

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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NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with peace and joy
And the happiness is brings.
Amen

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Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
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Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

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You will never be
sorry when you
share kindness.



WITH GOD AROUND US

let us pray for
a year full of new opportunities,
an abundance of
warm people among us,
a life with God in our midst.

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), Dorothea Haught (Debbie Tallman's mother), Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), 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)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2017**

May you have a happy, healthy 2017!

- ♥ Many thanks for all the anniversary and holiday cards we received. All were greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to have so many Christian friends. **Joyce Wright**
- ♥ **Ray and Phyllis Johnson** wish to thank everyone who helped in any way with the anniversary celebration. A special thanks to Nancy Inman and Peggy Riddle.
- ♥ Thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ for the holiday cards, gifts, pictures and well wishes. May good things happen to you in the new year. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday and anniversary cards. A special thank you for all acts of kindness shown at the passing of our loved one. **Don and Sheri Gaston**



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Paul Mullins was baptized Sunday. He is Chris Mullins' father. He will be in Care Group 1. We are so happy to have the Mullins family with us at Camden Avenue!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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. (Please note: The order of Care Groups hosting the Fellowship Luncheons and Love and Care services has been changed for 2017.)

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held at 2:30 next Sunday in the OVU Alumni Gym on the North campus.

FAMILY NIGHT

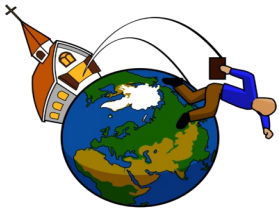
We will have Family Fun in the MP Room after evening services January 15. Bring finger foods and beverages. See Mark or Laura Tonkery for details. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HOLIDAY CARDS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Care Group 4 will host the services at Love and Care Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 and Thursday evening, February 23 at 7:00.
- * Our Red Cross Blood Drive will be February 20 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00PM.
- * We will host the Ladles' Inspiration Day April 29.



Please continue to remember the missionaries we support in your prayers and with cards.

Information and addresses are on the bulletin board in the parking lot foyer.

Daily Bible Reading

January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2
January 2 - Matthew 2, Genesis 3-5
January 3 - Matthew 3, Genesis 6-7
January 4 - Matthew 4, Genesis 8-10
January 5 - Matthew 5:1-20, Genesis 11-12
January 6 - Matthew 5:21-48, Genesis 13-15
January 7 - Matthews 6:1-15, Genesis 16-18
January 8 - Matthew 6:16-34, Genesis 19-20

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

New Year's Resolutions for 2017

The following are some suggested biblical resolutions for Christians – Not just for the New Year – but every day:

Give God the glory, honor and praise He deserves - (Psalm 42:5; Psalm 43:5; Psalm 71:14; Psalm 89:1).

Look forward to attending every worship service - (Psalm 26:8; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:25).

Love our brothers and sisters in Christ - (Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1; I Peter 1:22).

Be diligent about Bible study and prepared to answer those who ask us about our faith - (Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 3:15).

Give to the Lord cheerfully as we have prospered and purposed in our hearts - (Deuteronomy 15:7-12; I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 9:7).

Use kindness when dealing with others - (Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 31:26).

Pray more regularly - (Mark 14:38; Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; I Timothy 2:1-6; I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Share our struggles with one another and help each other go to heaven - (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1-2; Philippians 4:13).

Develop the talents God has given us to serve Him - (Matthew 25:14-30; I Corinthians 10:31).

Ask the elders for a job to do and do it, becoming laborers together for God - (Matthew 20:1-16; I Corinthians 3:5-9).

If we as Christians would put these 'resolutions' into practice in 2017, we will each experience spiritual growth and become a valuable part in building up the church of Christ which meets at Camden Avenue. (II Timothy 2:19-21; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:11-16)

New Life Resolution (Lamentations 3:19-26)



When we lose our first love: “Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your _____ love.” (Revelation 2:4)

Our goal in life should be to _____, not just to survive. “Yet in all these things we are more than _____ through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37)

God offers us that which is new. A new covenant. “I will give you a new _____ and put a _____ spirit within you.” (Ezekiel 36:26) “Oh, sing to the Lord a new _____.” (Psalm 98:1) **The promise and possibility to _____.** “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____; old things have passed _____; behold all things are become _____.” (II Corinthians 5:17)

Change is exciting. “Put off concerning your former _____, the _____ man.... And be _____ in the spirit of your mind, and that you put _____ the _____ man which was created according to God in true _____ and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Paul’s New Life Sermon: “Awake, you who sleep, _____ from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See that you _____ circumspectly, not as _____ but as wise, redeeming the _____, because the days are _____.” (Ephesians 5:13-16)

Jesus told the church at Ephesus to start anew. “Remember from where you have fallen; _____ and do the first works.” (Revelation 2:5)

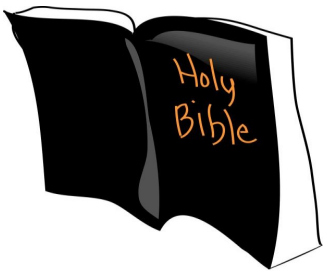
The only meaningful resolution – Return to your _____ love! What a wonderful _____! This renewal must come _____.

God will take care of the _____. The steadfast love of the Lord _____ ceases, His _____ never come to an end; they are _____.

