

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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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE ELDERS, PREACHERS AND STAFF!

Dearll
Vincent

Stan
Inman

Jim
Galloway

Ron
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Shears

Paul
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Life

Pat
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Saunders

Brian
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Dana
Slingluff

Mark
Tonkery

Wes
Cochran

Kimberlee
Shears

Cody and
Kristi Hoover

Julie
Taberner



We wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons!

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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Keep your fears to
yourself, but share
your courage with
others.



*May you and your
family enjoy a
happy, healthy
2017!*

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

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), 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)

Camden Clark - Mike Wade (He was planning to be released.)

Our condolences go to Rose Allen and family in the passing of her husband, Steve Allen. (Rose is our Dearll Vincent's sister.) Steve and Rose were members here before attending the Mineral Wells congregation. His service was held Thursday in Parkersburg,



God Bless Camden Avenue Church. The birthday cards were a great spirit lifter and so enjoyed. Thank you. In Christian love,
Mary Lou Caplinger Also, thank you all for the Christmas cards.

Thank you to Keith and Eloise Smith and Colleen Ash for the yummy goodies!



DEACON'S MEETING CANCELLED

The Deacon's meeting has been cancelled for today.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is welcome to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will meet at the Golden Corral Saturday, December 31 at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

NEW YEARS EVE. GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Years Eve. get-together this Friday, 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!

SACK THE PULPIT

December is the 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.

HOLIDAY CARDS

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

CD'S AVAILABLE

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

ADDRESS

Jon, Brandi, Teagan and Cadence Hescht's address is 6370 County Road 63, Florence, AL 35634.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAROL!

Happy Birthday today to Carol Collins, Amanda Cochran's mother. We are glad to have Harley and Carol worshipping with us. Wish her a Happy Birthday today!

Daily Bible Reading

December 25 - Revelation 15-16, Zephaniah 1-3
December 26 - Revelation 17, Haggai 1-2
December 27 - Revelation 18, Zechariah 1-5
December 28 - Revelation 19, Zechariah 6-8
December 29 - Revelation 20, Zechariah 9-11
December 30 - Revelation 21, Zechariah 12-14
December 31 - Revelation 22, Malachi 1-4
January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2

Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.

Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

January 2 - Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-3
January 3 - Genesis 2:4-10, 15-17
January 4 - Genesis 2:18-25
January 5 - Genesis 3:1-8
January 6 - Genesis 3:14-24

This is the texts that all Bible classes will study.



DANA'S DISCUSSION

“Bind Us Together”

The late Chicago columnist Mike Royko once told a story about a fictitious character named Slat Grobnik who sold trees during the Christmas season. One night, just a few days before Christmas, an obviously poor couple came to his lot looking for a tree. After finding that all of the trees cost more than they had to spend, they discovered a Scotch pine tree that looked all right on one side, but the other side was nearly bare. They picked up another tree that was not much better – full on one side, but scraggly on the other. They asked Slat if he would take \$3 for the both of them. Figuring that neither of the ugly trees would be sold, he agreed.

A few days later Slat was walking down the street and saw a beautiful tree in the window of the couple's apartment. It was thick and well-rounded. He knocked on the door and was invited in. The couple showed him how they had taken the two scrawny trees and had worked them together in such a way that the full side of one compensated for the barren side of the other. Then they tied the trunks together. The tree was so thick and full that you couldn't see where one tree began and the other ended. “So that's the secret,” Slat said. “You take two trees that aren't perfect; that have flaws; that might even be homely; that maybe nobody else would even want. If you put them together just right, you can come up with something really beautiful.”

That story reminded me of the church. No two Christians are alike. Some are old, some are young. Some are wealthy, some are poor. Some have five talents, some have just one. Some are weak, some are strong. Some are mature in the faith; some are babes in Christ. Some lead exemplary Christian lives, some stumble and fall. Individually, we are incomplete. We are flawed and fall short of what God would have us to be. That's the secret. You take individual Christians that aren't perfect, and put them together just right, and you can come up with something really beautiful – the church.

“We were all baptized into one body.” (I Corinthians 12:13) “There should be no division in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.” (I Corinthians 12:25) “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.” (Romans 12:6) “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15) “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:1-2)

There is great value in every member of the church, regardless of how talented, educated, wealthy, or successful one may or may not be. When individual Christians work together, you come up with something beautiful – the body of Christ.

“But, speaking the truth in love, we may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ – from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Raising Children for God: (Luke 2:39-52)



And He said to them, “Why is it that you _____ Me? Did you not know that I must be about My _____ business?” Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was _____ to them, but his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in _____, and - _____ and in favor with _____ and _____. (Luke 2:49-52)

God chose for His Son to be _____ in a family. “When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His _____, born of a _____, born under the Law, to _____ those who were under the Law.” (Galatians 4:4-5)

Jesus was totally _____ AND totally _____. “Who being in the _____ of God, did consider it robbery to be _____ with God, but made Himself of no _____, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the _____ of men.” (Philippians 2:6-7)

Joseph and Mary lived their lives in _____ to God. “So when they had performed _____ things according to the _____ of the Lord...” (Luke 2:39)

The foundation for Christian _____ in the _____. “And you _____, do not provoke your children to wrath, but _____ them up in the _____ and the _____ of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

Jesus understood his _____. “Did you no know that I must be about My _____ business? (Luke 2:49)

Decisions about serving God should _____ in Childhood. “Remember now your _____ in the days of your _____.” (Eccle. 12:1) Children submitting to parents is God’s _____ of things. It prepares us to have a _____ with God.

