

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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BLESSED IS THE
NATION WHOSE
GOD IS THE
LORD

Psalm 33:12

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

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Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
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Speak kind
words and you
will hear kind
echoes.



Photos by Dwain Shears

A special **THANK YOU** to Len and Susan Haid for the wonderful hospitality at their annual soup bean dinner last Saturday. It was a fine time of fellowship, enjoying the delicious food and singing around the campfire.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ I appreciate all of the get-well and birthday cards. It's so nice of everyone to think of me. In Christian love, **Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ Laura, Bre, Sami, and I would like to thank the congregation for the very warm welcome to the Camden Ave. church. We are so happy and excited to begin working with the congregation. We want to thank everyone for their help in moving us to our new house, for the fellowship dinner last Sunday, the monetary gift, and all the kindness you have shown us. May God bless you! Thank you, the Tonkery's

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, June Freels, Cassie Hennen, Ray Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, 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, Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Smyrnioudis family, 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)



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Bill and Betty Porter as they placed their membership with us. They will be in Care Group 1. Bill is the brother of Ed Porter and Nina Cheuvront. We welcome them back to Camden Avenue.

MEETINGS TODAY

Elders will meet with the deacons they are working with today at 4:30. Men's meeting and Ladies' meetings at 5:00.

JON GALLOWAY

Brother Jon Galloway will be speaking to us next Sunday during the Bible class hour to give an update on his missionary work in East Kilbride (Scotland). Let's give him a warm welcome and show our appreciation for his faithful work.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES LUNCHEON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

There will be a LLL luncheon in the MP Room next Sunday after worship and Bible study. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. See Todd for details.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week, October 24 in the MP Room 5:45 dinner, 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Proverbs 15 will be the topic of discussion. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Wilma Davis. She passed away October 11. A private service was held Thursday.

A hearty welcome to the Tonkery's!



Mark's birthday - February 15

Laura's birthday - August 31

Anniversary - May 30

Breanna's birthday - May 23

Samantha's birthday - October 9

Their address is: 74 Second Street, Vincent, OH 45784

Mark 740.350.5713/Laura 740.350.5735

Daily Bible Reading

October 16 - Colossians 2, Isaiah 42-44

October 17 - Colossians 3, Isaiah 45-47

October 18 - Colossians 4, Isaiah 48-50

October 19 - 1 Thessalonians 1, Isaiah 51-54

October 20 - 1 Thessalonians 2, Isaiah 55-58

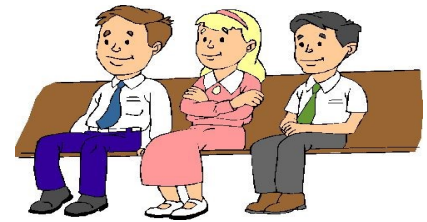
October 21 - 1 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 59-63

October 22 - 1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 64-66

October 23 - 1 Thessalonians 5, Jeremiah 1-2

DANA'S DIRECTION

Reverence in Worship



“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

I am often asked, and sometimes reminded of the need to address the subject of reverence in worship. I will admit to being so ‘tuned in’ (or ‘tuned out’) during worship services that I seldom notice the commotion going on around me (talking, visiting, going in and out, texting) but I am no less assured that is taking place. This indicates there is a need to address the attitude we should have when we approach God to worship. As you visit other congregations you also become aware of the wide variety of ‘worship styles’ (from formal and staid to ‘hip, hip, hooray’) which begs the question “What is truly involved in holding God in reverence in the assembly of the saints?”

Reverence is defined as “a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration.” (Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary) The English word “reverence” is used seven times in the New Testament and is usually a translation of the Greek word phobos referring to “fear,” and indicates the great awe and respect (fear) that we should have for God. Knowing who God truly is should define everything we do in this life. “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole (duty) of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13) A person who does not have reverence for God every day will not understand the need of it when assembled to worship.

God expects reverence when we come together to worship Him. Reverence for God does not ignore the fact that we should be ‘afraid’ to present to God as worship anything that is unacceptable to Him. “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29) This is certainly what Nadab and Abihu discovered as they offered God a sacrifice that He had not authorized (Leviticus 10:1-2).