God’s Faithfulness gives us _____. “The Lord is _____ to whose _____ is in Him, to the one who _____ Him.” (Lamentations 3:25,26)

God’s mercies are without _____. “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in _____, in persecutions, for _____ for _____ sake, For when I am weak, then I am _____.” (II Corinthians 12:10)

Having Jesus is _____. “It is good that one should hope and wait _____ for the salvation of the Lord.” (Lamentations 3:26)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

New Bible Curriculum for Bible Class

“Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.” Ps. 34:11

Starting today (Jan. 1) our Bible Classes from 2 years old through High School will be starting a new Bible curriculum. The curriculum is published by Shaping Hearts for God Publishing and the following is some information from their web page:

Shaping Hearts for God curriculum includes many features that enhance and enrich students' learning. The curriculum also provides valuable suggestions and creative ideas to help teachers connect with their students. These features include:

- Biblically accurate and personally applicable
- Age-appropriate, student-friendly format in brilliant colors
- Bible Reading and Memory Verses graduated in difficulty to be tailored to students' ages and capabilities
- Three-year study covering the entire Bible
- Promotes family Bible reading and study
- Supplemental materials to enhance and enrich teaching and learning.

This quarter the Bible study will be from the book of Genesis. To help our children get the most out of these lessons our eldership and myself encourage all parents to bring their children to Bible class. If you need help finding a Bible class I or one of our ushers will be glad to help direct, you and your child to the correct class. Second, to get the most out of the learning experience there will be a daily Bible reading printed in the bulletin that will go with each week's Bible lesson. The Bible reading will also be posted on bulletin boards around the church building. Parents will be encouraged to read and study the Bible readings with their children, parents are also encouraged to help their children learn their memory verses, and review the Bibles lessons with their children. There will also be weekly take home worksheets from the Bible class teacher to let parents know what their children are doing in Bible Class. So, parents we are asking for your help to review and study the weekly Bible lessons and Bible readings with your children. This will help your children come closer to God and help them with the learning process. Parents can also download Bible Knowledge flash cards from the Shaping Hearts for God web site so they may review Bible facts learned throughout the quarter.

All parents and teachers are encouraged to learn more about this material and how it can be best used by going to this website <http://www.shapingheartsforgod.org>.

If anyone has questions, please let me know and I will be glad to help. Let's have a great quarter learning God's word! Mark T.

Let's Build relationships with our students



There was a teacher once who said that she would continue teaching Bible class upon only one condition. This condition was that a certain girl be removed from her class. She could do nothing with the girl who was crude, rude, and generally disrespectful in her conduct. The teacher was persuaded instead to try praying for the girl fifteen minutes each day for two weeks. She soon realized that she did not know enough about the girl to pray for fifteen minutes. This led to a call in the girl's home where the teacher discovered that the student was merely eager for attention. Knowing the girl's background, the teacher became fond of the girl and was able to lead her into such growth that the problem girl later became one of the best teachers in the Sunday school.

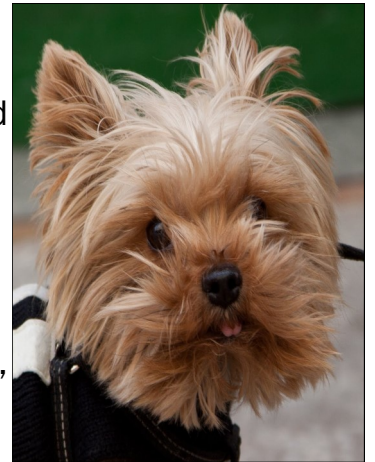
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Reminder: This Wednesday all College age young people are welcome to attend a new college class in Room 112. We will be studying the book of Genesis. Young adults will continue to meet in the MP Room. Both classes will continue to meet in the MP Room on Sundays. Please bring a friend!

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You know, there are a lot of things you can learn from a dog.

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- Allow simple things like the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Take naps, stretch before rising.
- Play with children.
- Be loyal.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
- Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.



Peter has similar instructions to Christians when he wrote, "For he who would love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit: let him turn away from evil and do good, let him seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:10).

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



THAT'S MY JOB

Sometimes it becomes easier in life to pass our responsibilities to someone else. We justify it with statements like, "Well, they are better at it than me" or, "I really do not like doing that sort of thing and he does." But does finding a surrogate really relieve us of our responsibility in that instant? I would say that it does not. You would not expect your boss to excuse you from the desired quality of work just because you let someone else do your job for you.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

I ask you, "Whose job is it to teach your family God's word? I cannot leave such an important task up to Bible school teachers who my children see once per week. It is my job to be certain my children learn the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

As your children bring papers home from Bible class be sure you help them understand those papers, their lessons, and the Bible passages associated with them. It is your job to help your children get to heaven. The church is here to help you but cannot do it for you.

Steven Haguewood

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 8 - NOT TOO HARD

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, January 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Chris Mullins

Close - Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ira Kimes

PM - Scott Johnson

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Bill Merrill

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Doug Hershman

2—Todd Kirk

4—Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Mark & Laura Tonkery

2. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

3. Richard Cozad & Bill Mills

4. Amy Young & Nina Cheuvront

5. Delmas Carr & Bill Pralley

6. Brian & Natalie Haught

Facts and Figures

December 25, 2016

AM Service.....316

Bible Study.....209

PM Service.....179

Wednesday.....183

Contribution\$7338.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....9

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