

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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**We will host the Friday night sing
this week at 7:00.**

Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages to the
MP Room to share following the sing.

Everyone welcome!

This will be the final sing this year.

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
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Todd Kirk
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BE KIND.

Everyone you meet
is fighting some
type of a battle in
which you may
know nothing
about.

Our Christian condolences to:



- Dorothy Stevens in the passing of her daughter, Linda Hobbs. She passed away October 28.
- Betty Lamb in the passing of her brother, Raymond Conaway of Jackson, Michigan.
- The family of James Russell Lockhart, Jr. Service was Thursday in St. Albans.
- Gloria Frazier in the passing of her brother, Alexander Vecchio in Michigan November 2.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

*In our thoughts
and prayers*



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, 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)

Hospital

Cleveland Clinic - Patty Dawson

Camden Clark - Tammie Wilson



- ♥ I'd like to thank all those who sent me the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and their best wishes. You all made my birthday special. **Sue VanCamp**

CARE GROUP 4 MEETING THIS EVENING

Care Group 4 meeting this evening in the auditorium by Door 6 after services.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW

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

WIDOWS-WIDOWERS-VETERAN'S LUNCHEON FRIDAY

The Widows-Widowers-Veteran's luncheon will be this Friday, November 11 at 11:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and those willing to help.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING THIS WEEK

We will host the Friday Night sing this week at 7:00. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages to the MP Room for fellowship following the sing.

RAKE AND RUN THIS SATURDAY

Rake and Run will be Saturday, November 12. Two sign-up sheets on the counter: if you would like your leaves raked and those willing to rake.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

Care Group 4 will conduct the Love and Care services next Sunday at 2:30 and Thursday, November 17 at 7:00PM. Everyone welcome!

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here November 27 to collect the "Silver for Children" coin banks. Banks are still available in the foyers.

LADIES' LUNCHEON - PARKERSBURG COUNTRY CLUB

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. Gala Miller is taking care of the arrangements with the Country Club. Please give her your payment by Wednesday, November 30.

BIBLE BUSTERS

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

Daily Bible Reading

November 6 - Titus 1, Jeremiah 34-35
November 7 - Titus 2, Jeremiah 36-38
November 8 - Titus 3, Jeremiah 39-41
November 9 - Philemon, Jeremiah 42-45
November 10 - Hebrews 1, Jeremiah 46-48
November 11 - Hebrews 2, Jeremiah 49
November 12 - Hebrews 3, Jeremiah 50
November 13 - Hebrews 4, Jeremiah 51



*Don't forget
Wednesday Bible
study 11:00AM
and 7:00PM.*

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**



DANA'S DIRECTION

Casting Your Vote – For God

Abortion: Pro-choice vs. Pro-life

About the only way people have been able to make the practice of abortion palatable to society is to mask the fact that the unwanted and aborted child is different only by the degree it is developed to the cute little bundle welcomed and placed with loving arms in the hospital nursery. Because the random murder of babies would be unthinkable, the term “fetus” is used to dehumanize the unborn. What exactly is a “fetus”?

The word “fetus” comes from Latin and simply means “offspring” or child. The implication of the common use of the word “fetus” is that there is a period of time, after conception, when that which is in the mother’s womb is a unformed mass of tissue with the potential to become human life. I was amazed to find several dictionaries that now say that it is not even a fetus until it is in a recognizable form (in humans after the second month of gestation.) **Dictionary.com** If this were true, it would not be any more significant for a pregnant woman to “choose” to have a “fetus” removed than it would be to remove a cyst or other tumor. As Christians, what should our understanding and attitude be toward abortion?

