

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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The world is filled with bad news. It would be easy to slip into despair as we hear all of the terrible things happening each day.

We have to look to God and trust Him.

Autumn helps us look forward to winter, knowing that God, who provides when times are good, also provides when days turn dark and uncertain.

Autumn allows us to face winter with the knowledge that God will provide for us.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10 NRSV

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
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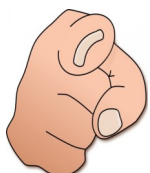
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Instead of
pointing a finger,
hold out a hand.



Patty Dawson is scheduled for a procedure
at Cleveland Clinic tomorrow and surgery
Wednesday.

Keep her in your prayers.

Ray and Phyllis Johnson are experiencing
health issues. Keep them in your prayers
and send them cards of encouragement.
They are such an inspiration. Let them know
they are loved and appreciated.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery,
Gloria Frazier, June Freels, Cassie Hennen, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes,
Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, 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)



- ♥ **Martha Metz** would like to thank the guys that kept her yard looking nice all summer.
- ♥ Thank you for all the kind words, cards, and to those who made the trip for the funeral of my brother. It meant a lot to me and helped make it easier. **Bill Mills**
- ♥ Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards and gifts while I was in the hospital and recovering from surgery. **Cassie Hennen**

News and Announcements



JON GALLOWAY

Brother Jon Galloway will be speaking today during the Bible class hour to give an update on his missionary work in East Kilbride (Scotland). We welcome him and look forward to this time.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES LUNCHEON TODAY

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

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/VETERANS LUNCH - PLANNING MEETING

Anyone willing to help with the Widows-Widowers-Veterans lunch meet this evening after services in Room 109.

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON PLANNING MEETING

Gala Miller would like to meet this evening after services in the auditorium by Door 6 with the ladies interested in the annual Parkersburg Country Club holiday luncheon.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening 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.

BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

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

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care next Monday, October 31 at 7:00.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Canned pop and bottle water for the Midnight Madness at OVU may be left under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by this Wednesday evening.

Daily Bible Reading

October 23 - 1 Thessalonians 5, Jeremiah 1-2
October 24 - 2 Thessalonians 1, Jeremiah 3-4
October 25 - 2 Thessalonians 2, Jeremiah 5-6
October 26 - 2 Thessalonians 3, Jeremiah 7-8
October 27 - 1 Timothy 1, Jeremiah 9-10
October 28 - 1 Timothy 2, Jeremiah 11-13
October 29 - 1 Timothy 3, Jeremiah 14-16
October 30 - 1 Timothy 4, Jeremiah 17-19



Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries

The "Silver for Children" coin banks will be collected November 27.

Coin banks are available in the foyers.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"The Christian Voter"

I had to chuckle....a young man (couldn't have been more than 18 or 19) was being interviewed about the election. He responded, "this is the most important election in my lifetime." I don't disagree! There is so much happening in America today that is the result of 40-50 years of effort and influence by those who have a humanistic, atheistic philosophy, and are attempting to change the very nature of our society.

The list of challenges to the "Judeo-Christian" values that have shaped our nation are immense: **abortion** (and the greater issue of "right to life"), **homosexuality** (and what seems so bizarre, having to "pass a law" to establish that marriage is between a man and a woman!) **first amendment rights** (some would like to take away the church's right to proclaim what the Bible teaches), **parental rights** (there are those who would love to take away the authority of parents regarding discipline and moral issues), **and many more.**

Local communities are in decline because those who profit from the "works of the flesh" are unrestrained in the promotion of gambling, alcohol, and sexually oriented businesses. Godless, immoral life-styles are glamorized and promoted in the media and by the "tolerance for everything and everybody" approach to education and culture.

Where, as Christians, do we begin? We have been given our instructions by the Lord, "***Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.***" (Ephesians 5:11) "***For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age...***" (Ephesians 6:12)

Where do we begin? In the voting booth! Thank God we live in a free society where our voices will be heard. God has a nation within this nation. The people who enthroned Him as Lord - "our citizenship is in heaven." "***Righteousness exalts a nation and sin is a reproach on any people***" (Proverbs 14:34). As Christians we have a responsibility to stand up and speak out. To know the candidates and what they stand for. We are not only voting for who will lead our nation for the next four years, but who will shape our entire system of law through appointment of judges and Supreme Court justices!

Solomon, in his wisdom stated "***When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.***" (Proverbs 29:2) Christians, go to the polls! Let's do our part!

Reprinted from 2004 - Does anything ever change?

Jesus – Yesterday, Today and Forever

(Matthew 6:25-34)



God is Eternal:

And _____ said to Moses, “I _____ Who I AM.” And he said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” “The Lord God of your fathers, the God of _____, of _____, and of _____ has sent me to you. This is My name _____, this is My _____ to all generations.” (Exodus 3:14-15)

Man’s life on earth is temporary; his soul is eternal. “What is your _____? It is even a _____ that appears for a _____ time and then _____ away.” (James 4:14) “What would it _____ a man, if he should gain the whole _____ and lose his own _____? Or what will a man give in _____ for his _____?” (Matthew 16:26)

Living _____ day at a time. Today is the only day that we have been _____. “Therefore do not _____ about tomorrow, for _____ will worry about its own things. _____ for the day is its own _____.” (Matthew 6:34)

Yesterday – a day to be put _____ us. “For we will surely _____ and become like water _____ on the ground, which cannot be _____ up again.” (II Samuel 14:14) “Brethren, I do not count myself to have _____, but one thing I do, _____ those things that are behind, and _____ forth to those things which are _____, I press on toward the _____ for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

Today is the only day we have to _____ the Lord’s will. “This is the day which the Lord has made, I will _____ and be _____ in it.” (Psalm 118:24) “Redeeming the _____, for the days are _____.” (Ephesians 5:16)

Tomorrow – the _____ in the life of a Christian. We cannot put off till tomorrow what _____ to be _____ today. Tomorrow does not come until _____.

Jesus Christ – the _____ for eternity. “Jesus Christ is the same _____, today and _____.” (Hebrews 13:8) **Jesus is the _____ to our past.** “Though your _____ be as scarlet, they shall be as _____ as snow.” (Isaiah 1:18).. **Jesus is the _____ for today.** “Lo, I will be _____ you always.” (Matthew 28:20). **Jesus is our _____ for the future.** “No man comes to the Father, except by _____.” (John 14:6)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

You Can't Ride the Fence

By Mark T. Tonkery

The story is told of a man who called the preacher about becoming member of the church. The man wanted to explain a few things to the preacher before he placed his membership with the congregation. The man said, "I want you to understand that I will not be at worship service every week, study the Bible much, visit the sick, or try to teach anyone else what I believe."

The preacher said, "The church that you need to become a member of is in another section of town."

The man took the directions and when he arrived at the church building; it was abandoned, boarded up and ready for demolition.

Does this man sound like anyone you know? Maybe even yourself?

The church is falling on some hard times when its members will not do anything to help it to grow, mature, and develop it into what God needs it to be. The warning to the church in Laodicea is a warning to the church today. Jesus states in Rev 3:16, "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." Notice what being lukewarm means, "Neither acting hostile to Christ, nor zealous for Him...they were apathetic towards Christ. This lukewarmness was most offensive, and hence the Lord declares that they shall be rejected like nauseous food. The figure indicates loathing." (The People's New Testament).

A man, during the Civil War, decided to be absolutely neutral. He put on a gray jacket and a pair of blue trousers to indicate he was for both the Confederacy and the Union. One day, he got caught in a battle skirmish between Confederate and Union soldiers. He walked out in the middle of the troops shouting his neutrality. But the Union seeing his Confederate jacket riddled it with bullets and a Confederate sharpshooter plugged him in the seat of his trousers.

You see, you can't be neutral or "ride the fence" in a war nor can you "ride the fence" in the church. We are either for Christ or we are against Him. Matthew 6:24 reminds us, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

So the choice is ours. Will we be busy about the work of the church, studying our Bibles, coming to worship and Bible study, visiting the sick, and teaching one other? We either will or we won't; the choice is up to us? Joshua challenged Israel: "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15). Will we?



Bre, Sami, Laura and Mark Tonkery

We welcome the Tonkery's!

Mark is serving as our Family Life minister.
Let's make them feel at home at Camden Avenue.

“Running in the building “



I have been asked to write an article about running in the building. Many people may not think of this as being a big deal. However, it is one of those topics that may not seem very big until something happens. I would like to share a story with you from my childhood.

I still remember one Sunday when I made a big mistake. It was just like any other Sunday, we had service and then all of the kids went outside into the front lawn. I remember running to the front of the building. I was not running fast, but just going in between different people. However, I did not see one elderly woman. Just like any young boy I tried to slow down. However, I am sorry to say I could not. As I said, she was an elderly woman and was not able to get out of the way. Yes, you guessed right, I hit her and she fell hard to the ground. The next thing I remember is feeling so bad because I knocked this woman down. I did not mean to run into her, however, I did and had to suffer the consequences. It has probably been 14 years since that happened. However, I still remember it like it was yesterday.

The point I am making is that it can happen and probably will eventually. We need to do our best to try to prevent such an accident. If you see a young person running, do not yell at them, but politely ask them to slow down. Luckily in my story the lady was not seriously hurt. However, there are many people who if knocked down could easily break something. So let us all do our best to make sure something like this does not take place. If the kids want to run in the side lawn, that would be fine. Let us make sure that they are not running where they can hurt someone or even themselves. Once again, I am not blaming any parents or children. I know that after service many times it is total chaos. The kids have been sitting for over an hour. The first thing they want to do is take off. All I am saying is let us work together, and be polite when you see a young boy or girl running through the building politely say “slow down.” We definitely do not want an accident like the one I caused many years ago. It can happen and I am proof.

An article from the archives worth repeating.

Article by Ryan Currey, July 1, 2007

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

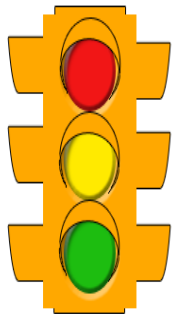
A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy street. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration. As she was still screaming, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

A couple of hours later the officer returned, let her out of the cell and said, “I’m very sorry for this mistake. You see I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, screaming and swearing at the man in front of you. I noticed the “what would Jesus do” bumper sticker, and the “follow me to Sunday School” bumper sticker. “Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!”

Even when we think no one is watching, usually someone is!

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



YOUTH EVENTS

Today

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.

Sunday, October 30

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



Our group enjoying a nice day on the Golden Agers Fall Foliage trip last week.

Thanks to everyone that went and made this a great day.
Thanks to Jim for driving and Dwain for planning the day.



Candyman at Candyland! Thanks, Denny!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Len Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - To be announced

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - To be announced

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jim Hinzman

PM - To be announced

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Paul Saunders

Brent West

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

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

October 16, 2016

AM Service.....287

Bible Study.....241

PM Service.....209

Wednesday.....206

Contribution\$11328.00

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

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. 30 - WHY I AM A MEMBER

Friday Night Sing



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

Everyone is invited!