If we truly have reverence for God we will seek to demonstrate that when we assemble to worship. Reverence in worship is not created by an atmosphere (low lights, soft music); reverence creates the atmosphere. When we assemble – realizing that we have come to offer God our sacrifice of praise – we will view the time as sacred. Solomon said “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

If we have reverence for God we will show respect when his word is read. When prayers are led we will participate realizing that we are taking those prayers through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, before the very throne of God! When we sing, we will truly ‘let the words of Christ dwell in us richly’ (Colossians 3:16), and will “sing and make melody in our hearts.” (Ephesians 5:19) When a lesson is presented from God’s word we will regard it as “being from God, not from man.” When the Lord’s Supper is taken, we will stand by faith at the foot of the cross, discerning the body and the blood of Jesus. If we truly participate in worship we will be far too aware of the presence of God to be distracted by every worldly interest and concern.

If we do not have reverence for God, the time that we spend together in the assembly of the saints will seem no different from a school assembly, ball game, or a concert. The truth is that many of us arrive totally unprepared to worship God. We ‘meet and greet,’ get all caught up in the social aspects of seeing one another, then, unsuccessfully ‘draw our minds in from the world’ to worship God. Make an honest assessment of the time you ‘were in worship’ this Sunday. Did you ‘draw near to hear?’ Or, did you ‘offer the sacrifice of fools?’ Our reverence in the assembly will make the difference between worship that God finds pleasing and that which will bring judgment to our souls. (I Corinthians 11:29)

Christ in Us!

Colossians 2:4-7



Getting into Christ

#1) We must accept the _____ about _____. Our Sin: “For all have _____ and fall _____ of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). **Our Lost condition:** “The wages of sin is _____” (Romans 6:23).

#2) We must be _____: “Repent therefore and be _____ that your sins may be _____ out” (Acts 3:19).

#3) We must _____ Him: “If you love Me, you will _____ My commandments” (John 14:15).

#4) We must be _____. “He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). **Through baptism we get _____ Christ:** “For as many of you as were _____ into Christ have _____ Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

Christ living in Us

#1) We must accept Jesus as _____. “As you have received Christ Jesus the _____, so _____ in Him” (Colossians 2:6). “That you walk _____ of the Lord, fully _____ Him, being fruitful in every good work” (Colossians 1:10).

#2) We must become His _____. “Take My _____ upon you and _____ from Me” (Matthew 11:29).

#3) His _____ must _____ in us. “Let the _____ of Christ _____ in you richly in all wisdom” (Colossians 3:16).

#4) We must follow His _____. “He who says he _____ in Him, ought himself to _____ as He _____” (1 John 2:6).

Christ living in you

“And by this we know that _____ abides in _____, by the _____ whom He has given us” (1 John 3:24). “If anyone does not have the Spirit of _____, he is _____ of His” (Romans 8:9). “I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but _____ lives _____ me. And the _____ that I now _____ in the flesh, I live by _____ in the Son of God who _____ me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Parents Be Involved Spiritually with Your Children!

I heard of a story once when a little boy brought home his report card. He knew he had not done well and that his parents would be upset. As his father read the report card. The little boy saw his father's face turn a shade of black and filled with discontent. At that the little boy replied, "So father do you think this is a result of heredity or the environment?" Ha! Ha!

Christian parents have many responsibilities, and according to Deut. 6:4-9 and Eph. 6:1-4 one very essential responsibility is to teach their children about the Lord. Everything parents do should be an opportunity to teach about the Lord. Parents ask yourselves, "What am I really teaching my children?"

Someone has stated the following about parents in the U.S., *"...what the United States desperately needs is a moral purpose, and a lot of our children here aren't getting that. They're getting parents who are very concerned about getting them into the right colleges, buying the best clothing for them, giving them an opportunity to live in neighborhoods where they'll lead fine and affluent lives and where they can be given the best toys, go on interesting vacations, and all sorts of things...."*

Parents work very hard these days; and they're acquiring things that they feel are important for their children. And yet vastly more important things are not happening. They're not spending time with their children, at least not very much."^[i] I would also add not spending enough time teaching them about the Lord in Bible Study, worship, and in prayer.