Thirty years ago, I ran into my first Christian who challenged my belief and teaching on the subject of abortion. He said, that while he did not advocate abortion, the Bible was silent on the issue and that one could not really determine when life actually begins. I believe the Bible certainly **does** reveal the time God recognizes life and condemns specifically those who would “shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:17)

James writes, “For as the body without the spirit is dead...” (James 2:26) I realize that James was speaking of the role of faith and works, but he illustrated that by comparing it to a known fact – a body without a spirit within is dead. Since an unborn baby (fetus) is obviously alive, it has a spirit within. Since there is not time in the fetus’s development when it is not living or not human, we conclude that the time “God forms the spirit within man” (Zechariah 11:1) is at conception. An even stronger statement of this fact are the words of Solomon, “As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.” (Ecclesiastes 11:5)

The idea that a baby is spiritless for nine months is an insult to the God who created man “in His own image.” (Genesis 1:26) The unborn baby is human life, made so by the soul that God created and placed within. Every characteristic of man, everything that the person will be, is imprinted in his genetic code – at conception. At conception, you – are You! As God said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” (Jeremiah 1:5) Isn’t the only issue the fact that some children are wanted and some are not? The same “fetus” that is born premature, and with the help of modern technology grows to be a normal child and a healthy adult can be legally aborted and thrown out with other “medical waste.” “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in His own image.” (Genesis 9:6) In Luke 1:44, we read where Elizabeth told Mary “as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe (blephos – Gk) leaped in my womb for joy.” The word used for Elizabeth’s unborn baby is the exact word that is used for any child, be it infant or toddler. That which leaped within Elizabeth was not a tumor – it was a child!

So how should we regard the issue of abortion as we vote? Read up on the candidates position on the issue. Generally, they will be designated as pro-choice or pro-life. While abortion has been legalized in America (Roe vs. Wade, 1973), the circumstances of that decision are suspect, and some envision a day when that decision will be overturned. Some of the practices of abortion are so egregious that efforts have been made to control them, such as restrictions against “partial-birth abortion” (when an infant is partially delivered and then destroyed), and “born-alive” legislation that would guarantee life-saving measures to a child delivered alive due to a failed abortion. Other legislation has sought to assure that women receive counseling before being given an abortion and the parents of girls who are minors be notified.

It is possible to determine what candidates have said, and how they have voted on these issues. Please consider these matters prayerfully when casting your vote.



Will... GOD BLESS AMERICA? (I Peter 2:9-17)

"But you are a _____ generation, a royal _____, a _____ nation, His own special _____, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of _____ into His _____ light." (I Peter 2:9)

God has everything to do with America's _____. "There is no _____ except from God and the powers that be are _____ of God." (Romans 13:1)

God has truly blessed America... It is by the _____ of God. "Blessed is the nation whose _____ is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12) "The _____ shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that _____ God." (Psalm 9:17)

Have we forgotten that God is the source of all of our _____. "Every good _____ and every perfect gift is from _____, and comes down from the _____ of lights." (James 1:17)

Have we forgotten God as the _____ focus of our lives?

Have we forgotten God as the basis for our _____. "And even as they did not like to retain God in their _____, God gave them over to a _____ mind, to do those things that are not _____." (Romans 1:28) "Righteousness _____ a nation but sin is a _____ to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

God's people must lead the way to spiritual _____. "If My _____ who are called by My _____ will _____ themselves, and pray, and _____ My face, and _____ from their wicked ways, then I will _____ from heaven, and will _____ their sin and _____ their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

God's Kingdom must _____ the way. "We have been called out of _____ into His marvelous _____." (I Peter 2:9,10) **We have received _____ and forgiveness.** We are _____ and pilgrims (I Peter 2:11) We are _____ for Christ." (II Corinthians 5:20)

As Ambassadors for Christ we must proclaim the _____ of God. "Always be ready to give a _____ to _____ who asks you a reason for the _____ that is in you, with _____ and fear." (I Peter 3:15) **As Ambassadors for Christ we must abstain from _____.** "Beloved, I beg you as _____ and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly _____ which war against the soul" (I Peter 2:11). **As Ambassadors for Christ we must be known for the _____ that we do.** "Having your conduct _____ among the Gentiles, that when they speak _____ you as evildoers, they may, by your good _____ which they _____, glorify God in the day of visitation." (I Peter 2:12)

Christians should be model _____. "Therefore _____ yourself to every ordinance of man for the _____ sake." (I Peter 2:13)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What's First?

Rick Reilly wrote an article for Sports Illustrated in 2003 titled, "Let Us Play." He described in his article how many families in America are opting to engage in recreational activities on Sunday instead of attending worship services. He quoted many religious leaders who have decried the loss of spirituality in our society. Reilly attributed this to parents placing too much importance on the success of their children in sports. He wrote, "For some reason over-caffeinated parents feel they have to 'keep up' with the Joneses. They used to do it with their cars. Now they do it with their kids." Reilly also commented on parents inundating their children with recreation. Again, he wrote, "...I just feel sorry for these kids who get nothing but organized sports crammed down their gullets 24/7."

