

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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EVENTS TODAY



Everyone is invited to the 60th Anniversary celebration for Ray and Phyllis Johnson today 12:00-2:00 in the MP Room.

Bible class teacher's meeting today at 3:30 in the MP Room for the 2-3 year olds through Middle School classes.



Our youth to join the traveling youth group today at the Rosemar congregation and afterwards to Pike Street Bowling Lanes.

Deacons to Elders meeting at 4:30.

Men's meeting today at 5:00.



(Details of these events are featured in the bulletin.)

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
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Get on your knees
and pray then get
on your feet and
work.

Sick & Shut-in



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Cassie Hennen, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Debby Nesselroad, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

♥ Debby Nesselroad will have surgery on her broken leg tomorrow.

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), Cindy Cleninger, Casey Osborne Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Judy Shutts Hughes (Sister to Melva Farris), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

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Don Gaston's nephew, Jason Gaston passed away.

Please remember this family, his wife and children in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to Linda Hall and family in the passing of her mother, Margaret Snider. Visitation today at the Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home in Barlow, OH 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00. Her service will be held there tomorrow at 11:00.

Keep these families in your prayers.



- ♥ Thanks to all who remembered us on our anniversary. **Chris and Debbie Tallman**
- ♥ With deepest thanks to all who came to the funeral, whispered a prayer, sent cards or said kind words after the loss of our Dad/Grandpa. In Christian Love, **Debbie, Chris and Jennifer**
- ♥ Thank you very much for the birthday cards. I appreciated them very much. **Mary Daniel**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Allen Coe**
- ♥ We appreciate the thoughtfulness from everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts and well wishes on our 50th anniversary. In Christian love, **Jim and Sallie Hinzman**

- √ Thank you, Dustin Hughes for opening your beautiful home to us Saturday.
- √ Thanks to Bill Hoover for taking care of the leaves on the church lawn.

Church News and Announcements



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Hyuna Son (Ella) was baptized Wednesday evening by Harold Shank and Gary Herridge. She is a student at Ohio Valley University and is a native of South Korea.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR RAY AND PHYLLIS JOHNSON

Everyone is invited to celebrate Ray and Phyllis Johnson's 60th Anniversary today in the MP Room. This will be a come-and-go get-together from 12:00-2:00. Cake and punch will be served. They have requested no gifts, please.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING TODAY

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 today in the MP Room to review the new material for about two hours, beginning at 3:30PM. See Paul Inman or Mark Tonkery for details.

MEN'S MEETING

Men's meeting today at 5:00. (There will not be a Ladies' meeting this month.)

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care next Monday, December 26 at 7:00PM.

SACK THE PULPIT

December is Sack the Pulpit to stock the church pantry. Items requested are on the foyer bulletin boards and may be left on either side of the pulpit. Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders or Scott Johnson.

NEW YEARS EVE. GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Years Eve. get-together December 31 in the MP Room 7:30PM-10:00PM. Please bring snacks, desserts, beverages and games. Money will be collected to order pizza. All ages welcome!

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the tables located in the rear of the auditorium foyer for your holiday cards.

Daily Bible Reading

December 18 - Revelation 7, Amos 6-9
December 19 - Revelation 8, Obadiah
December 20 - Revelation 9, Jonah 1-4
December 21 - Revelation 10-11, Micah 1-4
December 22 - Revelation 12, Micah 5-7
December 23 - Revelation 13, Nahum 1-3
December 24 - Revelation 14, Habakkuk 1-3
December 25 - Revelation 15-16, Zephaniah 1-3

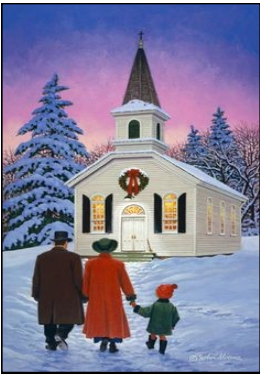
Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.



Teach us to make the
most of our time, so
that we may grow in
wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 NLT

6 Reasons Why We'll be in Worship on Christmas Day



It happens every few years. Christmas falls on a Sunday.

Amazingly (and tragically) there are churches that cancel all services on that day or move services to a weeknight. Other congregations decide to only have one worship service or to move the time of services, but they are still meeting on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord.

