

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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Clarence DeLoach

**Please plan to attend our Gospel Meeting September 11-14
with Clarence DeLoach.**

“Christianity in the Shoe Leather”

Sunday 9:30AM - “The Tragedy of Superficial Religion”

Sunday 11:00AM - “Facing the Test of Life”

Sunday 6:00PM - “How Temptation works”

Monday 7:00PM - “The Autopsy of a Dead Faith”

Tuesday 7:00PM - “The Sad Case of the Boastful Businessman”

Wednesday 7:00PM - “A Friend indeed to Friend in Need”

Invite your family and friends.

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

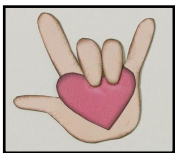
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Give God Your
weakness And
He'll Give You His
strength.



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, 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)

Halle Hudson, daughter of Mandy Camp, granddaughter of Tammy Kerns, is
having health issues. Please keep her in your prayer and remember her
with cards.



Halle Hudson (PICU #6)
C/O Ruby Memorial
1 Medical Center Drive
Morgantown, WV 26506



♥ Thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I appreciate each card and
gift very much. **Sallie Hinzman**

Thank you to Sallie Hinzman for preparing the communion bread for August.



BIBLE CLASS STUDENTS PROMOTION TODAY

Today is our "Move up Sunday". Students in the high school classes and below will move to their new classrooms.

MP ROOM SUPPLIES

Some of our ladies are purchasing items for the MP Room. Requests are listed on the sign-up sheet on the counter. Bring your items and dinner Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 to the MP Room for a time of fellowship. See Sarah Inman or Nancy Inman for more details.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, deserts and beverages. This will be the first day of our Gospel Meeting.

30th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL - SCOREKEEPERS

The Bible Bowl will be next Saturday, September 17. Registration at 9:00AM. Everyone is invited to come support the teams. Scorekeepers are needed. See Rick Stanley if you can help.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet September 26. Sign-up sheet is in the counter for food and attendance.

GOLDEN AGER MISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers trip to the Amish country will be Tuesday, September 20. Leaving the building at 8:15AM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with agendas.

THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

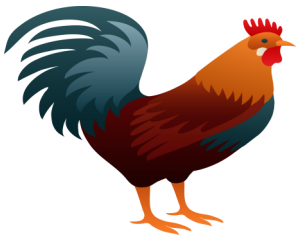
We will be providing transportation to the debate Tuesday, September 27 in the Mershon Auditorium on The Ohio State University campus. We will leave the building at 3:00PM. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. See Dana for tickets. Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards.

"Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank and fill it over the next few months. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children at the Potter Children's Home. Banks are available in the foyers.

Daily Bible Reading

September 4 - 1 Corinthians 8, Psalm 106
September 5 - 1 Corinthians 9, Psalms 107-109
September 6 - 1 Corinthians 10, Psalms 110-114
September 7 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, Psalms 115-118
September 8 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalm 119
September 9 - 1 Corinthians 12, Psalms 120-132
September 10 - 1 Corinthians 13, Psalms 133-139
September 11 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, Psalms 140-144



“For Whom The Rooster Crows”

John Donne (1573-1631) wrote, “...Therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

It would be helpful if at defining moments in our lives a bell would ring to signify that we should take notice. Bells, regrettably, do not ring at pivotal points, but there are other red flags and warnings if only we will observe them. In Matthew 26:69-75, Peter’s denial of our Lord serves notice to us on several important points.

Note that the trek away from the Lord gets easier and more emphatic with each successive step. First when Peter was approached and the girl charged, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” the Bible says, But he **denied** it before them all” (v. 70).

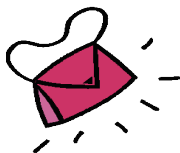
The second time, the text says, “But again he denied with an **oath**, I do not know the Man!” (v. 72). This time Peter was a little bolder and swore an oath in denying any allegiance to Jesus.

The third time, the Bible says, “Then he began to **curse and swear**, saying, I do not know the Man! (v. 74). This time Peter uses invectives to convince the enemies of the cross that he has no loyalty to the Lord. Lesson: Departing from the living God gets easier with each step.