The Bible tells us what is truly important in this life. We are told to love God more than anything else. Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38). We are told to put the Lord first in everything we do. Paul says, "I urge you brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service" (Romans 12:1). The writer of Hebrews makes it plain where our energy should be directed when he says, "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25).

Rick Reilly may not be a person we would normally turn to for spiritual advice, but his article helps to remind us that the Lord expects us to put him first. When we chose other activities over him we are not putting him first, and we simultaneously send the very same message to our children. Reilly made a tremendous point when he wrote, "Just remember, when little Shaniqua has two free throws to win or lose a game on some Sunday morning, good luck finding somebody who'll answer your prayers." Let us all remember what is truly important in this life and strive always to put God first.

(Written by Will Hanstein, Glasgow, KY taken from the BulletinDigest.com).

Mark and his family will be out of town today. He will be speaking at the East Main St. Church of Christ in Barnesville, Ohio for their Bring a Friend Day and Afternoon Sing.





Friday, November 11

Widow-Widowers-Veterans Luncheon
11:30 in the MP Room
Sign-up sheet(s) on the counter

Saturday, November 12

Rake and Run (Meet here at 9:00AM.)
Sign-up sheet(s) on the counter

Sunday, November 27

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



**We are proud of our youth
at Camden Avenue!**



PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION, OUR NATION AND LEADERS.

1. Pray that our nation will turn back to God.
2. Faithfully pray for our leaders and those in authority. (Their decisions affect us too.)
3. That we would recognize God's sovereignty over all.
4. That we would not be overcome with worry, fear, or defeat.
5. We would recognize the real battle is fought against what is unseen. Satan's goal is to steal, kill and destroy.
6. That we will not grow weary burdened with worry, fears or defeat.
7. Our hope is not found in our government leaders, the economy or the condition of our nation. Nothing is impossible with God in control.

Whoever your candidate of choice may be, rest assured that God has a plan. He's not worried about who will win the election. He's called us to pray and to have a voice. We can trust the outcome is in His hands.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

All of us have said things we regret. In the midst of an argument, it's easy to let fly words we later wish we'd never spoken. Their effect is immediate; a wounded expression, a flood of increased anger, a response of more hurtful words, and escalation in the warfare.

Something within us wants to throw fuel on the fire during a disagreement. However, for the sake of your marriage and your spouse, you must control yourself and resist this dangerous impulse. The Bible says that God will create self-control in you himself, so ask the Lord for help. He will remind you to walk away when you need to. And He will provide you with self-control and also with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23) - God can provide everything you need to avoid the pitfalls of uncontrolled emotions.

Remember Solomon's advice in Proverbs 15:1, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

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 13

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Steve Gray

6:00 PM - Todd Kirk

Close - Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston

PM - Bob Miller

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - John Hall

Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Paul Inman
2—Rick Stanley
4—Lenore Vaught

PM

1. Alivia Moser & Emma Hershman
2. Doug & Alisha Hershman
3. Stan & Debi Inman
4. Larry & Janet Plant
5. Mike & Teresa Wade
6. Ryan & Madison Highman

Facts and Figures

October 30, 2016

AM Service.....273

Bible Study.....190

PM Service.....196

Wednesday.....208

Contribution\$7257.37

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



The Daily Dozen

1. A little patience.
2. A minute of unselfishness.
3. A kind word - or two or three.
4. A bit of self-control.
5. A flash of generosity.
6. A prompt excuse - for someone else!
7. A noble thought - perhaps a Bible verse recalled.
8. A good deed - not left undone.
9. A moment of thankfulness.
10. A prayer.
11. A smile - where it may brighten another.
12. A little piece of a song - hum a little tune.



November 6 - 9

Mineral Wells congregation

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

November 6 - 10

Hopewell congregation

Speaker: Wayne Miller of Mt. Joliet, TN

November 20

2016 Homecoming at the Lower Paw Paw congregation

Speaker: Larry McKinney

Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards for these events.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Your presence has been a blessing!*