Jesus was _____ to his _____. “Children _____ your parents in the Lord, for this is _____. Honor your _____ and _____, which is the first commandment with _____.” (Ephesians 6:1-3) “Though He was a _____, yet He learned _____ by the things that He _____. And having been _____, He became the author of eternal _____ to all who _____ Him.” (Hebrews 5:8-9)

The results of How Jesus was _____. “And Jesus increased in _____, and _____ and in _____ with God and _____.” (Luke 2:52)

Wisdom: _____. Stature _____. Favor with God _____. Favor with men _____.

The home is where _____ education takes place. “Train up a _____ in the way that he should go, and when he is _____ he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

College Age Bible Class

One of the many responsibilities the elders have asked me to do as part of my ministry here at Camden Avenue is to work with young people who are of college age. This is something I am very glad to help with. The past eight years I have taught Bible classes at Ohio Valley University and in that time, I have seen the need to minister to young people coming to OVU. Many young people from about 17-24 years of age have many spiritual questions and need a church home and spiritual direction.

So, in an effort to help those who are of college age I will be beginning to teach a Bible class for them on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Room 112. This class will be an effort to reach out to those in the congregation and those who are in area colleges and universities to encourage them to start attending the Camden Avenue congregation. One of the goals of this class is to reach out to all young people ages of 17 to 24. *One does not have to be a student of any college or university to attend this Bible class.* By having this class, it is hoped that the college age person will be able to build relationships with others their age, and will help connect them to the congregation as we strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the class grows I would like to be able to develop the group so we could go on mission trips, have college age retreats, and do other activities to help develop and nurture one's faith during this critical time of life.

Currently, the College age class will only meet on Wednesdays in Room 112. Sundays, the class will meet with the young adult class in the multipurpose room, downstairs. This class will be taught by Stan Inman on Sunday mornings and Chris Mullins on Wednesday nights.

We hope that everyone will benefit from all the Bible classes offered here at Camden Avenue. There are classes for all ages from cradle roll to adults. We also have two adult Bible Classes besides the college age class and young adult class; one adult class meets in Room 109 and the other in the auditorium.

If you have any questions about the College Age Bible class or other Bible classes, please let me know and I will be glad to help. See you in Bible Class! Mark T.

Reminder: We will continue the College Dinners on the first Wednesday nights of the month starting in February.

There will be a dinner for the OVU basketball teams Monday, January 2, 2017 at 6:30PM. Everyone is invited. See Laura Tonkery for more details.

Mark will be preaching this evening and the title of his sermon *How much do you really know about events surrounding the birth of Christ?* Text: Luke 2:7-11 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.

Youth Events

December 30

North End Youth day will be this Friday 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 today.

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

January 15

Family Fun in the MP Room after evening services. Bring finger foods and beverages.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Bring your friends!



Katelyn Morgan Vincent

Congratulations to Katelyn!

She graduated with honors December 17, 2016 from Wright State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

She is the daughter of Bob and Debbie Vincent. Granddaughter of Dearll and Carol Vincent.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Here are some good thoughts to remember as you go about your daily life:

Everything is always okay in the end,
If it's not, then it's not the end.

If all my friends jumped off a cliff,
I wouldn't jump with them.
I would be at the bottom to catch them.

Never approach a bull from the front,
A horse from the rear,
Or a fool from any direction.

A girl on the street is pointing up at the sky. "Look an Angel!" she yells. A person nearby laughs, "You fool, that is only a cloud". How wonderful it would be to see Angels where there are only clouds. How sad it would be to see only clouds where there are Angels.

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



Don't cry because something is over,
Smile because it happened.

Pain and suffering are inevitable
But Misery is optional.

Even if you're on the right track,
You'll get run over if you just sit there.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Russ Alton

6:00 PM - Patrick Rine

Close - Keith Smith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes

PM - Bob Armstrong

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Don Dougherty

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Gary Herridge

2—Keith Smith

4—Eloise Smith

PM

1. Mike & Pam Bayer

2. Dave & Lois Nulter

3. Susan Anderson & Robin Anthony

4. Emma Hershman & Holly Haught

5. Dearl & Carol Vincent

6. Paul & Nancy Inman

Photos of the Golden Agers trip to North Bend State Park

December 13, 2016



In this picture does it look like Dwain is the only one stilllllllll eating?

Russ and Patty Alton, Eloise Smith, Bev Rine and Laura Tonkery....listening to Dana's "jokes"????!!



Van and Nancy Putnam and Gilbert and Lucille Hardman enjoying the luncheon at North Bend.



Photos by Keith Smith

Facts and Figures

December 18, 2016

AM Service.....249

Bible Study.....190

PM Service.....180

Wednesday.....225

Contribution\$7188.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....10

Placed Membership....13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



Mark talking....Laura listening?????



Dana talking.... Cindy listening?????

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

January 1 - GOD'S WORD