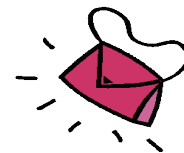
It was when the **rooster crowed** that Peter remembered the words of the Lord when He had warned Peter of this very possibility...”So he went out and wept bitterly” (v. 75). Usually there’s a “rooster that crows” to warn us too. A pleading mother or a praying father...a caring husband or wife...an elder or preacher who warns us of the dangerous path of apostasy (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Many could avoid much spiritual heartache, heartbreak and eternal ruin if they would just **hear the rooster crow** and do what they know they need to do in returning to the Lord’ side. Think about it.

R. Medlin



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) handbag. 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.)

October Birthday and Anniversaries



October 1 - Linda Camp, Kyle Inman
October 2 - Ryan Highman
October 5 - Sharon Armstrong, Emma Johnson, Todd Kirk
October 8 - Ashley Ware, Megan Ware
October 10 - Brandon Sheppard
October 11 - Kim Barclay, * Kevin & Amanda Cochran
October 12 - Peggy Cowdery
October 16 - *Earl & Donna McConnell
October 18 - *Bill & Rosemary Merrill
October 20 - Mary Lemley
October 21 - Susan Haid, Earl McConnell, Myrtle Metz
October 22 - Kassi Adkins, Mike Bayer, Walter Morgan, Lily Sprout, *Rob & Kathy Hoover
October 23 - Sue VanCamp
October 24 - Russ Alton
October 27 - Gwen Lucas, Kay Mills
October 28 - Nina Cheuvront, Julie Taberner
October 30 - Kelly Sheppard

* Anniversary

If your name and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be, contact the office this week.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You know, we all enjoy unexpected surprises. One time a couple received an anonymous gift in the mail. It was a pair of choice tickets to a popular concert accompanied only by a note that said, "Guess who?"

They racked their brains trying to guess who had sent the tickets. They thought of several friends, but each couple they called denied having sent the tickets.

The night came for the performance and they attended, thinking that perhaps the donors would make their identity known. But they returned home, still not knowing who had sent them - until they entered their home and found that everything of value had been stolen. Displayed in a prominent place was a note that said, "Now you know!"

We all need to be aware of getting something for nothing. Jesus warned the Ephesian elders, "that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:29). Let us never forget that the only thing we can be sure of and trust is God's Word and His promises!

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





DANA'S DIRECTION

Thank God for Young Christian Families

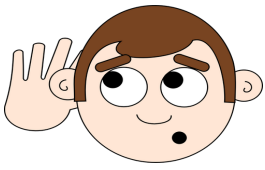
I know of a congregation that has a similar history to Camden Avenue. This congregation has been in existence about the same amount of time. Like Camden Avenue, this congregation reached a similar peak in attendance in the early-to-mid 1980's with numbers very similar to ours. One sad difference is that they now have fallen to about one third their membership, and when you visit there, you see predominantly older/elderly people. There are very few young families or children.

I hope we all realize how God is blessing us! We have faced a challenge similar to every older congregation. A generation of faithful Christians have gone on to their eternal reward – more than a hundred in the last 20 years. But now, once again, there are signs (and sounds) of life. Many of our young Christian families are “home grown.” In the 12+ years that I have been here, I have seen many who were faithful as teenagers, marry and become faithful as adults bringing children of their own. Many of them go way beyond attending! They are faithful, active and involved in the life and the work of the congregation. Signs of life! Signs of our future! I recently heard a speaker talking about church growth who suggested if we are to reach our younger people, every service should include at least one person thirty or under taking a public role. Last Sunday evening, every participant (song leader, prayer, scripture reader, closing prayer) was!

The message is clear, or should be, to anyone visiting our congregation – We love young families. We love children! We all should understand that having young children creates some need for adjustment. I know it did in our house when we had children – then again when we had grandchildren. Teaching them to be still in service is part of that training. It takes some time, patience and consistence, but children learn. The important thing is that these children are being included in the church from the beginning of their lives. “When you train up a child in the way that they should go, they will not depart from it.”

