

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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December will be

Sack the Pulpit

to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned fruit
- Any canned meat (TREET, SPAM, Vienna sausage)
 - Applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce (We have spaghetti pasta.)
 - Boxed macaroni and cheese
 - Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned soup (tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (potatoes, corn, green beans)

Please leave items on either sides of the pulpit.

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
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Bill Hoover
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Hate is easy.
To love takes
courage and even
work sometimes.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Bob and 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, 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 Freenar (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), 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)

Health South - Bob Smith

Camden Clark - Tammie Wilson (CVUC #4)



Our sincere condolences to Debbie Tallman and family in the passing of her father, Denver Haught. His funeral was held Thursday in Ripley.

Dorothea "Dot" Haught's address is:

112 Winters Drive, Ripley, WV 25271

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Neil Russell. His service was held Monday at our church building.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Many thanks all for the prayers and visits (and Facebook posts) during my recent hospital stay. A special thank you to the Wednesday night 4 and 5 year old class for their card. As the weather is getting colder I may not be able to get out much, but I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. **Pat Barclay**
- ♥ Thanks to all of you for the acts of kindness and concern while I was not feeling well.
Betty Lamb
- ♥ From **Ron and Peggy Riddle**: Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, notes and cards over the past many weeks. Both of Ron's glaucoma surgeries have gone very well. Peggy will complete all 36 radiation treatments by December 14th. We are blessed to be part of such a loving, caring church family! Love you all very much!



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 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.

GOLDEN AGERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our Golden Agers will be having lunch at North Bend State Park Tuesday, December 13. We plan to leave the building at 11:00. Cost is \$20.00 each. Menu will include turkey and baked steak. Please sign the attendance count sheet on the counter by December 11. See Dwain for details.

LADIES' ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All ladies are invited to the ornament exchange Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Bring an ornament (\$10 or under) and a finger food to share. Any questions, see Becky Inman or Laura Tonkery.

BABYSITTING

Girls of our congregation in LLL Keepers class will be providing babysitting in the MP Room Friday evening, December 16 from 5:00-10:00 for children age 2 and above. Food and snacks will be provided. If you plan to take advantage of this service, please sign the sheet on the counter. For more information, see Annette.

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 will receive their material for the winter quarter at that time. See Paul Inman or Mark Tonkery for details.



Daily Bible Reading

December 4 - 2 Peter 2, Ezekiel 42-44
December 5 - 2 Peter 3, Ezekiel 45-46
December 6 - 1 John 1, Ezekiel 47-48
December 7 - 1 John 2, Daniel 1-2
December 8 - 1 John 3, Daniel 3-4
December 9 - 1 John 4, Daniel 5-6
December 10 - 1 John 5, Daniel 7-9
December 11 - 2 John-3 John, Daniel 10-12

New Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers.



Thank you to all who participated in the Potter Children's Home "Silver for Children" Gleaner campaign.

13 banks were donated.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"The folly of Procrastination"

It is difficult to understand why so many people hear the gospel for years and yet refuse to obey it. They need to realize that each time they reject the Lord's invitation their heart becomes further hardened until the gospel seems to have no effect on them at all.

The following article is a true story as told by Moses E. Lard, a gospel preacher of a generation ago. Brother Lard graduated from Bethany College, preached and participated in many debates for over sixty years. You may recognize his name as the author of the commentary on Romans in the Gospel Advocate Commentaries.

Brother Lard had a friend who was a successful businessman and who was well-respected in the community. This man was very ill and had been told that he would not live long. He sent for brother Lard, and said to him: "Mr. Lard, I would not have you think that I have sent for you with the idea that you will help me in any way. I know that soon I shall die, and that I will be in torment ere long." Brother Lard asked "Why don't you feel there is any hope for you?"

"Hope, Mr. Lard? Don't talk to me about my having any hope. For a quarter of a century I have understood the gospel of Christ and my duty concerning that gospel and my soul, but I have refused to obey the gospel of the Lord, though I knew the truth fully. I therefore, am lost! Eternally lost! I sent for you because I do want you to preach my funeral. I am asking you now to tell all my friends that I was not a Christian, and that as you are preaching the funeral that I am in torment. I want you to tell them that I asked you to inform them. They may be a warning to others that a life of disobedience is fatal. Still, it may not move others to obedience, but I do not want to die without making an effort to be of service to others who are as careless as I have been. This is a request of a dying friend. Please grant it."

Satan knows that one sure way to cause people to lose their soul is to discourage their obedience to the gospel of Christ. A decision to delay obedience to the gospel is the same as the decision to reject the gospel. Satan works to persuade the young and the old, that putting on Christ in baptism is something they can do some day – but it is not necessary today. In **Ecclesiastes 12:1**, Solomon encourages *"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say 'I have no pleasure in them.'"*

The writer of Hebrews admonishes *"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."* (**Hebrews 4:17**) To the wavering Christian, he adds *"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."* (**Hebrews 3:12-13**)

Whatever would keep you from standing justified before God in Judgment – take care of it today. Don't procrastinate. Don't delay.



The Church at Sardis: “Live up to your Reputation” (Revelation 3:1-6)

A) The Lord’s Assessment of the church at Sardis.

“These things says He who has the _____ Spirits of God and the seven _____, “I know your _____, that you have a _____ that you are _____”.
(Revelation 3:1)

The Lord’s assessment was quite different: “but you are _____” (Revelation 3:1).