Still, a lot of families decide that "since it's Christmas" they do not have to attend services on that day. After all, it's a day for family and traditions and it only comes once each year. So, many people will stay at home while the church meets.

However, barring illness or some other unforeseen event, our little family will be in worship on Sunday, December 25. And here are 6 reasons why.

1. **Worship is Commanded by the Almighty.** Our Lord does not make worship something to be chosen by His followers. Hebrews 10:25 makes it clear that we are not to willfully forsake being together for worship. This is not a suggestion, and it does not have caveats for special holidays.
2. **God is More Important than any Holiday.** If I am going to say that "God is first in my life," then there is no holiday that can take His place. There is no holiday that should be able to keep me away from worshipping my Lord.
3. **Our Family *Will be Together*.** I am amazed at how many people stay home from worship on Christmas so their family will be together. Our little family will still be together, just dressed up and in a church pew; not in pajamas in front of a fireplace.
4. **Our Children Need to Learn Priorities.** "Well, since it's Christmas, we'll stay home." In the mind of children, that translates to, "What you want to do is more important than the commands of God." He is first, and this is a glorious opportunity to teach that.
5. **I Want to Encourage Every Christian Who Attends.** How discouraging would it be to go to worship and see that a large percentage of your Christian family did not think enough of you to come and encourage you? We are uplifted and encouraged when we attend worship together, and I want to encourage those who make the effort.
6. **There's Nowhere Else I Want My Family to Be Every Sunday!** Whatever date is on the calendar, I want my little family loading in our car and going together to worship God. There are times when one or more of us has been sick and we have not gotten to worship together. I can't stand it! Each and every Lord's Day, I want my family to know the joy and the high privilege it is to join hands and hearts together as we worship.

Christmas is special. Each year, we enjoy all kinds of movies, snacks, get-togethers, and gifts. Having kids makes it even more special, as they get so excited for the holiday. The Grinch is not welcome at our house!

That said, no holiday - Christmas included - can ever top the joy and excitement that should fill our soul as we are allowed into the very presence of God to express our adoration and praise to Him. Every Lord's Day, we should do that with all our enthusiasm...including December 25.

Restore My Zeal

Romans 12:6-11



Enthusiasm – Essential in living the _____ Life. Eththeos (Latin) mean _____ in us. “Never be lacking in _____, but keep your spiritual _____, serving the Lord.” (Romans 12:11 NIV)

Jesus _____ the way. “Did you not know that I _____ be about My _____ business.” (Luke 2:49) “My _____ is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to _____ His work.” (John 4:34) “Then His _____ remembered that it was written, ‘_____ for Your house has _____ Me up.’” (John 2:17)

Zeal propelled the _____ after Pentecost. “Therefore those who were _____ went everywhere _____ the word.” (Acts 8:4) “So now also _____ will be magnified in my body, whether by _____ of by _____. For to me to _____ is Christ, and to die is _____.” (Philippians 1:20-21)

1) We must be zealous about _____ to God’s word. Christian growth is _____ our lives into the image of _____. “But speaking the _____ in love, we may _____ up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

2) We must be zealous about _____ our brother. “Even so, since you are _____ for spiritual gifts, let it be for the _____ of the church that you seek to _____.” (I Corinthians 14:12)

3) We must be zealous about doing good _____. “Who gave Himself for us, that He might _____ us from every lawless deed and _____ for Himself His own _____ people, _____ for good works.” (Titus 2:14) “Let your light so _____ before men, that they may see your good _____ and _____ your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

When Sunday School Changed Society

“The original intent of “Sunday School” or “Bible Class” was to give religious instruction to children who did not receive it at home. Many fathers of the 1780’s would have been insulted if you had invited his children to Bible School because it would have implied that he did not teach his children at home. The first Sunday School began in London, England in 1780. Six years later, there were more than 250,000 enrollees throughout Great Britain. Results of the Sunday School program were so favorable that within a few years nearly every church adopted its own program.

During this time British society was marked by high levels of crime and violence, which dropped dramatically in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Why? “75% of children in England were enrolled in Sunday school. Since then, attendance has fallen off, with a corresponding increase in crime and disorder.” (White Bluff, TN Church of Christ Bulletin, Feb. 1, 1998).