Another person has observed, "God emphasizes the importance of parent's spending time with their children and them teaching the Bible. The church and Christian school cannot be used to escape from this responsibility."

It is estimated that if the same amount of time we spent in Sunday Bible Class was spent in secular school it would take us 47 years to finish the 1st grade. Bible classes are great, and Christian schools are important, but parents are still needed to teach the significance of God and His Church in their children's life.

Parents, we must be proactive and intentional about teaching our children about God.

Children learn from observing, listening, and relating to their parents. Research tells us that, "parents are teaching their young about God's plan in their lives around the clock. Children are shaped more by parents than their peers. Of course, children, may act, dress, and do many of the things their peers do but the parents' values, opinions and core beliefs are carried over to their children. If our children see us reading the Bible, praying, obeying the word of God in our daily life and really wanting to be at worship when the church assembles, more than often our children will want to do these things as well. But also remember this, if we do not teach our children, someone else will--and we may not like the lessons they will be teaching them. Parents get involved in the spiritual life of your children and it will make a difference. Think about it and do it!

Written by Mark T. Tonkery

[i] (-- Robert Coles, interviewed in U.S. Catholic (August 1987). Christianity Today, Vol. 33, no. 9.)



YOUTH EVENTS

Wednesday, October 19

There will be a meeting in Room 109 after Bible study to discuss the Bridgeport Youth Rally. Please attend if you plan to go.



Friday, October 21

There will be a devotional for the 5th grade and younger Friday, October 21. Meet at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. It will be held in the MP Room if raining. Everyone invited!

Sunday, October 23

LLL luncheon in MP Room after morning worship and Bible study. Bring snacks, desserts and beverages.

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. See Jeff for details.

Sunday, October 30

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

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



Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



With this being an election year, all we seem to hear about is the economy.

For many people, if they don't have everything their hearts desire, then the problem must be the economy and the government needs to do something about it!

But I just can't help remembering what President Ronald Reagan had to say about this issue: "the Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it!"

Paul also had something to say about our desire to have "everything". In writing to Timothy he said, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 6:6). Paul also said, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Timothy 6:9).

The economy isn't what we need to be concerned about. Perhaps we need to follow President John Kennedy's advice when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, and ask what you can do for your country."

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



November Birthdays - Anniversaries

November 1 - Ryan Hesselrode, Brian Knotts
 November 2 - Kevin Inman
 November 3 - Sophia Moser
 November 4 - Rochel Young
 November 5 - Clifton Inman, Rebecca Miller
 November 7 - Diana Hesselrode
 November 8 - Leon Hupp, Peggy Riddle, Natalie Haught
 November 9 - Gregg Hennen
 November 11 - *Bill & Sherry Hoover
 November 14 - Kimberlee Shears
 November 16 - Lexi Knotts
 November 17 - Gary Alton, Drake Logston, *Justin & Allie Moore
 November 18 - Mary Caplinger, Kelly Fleak, Josh Hall, Parker Hoover
 November 20 - Wes Cochran, *Bill & Mary Lemley
 November 21 - Gwen Johnson
 November 22 - Van Putnam, *Braidon & Lexi Knotts
 November 23 - Carol Vincent
 November 24 - Linda Hall, Kay Stanley
 November 25 - Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad, Holly West
 November 26 - Bonnie Sams
 November 28 - Bob Armstrong
 November 29 - Chelsea Inman, Brent West

If your birthday/anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be on the church calendar, contact the office this week.
 We want to include everyone.

Check the foyer bulletin boards for other local events.

October 23-27

22nd Annual West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship
 "That You May Know With Certainty"
 Studies in the Gospel According to Luke

Round Robin Gospel Meetings - 7:00PM each Monday

<u>October</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
17	Mineral Wells	Robert Notgrass	One in Hope
24	Lubeck	Larry Wigal	One in Destiny

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

Oct. 23 - MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
 at 6:15 for the sing at the
 West Ripley congregation.

Everyone is invited!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 23

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Steve Moser

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Chris Mullins

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Jeff Taberner

Doug Hinzman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

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



Facts and Figures

October 9, 2016

AM Service.....223

Bible Study.....312

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....200

Contribution\$12172.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....9

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00