

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.

Volume 49, Number 46 - November 13, 2016



Even though Veteran's Day was Friday, we want to take this opportunity to thank those who have served in the past and those currently serving in the military of our country. Because of their service we enjoy many freedoms today, especially the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior.

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
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

Ministers:

Dana Slingluff
304.483.3546

Mark Tonkery
740.350.5713

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue
Parkersburg, WV
26101

Office: 304.428.0504

Fax: 304.428.0505

E-mail:

camdencoc@cascable.net

Website:

Camdenavenue
churchofchrist.com



If we depend on
Christ for
everything, we can
endure anything.

Prayer



changes things.

Let us pray with *Faith*
Believing.

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Pat Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Patty Dawson,
Gloria Frazier, Don Gaston, Ray and Phyllis 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), 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)



- ♥ Thanks to all for the cards, prayers, and acts of kindness during my hospitalization. **Don Gaston**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the birthday cards and well wishes. **Mike Bayer**
- ♥ Thanks for my birthday cards. The 3rd grade card really touched my heart. **Leon Hupp**
- ♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards. **Bill and Sherry Hoover**

A special **THANK YOU** to Herb and Joyce Wright for the delicious Monday Night For The Master meals. We appreciate all their work and time.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES GIRLS KEEPERS CLASS

Annette Kirk would like to meet today at 5:30 in Room 112 with the girls in LLL Keepers.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room today following worship and Bible study. Everyone is welcome!

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 4 will conduct the Love and Care services today at 2:30 and this Thursday evening at 7:00. Please join us for this time of worship and fellowship with the residents.

MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

The Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting - 5:00 next Sunday.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be November 26 at 8:30 at Shoney's. John 5 will be discussed.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here to collect the "Silver for Children" coin banks the week of November 27. Banks may be left on the counter in the office.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

The Ladies' Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 20 at the Parkersburg Country Club. This will include a buffet and assorted dessert selection. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with details. Please give your payment to Gala Miller by **Wednesday, November 30.**

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING

Starting in January we will begin a new Bible class curriculum for the 2-3 years olds through Middle school. All teachers are asked to attend a workshop Sunday, December 18 at 3:30PM for about two hours to review new material. The teachers for the winter quarter will receive their material at that time. See Paul Inman or Mark Tonkery for details.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

A luncheon for our Golden Agers is planned for Tuesday, December 13 at North Bend State Park. Leaving the building at 11:00. Cost will be \$20 each. Sign-up sheet on the counter for attendance count. See Dwain for details.

BLOOD DRIVE

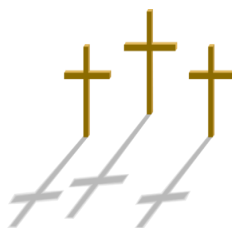
The Lubeck congregation will hold a Blood Drive in their Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 2:00-7:00.



**Check out the picture wall board in the parking lot foyer.
Steve Gray did a great job!**

Daily Bible Reading

November 13 - Hebrews 4, Jeremiah 51
November 14 - Hebrews 5, Jeremiah 52
November 15 - Hebrews 6, Lamentations 1-2
November 16 - Hebrews 7, Lamentations 3-5
November 17 - Hebrews 8, Ezekiel 1-3
November 18 - Hebrews 9, Ezekiel 4-7
November 19 - Hebrews 10, Ezekiel 8-11
November 20 - Hebrews 11, Ezekiel 12-13



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

November 20 - **TIME TO PRAY**

Family Evangelism

Harold Shank

President, Ohio Valley University

Family Evangelism may be the only way to win America for Christ.

Turned off by television religion and inward focused churches, unchurched America presents a hard market to tap.

One church emphasizes family evangelism through a program called pROject 1213. Its not a typographical error, but a reference to Romans 12:13 - "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

We get the message of their cryptic title. Remember the days when:

- Visitors at church were invited over for Sunday dinner?
- Another family had your clan over to their house?
- People out driving around town would drop in on your family?

No wonder we also remember more people were won to Christ in those days.

Many a heart has been melted while eating Grandma's buttered rolls. A great deal of tough resistance was broken down over Mom's tender minute steaks. How many unchurched fathers determined their family would change after hearing Johnny's awkward prayer before the meal over at the church-going Johnsons?