This true story reminds us that when the Bible is taught and proclaimed in the ears of lost people, it will change them. God has always wanted His people to teach their children. God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites to make every effort to teach the Law to their children (Deut. 6:4-9). Mal. 2:15 tells us that God’s desires godly offspring. Then in the New Testament Paul gives the command in Eph. 6:4, by saying, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

As one can see from history and the scriptures, Bible Study and Bible Classes are essential to our spiritual wellbeing. With this being true our elders have asked me to coordinate the Bible Class program here at Camden Ave. As I begin this new work I ask for your help and patience. We are also beginning a new Bible Class curriculum and it is also new to me, to help us get to know how to better use this curriculum we will have a teacher training workshop here this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. We will meet in the MP Room. I hope all our teachers will participate in this.

Our next Bible Class Teacher meeting will be March 5 (time to T.B.A.). But if you have any questions, concerns, or need help in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me I will be glad to help. In Christ, Mark T.

Mark will be preaching this evening and the title of his sermon is I can do something for God.

Text: Philippians 4:13 Please come back this evening and bring a friend.

Save the date: January 15 all youth and their parents please plan to stay after evening services for a “Family Night.” Bring your friends, finger foods, and beverages. Please sign up in the foyer.

See Mark T. for more details.



TODAY

Our youth will join the traveling group at the Rosemar congregation this evening for their 4:00 service. Transportation will leave here at 3:30. They will be providing refreshments afterwards. Then, we will be providing transportation for our youth (6th-12th grade) to go to Pike Street Bowling Lanes. The cost will be \$8 each, includes bowling and shoes. See Jeff for details.

December 30

North End Youth day will be Friday, December 30 1:00 - 7:00PM. Plan for a fun day that will include a devotion, singing, pizza, bowling and nerf gun wars.

If you plan to go, let Jeff know by next Sunday.

(You will need to have your own transportation to and from this event.)

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

PEOPLE! We are all in the "people business". Relationships are all that really matter. How does one keep his job, stay married, or develop friends? By learning to turn the other cheek, go the second mile, walk away, let some things ride.

Each of us is responsible for his own behavior. You cannot make me mad. I, alone, permit myself to become mad. And you know something else; we are not placed on this earth to win - especially "all" the time.

You don't have to react every time when someone does something you don't like! You may choose not to respond.

Let it ride...what is wrong in allowing some things to ride? Is always being right that important? Is making the other guy wrong every time that important?

The real issue here is - be responsible for your own behavior. The Bible says it even better, "Love covers a multitude of sins".

Move toward better relationships. Let some things ride!

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, December 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Dennis Keller

Close - Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Steve Moser

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Dwain Shears

Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Herb Wright

2—Dwain Shears

4—Joyce Wright

PM

1. Haley Johnson & Malorie Fleak
2. Chris & Debbie Tallman
3. Amy Young & Nina Cheuvront
4. Ryan Gaston & Ben Haught
5. Keith & Eloise Smith
6. Rick & Kay Stanley



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 - Jim Merrill

January 3 - Teri Cox, Ryan Gaston

January 7 - Nancy Kimes

January 8 - *Doug & Shannan Hinzman

January 9 - Gary Farris

January 10 - Cody Hoover, Lorna Marshall

January 12 - Lucille Hardman

January 14 - Harvey Caplinger Jr, Bill Hoover, Ron Moncrief, Bob Smith

January 15 - David Houser, Sam Merrill

January 17 - Gala Miller, *Bill & De Fleak, *Justin & Allie Moore,
*Dearll & Carol Vincent

January 18 - Merilee Morgan, Alivia Moser, *Bob & Sharon Smith

January 19 - Keith Smith

January 23 - Abi Parmer

January 24 - Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Joyce Wright

January 26 - Brittany Gray, Becky Inman

January 27 - Betty Lamb

January 28 - Donna McConnell

January 30 - Cotton Sayre

* Anniversary

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

We would also like to include children and grandchildren that attend here.

Facts and Figures

December 11, 2016

AM Service.....242

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....201

Wednesday.....223

Contribution\$6276.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13



CD's are available on the counter of the Friday Night sing held here and the Gospel Meeting with Brother Clarence DeLoach.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, 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

UPCOMING TOPIC

December 25 - *FIXING OUR EYES*