers teach the truth on subjects like the role of women, the use of instruments, and baptism. They no longer want their preachers to show the difference between what the Bible teaches and what the denominations advocate. In other words, some folks have become ashamed of the truth and ashamed of those who actually take a stand for truth. They want to be “politically correct” and “doctrinally neutral” in order to mingle among the modern religions without repercussions.

It's interesting to me that Timothy may have entertained some of the “don't make waves” kind of thinking when he preached in Ephesus. Paul was aware of his tendencies, so he wrote a rather strong encouragement for the young preacher to teach the truth. Here's what he said: *“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God”* (2 Timothy 1:7,8).

Not only is “acceptance” a motivation for the present shame we are witnessing, but there is also a desire to avoid any kind of suffering that lies behind the willingness to compromise truth for error. People will leave us alone if we don't take a firm stand against the sin and error in which they have become enslaved. Timothy seems to have been tempted to exhibit this kind of shame,,,but what about us? Are we ashamed of the gospel and those who preach it plainly?

Bulletin Digest, Guy Orbison, Jr

Let's not be ashamed to share our faith with others this week.
Seek for opportunities.



HANDBAGS OF HOPE

Some of the WV area congregations affected by the July Floods still have needs. We have an opportunity to help the women and teenage girls of that area. We will be collecting new or gently used (purses) handbags. Please include items in the purses such as travel-size hand sanitizer, hand lotion, Kleenex, lip gloss, small pocket calendar, pen/paper, gum/mints, hair spray, comb, brush, mirror are just a few ideas. Handbags may be left in the container in the parking lot foyer by the end of September.

If you have any questions, see Charlotte Galloway or Jo Goldsmith.

(Diaper bags and baby products are not needed at this time.)



MEET THE TONKERY FAMILY TODAY

We have arranged a time for our youth and their families to fellowship with Mark and his family today immediately after morning services. Pizza will be provided.

See Jeff Taberner for details.

Meeting for 6th Graders and above grades

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for 6th grade students and above.

Note: If you plan to go to CYC and/or the Bridgeport Youth Rally it is important that you attend.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



We live in an age of immediate gratification. Instant messaging; Instant coffee; Instant breakfast. People today demand quickness and convenience, and usually get it. However, these expectations should not spillover into your spiritual life.

God doesn't work according to human deadlines. His timing isn't always your timing, but it is always perfect. He will answer, and you'll have his answer when you need it. No matter what you may be praying about, God hears your prayer. Sometimes his answer is no, sometimes yes, and sometimes wait a while. If you feel that God is not giving you an answer, think about what He might be trying to teach you. What you might want might not be what you need, at least at the present moment! What seems like a "no," might well be simply "wait".

If that is the case, you will discover that the wait will be worth it! God's timing is always perfect!

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



Area Gospel Meetings and Events

September 18 - 21

North End church of Christ

Speaker: Steve Eckman (Pres., York College in Nebraska)

September 18-22

West Ripley church of Christ

Speaker: Randy Baker

October 2-5

Rockport congregation

Speaker: Eddie Cooper

October 9 -12

Oxford Street congregation, Sistersville

Speaker: J D Conley

September 23 -24

32nd Annual Men's Leadership Retreat

Guest Speaker - John Godwin from Duck Dynasty

Sponsored by the Richland Road church of Christ

September 24

Ladies' Day

Sistersville congregation

Speaker: Clista Heintzman

High school students and their families are invited to an OVU
CAMPUS ENCOUNTER!

2016-2017 school year dates are - November 4 and March 31.
Prospective students will meet professors, explore their major,
attend a college class, learn about scholarship opportunities and
engage with current OVU students. There is no cost for
ENCOUNTER and lunch is free of charge for all family members.

Flyers for these events on the foyer bulletin boards.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 6:15 for the sing at the
Lower Paw Paw 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.

September 25

GET MORE FROM YOUR BIBLE

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Chris Mullins

6:00 PM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Doug Hershman

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Hall

PM - Patrick Rine

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Jon Hescht

Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



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

Facts and Figures

September 11, 2016

AM Service.....304

Bible Study.....210

PM Service.....252

Wednesday.....222

Contribution\$6238.50

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....11

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00