B) The Lord’s Admonition:

1. “Be _____” (Revelation 3:2). “Watch and _____ that you enter not into _____” (Matthew 26:41). “Watch, stand _____ in the _____, be brave, be _____” (I Corinthians 16:13). “Therefore, we must not _____ as others do, but let us _____ and be _____” (I Thessalonians 5:6).

2. “Strengthen the things that _____, that are ready to _____, for I have not found your works _____ before God” (Revelation 3:2). “He who looks into the perfect law of liberty and _____ in it, and is not a _____ hearer but a _____ of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:25)

3. “_____ therefore _____ you have received and heard, and _____ fast to it” (Revelation 3:3).

4. “And _____” (Revelation 3:3).

5. “Therefore, if you will not _____, I will _____ upon you, as a _____, and you will not know what _____ I will come upon you” (Revelation 3:3).

C) The Lord’s Reassurance:

1. “You have a _____ names, even in _____ who have not _____ their garments. They shall _____ with Me in _____, for they are worthy” (Revelation 3:4).

D) The Lord’s Promises:

1. **A Beautiful Robe.** “He who _____ will be clothed in _____ garments” (Revelation 3:5). “To Him who _____ us, and _____ us from our _____ in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5). “Though your _____ be as scarlet, they shall be as _____ as snow” (Isaiah 1:18)

2. **Our _____ written in the _____ of life.** “And I will not _____ out his name from the _____ of Life” (Revelation 3:5).

3. **The Lord will _____ our name before the Father and His angels. (Revelation 3:5).** “Therefore, whoever _____ Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father. But whoever _____ Me before men, him I will also _____ before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32-33).



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Family Living

What have you and your family done together lately? I am not talking about watching TV or a Movie. But when was the last time you as a family really interacted with one another, no electronics, and no distractions, just you and your family.

The Bible tells us in the Old and New Testament that family life is important (Pr. 31:10-30; 1 Tim. 5:4, Eph. 5:21-6:4). It is easy to read these verses and understand what they mean but how do we apply them to our everyday life as a family? How do we show our families that they are important, we care for one another, and we truly love each other? The simple answer may be, we spend time with each other and this is good, but how do we use our time together? Maybe your family can do one or more of these practical suggestions:

- ☺ Go to worship and Bible class then afterwards talk about the lessons you have learned.
- ☺ Cook and deliver a meal to a homebound friend.
- ☺ Read the Bible out loud together.
- ☺ Do yard work together.
- ☺ Pray together.
- ☺ Visit the elderly or sick together.
- ☺ Plant a tree or garden together.
- ☺ Challenge each other to memorize scripture.
- ☺ Volunteer as a family to help the homeless, those in a nursing home, or hospital.
- ☺ Have a family game night.
- ☺ Volunteer for a church project.
- ☺ Make a family tree.
- ☺ Write letters to family members who live out of state, those who are in the military, or to a missionary.
- ☺ Go camping, fishing, or canoeing.
- ☺ Take a walk and eat a picnic lunch along the trail.

This list could go on, but whatever you do be creative and make time for your family. Every family member is a blessing from God, to help us enjoy life in this world. Remember a family that prays together and plays together stays together!

Written by: Mark T. Tonkery

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. See Mark T. for more details.

Youth Events

Our youth will join the traveling group at the Rosemar congregation December 18 for their 4:00 service.

♥ North End Youth day will be December 29 1:00-7:00PM. More details will be provided.

2017

Everyone is invited to a New Years Eve. get-together Saturday, December 31 7:30-10:00 in the MP Room. There will be a time of singing and devotional around 9:00.

Please bring items to go with pizza, desserts and beverages. Money will be collected to purchase pizza.

Bring games and join in the fun.

All ages welcome!



Send some love and sunshine to these Christian ladies.

Pat Burkey, Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault, Eleanor Slingluff, Valeria Spout

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Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I am sure you have heard it a thousand times, just as I have. "We'll get you what you deserve!" It is the hue and cry of the legal profession's television commercials. They want you to let them represent you against the "evil" doctors, insurance companies, big business, and anyone else they feel has lots of money. Of course they expect to get their 30-40% of whatever settlement is received.

The real question to ask here is what exactly do we "deserve"? Do we really "deserve" anything in this world? So many fail to realize that all we have and all the material blessings we get come to us because of the grace of God. In the end, we don't deserve anything! What we should desire is the ability to show gratitude to a loving God who sees our real needs and responds to them. Jesus made this so plain when he said "But seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you."

Solomon also understood this when he said, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiasts 12:13)

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





Help Us Remember

Heavenly Father,

Help us remember that the jerk who cuts off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for the next semester. Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

Author Unknown

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

December 11 - *PLEASING GOD*

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, December 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Merrill

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Sean Plant

Close - John Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jim Hinzman

PM - Scott Smith

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Chris Mullins

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Paul Saunders
2—Kevin and Becky Inman
4—Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Hayden Moser & Cody Young
2. Ron & Peggy Riddle
3. Patrick & Beverly Rine
4. Don & Mary Nesselroad
5. Steve & Julie Moser
6. John & Karen Life

Facts and Figures

November 27, 2016

AM Service.....274

Bible Study.....206

PM Service.....194

Wednesday.....218

Contribution\$6323.00

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