In the meantime, these young families with young children, need and deserve, the love, support, patience, and understanding of those of us who are older. You cannot be Christ-like and not love children. We read of two occasions, where mothers brought their little children to Jesus so that He might lay His hands on them and pray. His disciples rebuked them, thinking that Jesus should not be bothered. But Jesus said “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:13-15).

Thank God for young Christian families! Surely, those of us who are older realize how quickly the years go by. Our “favorite” pew will be filled by another; we just pray that we have played a part in providing a foundation for the church in the next generation. Thank God for young Christian families!



Take Heed How You Hear (James 1:19-22)

“So then my beloved _____, let every man be _____ to hear, _____ to speak, slow to _____; for the wrath of man does not produce the _____ of God. Therefore lay aside all _____ and the overflow of _____, and receive with _____ the _____ word which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:19-22)

Jesus emphasized the importance of listening. “Take _____ how you _____” (Luke 8:18). “_____ to what the unjust judge _____” (Luke 18:6). “He that has an _____, let him _____” (Revelation 1:7,11,17).

What are some things that cause us not to hear?

Some do not hear the word of God because they _____ it. “Seeing they do not _____, and hearing they do not _____, nor do they _____. For the _____ of this people have grown _____. Their _____ are hard of _____, and their eyes they have _____” (Matthew 13:13-15).

When we stop listening to (hearing) God, we _____ spiritually. “Faith comes by _____ and hearing by the _____ of God” (Romans 10:17). “Blessed is he who _____ and those who _____ the words of this _____ and those things which are written in it” (Revelation 1:3).

The person who believes in God feels _____ to _____ from Him. “If you _____ your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to _____, if you seek her as _____ and search for her as for _____ treasure – then you will _____ the fear of the Lord and find the _____ of God, for out of His mouth comes _____ and _____” (Proverbs 2:2-6).

We must _____. Nor one is ever more of a fool than when he _____ with God.

In order to receive God’s word we must put away the _____ of _____. “Therefore, lay aside all _____ and overflow of _____, and receive with _____ the _____ word, which is able to _____ your souls” (James 1:21). “Friendship with the _____ is an _____ with God. Whoever wants to be a _____ of the world makes himself an _____ of God” (James 4:4).

To receive the word of God we must _____ it into out _____. “Let the _____ of Christ _____ in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). “Bringing every _____ into _____ to the _____ of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

We must put the word of God into _____ in our _____. “Blessed are those who _____ the word of God and _____ it” (Luke 11:28). “The _____ that I have spoken, the same shall _____ you in the last day” (John 12:48).

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Patrick Rine

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover

Close - Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jimmy Galloway

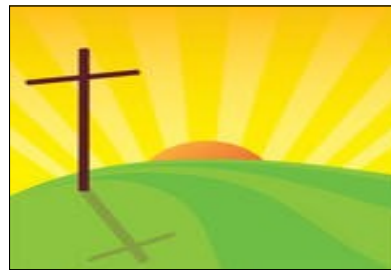
PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dana Slingluff

PM - Don Dougherty
Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



PASSING THROUGH

As I wander down life's winding path with chasms on each side, I try to keep my eyes on God and with His Word abide.

I try to do the many things I know He wants me to, For on this earth I've little time 'cause I'm just a passing through.

I know that every step I take requires His guiding hand, For danger lurks at every turn that bears the devil's brand.

And by myself, would be lost to seek without a clue, The path to everlasting life while I am passing through.

I must remember everyday to quell my foolish pride, For all my efforts, naught could be, without Him by my side.

Just like the pilgrim on life's road I've faith in Jesus, Who will guide me in the wilderness while I am passing through.

So with bowed head, I ask my Lord, "Correct me when I stray, And give me strength to overcome temptations every day."

Then when my life is finished and my deeds He does review, I'll know I did my very best while I was passing through.

Bulletin Digest

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Galloway crew.

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



Facts and Figures

August 28, 2016

AM Service.....274

Bible Study.....211

PM Service.....215

Wednesday.....171

Contribution\$7241.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....7

Placed Membership....11

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.

September 11

HOW GOD SPEAKS TODAY

Friday Night Sing



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

Everyone invited!