Our houses have become fortresses to keep the world out. God said they were places of warmth for the world to visit. Our dining rooms collect dust while the lost eat alone. Our children are denied the opportunity of seeing the Christian family in action and of being part of that action in a natural and God-authorized setting.

Can we have open hearts and closed houses? Can we be interested in the lost and always eat alone? Can we raise our children correctly if they never help welcome a stranger?

Make a list of people to invite. Set the table. And watch God work through your family!





The Assembling of Ourselves Together

(Hebrews 10:19-25)

“And let us _____ one another in order to stir up _____ and good _____, not _____ the _____ of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but _____ one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-26)

Assemblies in the New Testament Church: Jerusalem. “And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and _____, in the breaking of _____, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42) “So continuing _____ with one accord in the _____, and breaking bread from _____ to house, they ate their food with _____ and simplicity of heart, praising _____ and having favor with all the _____. And the Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being _____.” (Acts 2:46-47)

In Gentile churches planted by missionary journeys: “On the _____ day of the week, when the _____ came together to _____ bread.” (Acts 20:7) “On the _____ day of the week let _____ one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may _____, that there be no _____ when I come.” (I Corinthians 16:2)

The Purpose of our Assembly: We assemble to _____ near to God. (Hebrews 10:22) To _____ our _____ before God, one another, the world. (Hebrews 10:23) To encourage, _____, admonish one another in _____ the Christian life. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Why does the church assemble? Why should we not forsake?

#1) We assemble as a church to _____ God.

#2) We assemble as a church to _____ one another.

#3) We assemble as a church to _____ or grow to Christian maturity.

#4) We assemble as a church to _____.

“Be kindly _____ one to another, in honor giving _____ to one another.” (Romans 12:10) “Distributing to the _____ of the saints, given to _____.” (Romans 12:13) “Rejoice with those who _____, _____ with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15) “Be of the same _____ toward one another. Do not set your mind on _____ things, but _____ with the humble.” (Romans 12:16) “Until the whole _____ - joined and knit _____ by what every joint supplies, according to the effective _____ by which every _____ does its share, causes _____ of the body for the _____ of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)

#5) We assemble as a church to _____.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Meet one another

“Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more” (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 commends the Thessalonians on their brotherly love and encourages them to keep on loving one another. I feel that way, and I am sure you do to about the Camden Ave. congregation, we are a warm and friendly group of Christians but Paul would want us to keep up the good work in being friendly and kind to one another. Not only is this biblical but it is also important to growing the church of Christ.

In a recent survey by Thom S. Rainer he reported that 41% of Non-Christians who became Christians and 61% of Christians who transferred their membership to another congregation came because of the friendliness of the congregation. Of course, there are other major factors like evangelism, doctrine, and Biblical preaching, but we must not over look friendliness of the members of the congregation, our friendliness is important to helping teach and showing the lost what we believe about Christ and His Word.

Many individuals have either turned to or away from the Lord because of the welcome extended or neglected by a local church. All Christians should be concerned about being friendly and greeting one another especially our guests at every service. Here are some suggestions that may help each of us in greeting those who visit the services of the church:

- Go to our guests and welcome them; do not wait for them to come to you. Introduce yourself.
- Greet all age groups.
- After you have met them, help introduce them to others.
- Especially if they have children show them their classroom, nursery, and the restrooms.
- Make sure they receive a bulletin.
- Invite them to other church activities, church dinners, or out to lunch.
- Ask them to fill out a visitor's card.
- Ask them to sit beside you.
- Invite them back to our next time of meeting.

"Five minutes—that is all it takes to make a positive or negative impression on guests to our worship services. Those first impressions often determine if guests will return. Because those first five minutes are so important, we want to do everything we can to make sure our guests are sought out, greeted and made to feel welcome.

I am asking **ALL** of our members to take one simple step to help make sure our guests feel welcome. For the first five minutes before or after each worship service is started or dismissed, will you look for guests to greet? This is the most important thing we can do to be seen as a friendly and warm congregation. Will you invest five minutes in eternity?"
(Adopted from: <http://yourchurchcangrow.com>)

Remember: “A man who has friends must himself be friendly...” (Proverbs 18:24).

By Mark T. Tonkery

Mark will be preaching at services this evening.

His schedule will include preaching the second and fourth Sunday evenings.

He welcomes everyone to the College Age/Young Adult class he will be teaching Wednesday evenings in the MP Room.





Bill and Betty Porter

We welcome Bill and Betty Porter as they have placed membership with us.

Bill is a brother to Ed Porter and Nina Cheuvront.

They have a son, Bill, daughter, Lydia, 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

They are in Care Group 1.

Let's all give them a warm welcome to the Camden Avenue family. We are glad to have them back with us.

Youth Events

Sunday, November 27

Traveling youth group at Newport. Leaving at 5:30 for their 6:30 service.



Bible Busters meet every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium. Children of all ages are welcome.



The most recent West Virginia Christian Youth Camp CD's are available.

Andy Robison and members of other congregations record these each year.

The CD's are available for a \$15 donation. See Jeff Taberner if you would like to make a purchase.

Make checks payable to WVCYC.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The belief that America is degenerating on a moral level is shared by both Republicans and Democrats. According to a Gallup poll, 82 percent say moral values in the US are only fair or downright poor. Forty years ago only 33 percent felt that way. So what's happened?

First, secular forces have taken God completely out of the school system. Many teachers are now ordered not to make any value judgments on behavior and not to push any moral standard.

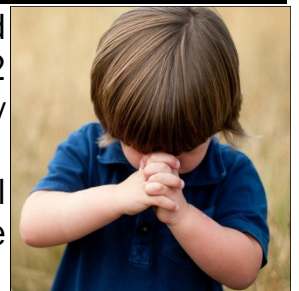
Second, with the rise of single-parent homes, more and more American kids wind up unsupervised for long periods of time, left to the television set or the computer.

Third, the media now traffics in sex and violence to the extent never before seen in this country.

Fourth, peer pressure to actually reject immoral behavior is virtually nonexistent in many places.

Solomon had it so right when he said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

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, November 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Breck Hesselrode

PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brent West

Close - Paul Inman

6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Chris Tallman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dearll Vincent

PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Mullins

PM - Russ Alton

Bill Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Dave Nulter

2—Josh Hall

4—Lois Nulter

PM

1. Jordan Kirk & Hannah Shears

2. Paul & Nancy Inman

3. Dustin Hughes & Dana Sponseller

4. Ryan & Cheryl Logston

5. Cotton & Patty Sayre

6. Jim & Sandy Hughes

Facts and Figures

November 6, 2016

AM Service.....289

Bible Study.....199

PM Service.....215

Wednesday.....203

Contribution\$7564.00

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.....11AM & 7PM



December Birthdays - Anniversaries

December 1 - Jeff Taberner

December 2 - Bob Eddy

December 3 - *Chris & Debbie Tallman

December 4 - Sheri Gaston

December 5 - Bram Mills

December 7 - Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad

December 9 - Shannan Hinzman

December 10 - *Jim & Sallie Hinzman (50th), *Ira & Nancy Kimes,

*Mike & Teresa Wade

December 11 - Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover, Adeline Inman

December 12 - Barbara Saunders, *Gary & Melva Farris

December 13 - Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly, Cindy Slingluff

December 14 - Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught

December 15 - Janet Looney, Jean Martin

December 16 - Tammy Kerns, Amy Young, Eric Young,

*Ron & Linda Moncrief

December 17 - *Don & Sheri Gaston

December 19 - Jordan Kirk

December 20 - *Larry & Janet Plant, *Ray & Bonnie Sams

December 21 - Brian Haught, Patty Mullins, Tori Stevens,

*Ray & Phyllis Johnson

December 24 - Kim Ledsome, *Herb & Joyce Wright

December 25 - Josh Gray

December 26 - Annette Kirk, Dana Sponseller

December 27 - *Cotton & Patty Sayre

December 28 - Rosemary Merrill

December 29 - Mike Fleak, Jay Goldsmith

December 30 - Madison Taberner

December 31 - Jim Dailey

*Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.



*Sunday is the golden clasp that binds
together the volume of the week.*

Thanks for worshipping with us.

November 20

2016 Homecoming at the Lower Paw Paw congregation

Speaker: Larry McKinney

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards