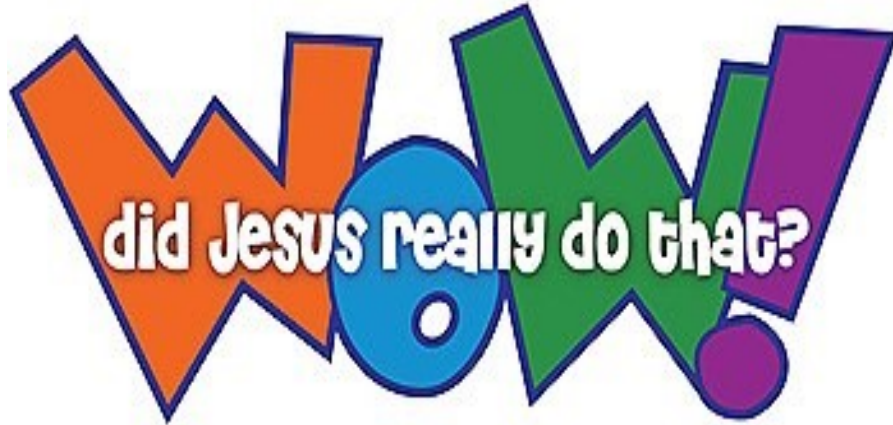


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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**Vacation Bible School will begin this week.**

Wednesday - Friday 6:30PM-8:00PM

\* Note: Wednesday evening service will begin at 6:30 this week. \*

Saturday - 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Classes for ages 2 years old to adults.  
Cookies and Kool-Aid will be provided each evening.

**Bring your family and friends!**

### **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  
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God blesses you abundantly so that you can be a blessing to others.

# ONE NATION



# UNDER GOD

Bill Lemley will be undergoing treatments over the next few weeks in Columbus. Please keep Bill, Mary and family in your prayers.

### **Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

### **Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), Tony Haid (Len's son), Heather Hoon, Celia Johnson (Scott Johnson's mother), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

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We extend our sympathy to Janet Plant and family in the passing of her brother, Joe Lichlyter. His service was Wednesday in Parkersburg.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Ruth Ann Gibbs. Her service was yesterday.

Keep these families in your prayers.



## In God We Trust

- ♥ We appreciate the cards and gifts for our anniversary. Thanks to all those that came and helped us celebrate. **Jay and Nina Cheuvront**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards. Thank you! **Debbie Tallman**
- ♥ I would like to thank the family here at Camden Avenue for all of the love and concern that has been shown to myself and my family in the past several months as I deal with my battle with cancer. The outpouring of love is completely overwhelming to me! My prognosis is very good to be cured. Please continue to pray for us in this yearlong battle. **Todd Kirk**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please plan to attend VBS this week July 5-8, 6:30-8:00PM each evening and Saturday 10:00AM-Noon, with picnic. **Note:** Wednesday evening service will begin at 6:30. Classes for ages 2 through adults. Invite others and help make VBS a success! VBS work evening this Tuesday at 6:00 to assemble the tent and get things ready around the building.

## COOKIES NEEDED

Cookies are needed for VBS. Please leave on the counter in the office or in the MP Room by this Wednesday.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 will host the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room and invites everyone! Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## SECRET SISTERS

There will be a Secret Sister meeting next Sunday after evening services in Room 109 for those interested in participating. See Laura Tonkery or Kimberlee for details.

## "IN SEARCH" PROGRAM CHANGE

*In Search of the Lord's Way* television program will air July 23 at 6:30AM instead of the normal time due to a program change. (A special thank you to Mike Fleak for taking care of this work.)

## ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

A trip is planned August 3-4 to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. We will depart August 3 and travel to Rolling Hills Bible Camp for the night. There are also motels close for those interested. The next morning we will travel to The Ark Encounter and then return home. More information is with the sign-up sheet on the counter. See Mark or Dana for details.

## TEACHERS/ELDERS/DEACONS WORKSHOP - AUGUST 5

The Teachers/Elders/Deacons Workshop will be held at Ohio Valley University August 5. The Elders believe this workshop would be very beneficial and have agreed to pay the registration fee for the attendees from Camden Avenue. The sign-up sheet is on the counter,

## OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY LINEN DRIVE

OVU is having a LINEN DRIVE to assist the international students. New or gently used twin sheets, small pillows, blankets, towels and wash clothes are needed. Items need to be dropped off at OVU Main Lobby 9:00AM-1:00PM July 6 and 7.

## SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF THE FAMILY

Please be praying for our upcoming efforts. Don't forget about our Gospel Meeting with Brother Phil Sanders in September.

**The church office will be closed July 4 in observance of the holiday.**

### Daily Bible Reading

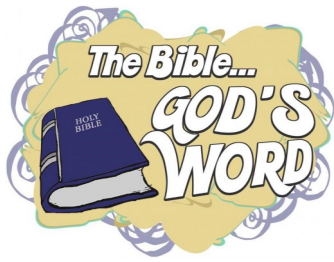
**July 2** - Acts 7:20-45, 2 Chronicles 21-23  
**July 3** - Acts 7:46-60, 2 Chronicles 24-25  
**July 4** - Acts 8:1-25, 2 Chronicles 26-28  
**July 5** - Acts 8:26-40, 2 Chronicles 29-30  
**July 6** - Acts 9:1-22, 2 Chronicles 31-32  
**July 7** - Acts 9:23-43, 2 Chronicles 33-34  
**July 8** - Acts 10:1-23, 2 Chronicles 35-36  
**July 9** - Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3



Wednesday evening service will begin at 6:30 this week due to VBS.

### Daily Reading - Bible classes

**July 3** - Exodus 19:1-6  
**July 4** - Isaiah 6:1-5  
**July 5** - Exodus 3:1-6  
**July 6** - Leviticus 18:1-5, 24-30  
**July 7** - Leviticus 2:22-26



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “God’s Word and the Christian”

There are probably few aspects of Christian living that we talk about more and practice less than meaningful study of the Bible. We surely believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and would vigorously challenge anyone who denies it. We accept that it is the source of authority and insist that everything we believe and practice in our faith be according to scripture. We believe in the Bible! Unfortunately, many Christians spend little time reading, studying and learning what is written there.

There was a time when even average members of the church were known for their knowledge of scripture. Years ago, I knew a Christian man whose humble occupation was that of a custodian / greeter at a furniture store. His Bible was his constant companion. For more than forty years he capably taught the adult Bible class in the congregation that he attended. Someone once commented, “I would give half my life to know the Bible like you do.” “That’s what it has taken me,” was his reply.

It is the sad truth that many Christians today give very little effort to the study of God’s word. For many, the only time their Bible is used is in Bible class on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. In fact, many Bibles never leave the car in between! If we would only realize what we are missing! God has provided a spiritual feast for us in His word – and we are starving!

To benefit from God’s word, we absolutely must immerse ourselves in it. The Christians of Berea were said to be noble because they “*received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily.*” (Acts 17:11) All of us know that we must eat every day to be nourished physically. Why would our spiritual need be any less important?

The Psalmist wrote “*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.*” (Psalm 1:1-2). What are some of the benefits that Christians derive from sincere and dedicated study of God’s word?

“*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” (Romans 10:17) The scriptures make us “*wise unto salvation.*” (II Timothy 3:15) When we “*we receive with meekness the implanted word,*” it is able to save our souls. (James 1:21) The word of God will keep us from sin. “*How can a young man cleanse his way?*” By taking heed to God’s word.” (Psalm 119:9)

God, through His commandments, makes us wiser than our enemies and gives us more understanding than our teachers. (Psalm 119:98-99) The things written in the Bible were “*written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*” (Romans 15:4) Jesus said “*You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*” (John 8:32) Knowing God’s word keeps us safe from false teachers who would lead us astray. If, however, we do not have a love of the truth, we will end up believing a lie – and be condemned. (II Thessalonians 2:10-12)

We must “*study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” (II Timothy 2:15) A knowledge of God’s word equips us for every good work (II Timothy 3:17), preparing us to give an answer to everyone who asks us the reason of the hope that is within us.” (I Peter 3:15)

We are told to “*hunger and thirst after righteousness,*” and to “*let the words of Christ dwell in us richly.*” Paul was frustrated that the Corinthians could not receive the things he wanted to teach them because *they remained babes, still feeding on the milk of the word.* (I Corinthians 3:1-2) How frustrated God must get with us. God has provided all the teaching, instruction and guidance needed in our Christian lives – and we ignore what He has written! The only way God can speak to us is in His word – we need to listen to Him every day.

# Freedom in Christ

## John 8:31-36



Man is in bondage to \_\_\_\_\_. “Whoever commits \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.” (John 8:34) “You are of your father, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your father you want to do” (John 8:44).

1) **Freedom is in \_\_\_\_\_.** He has sent Me to \_\_\_\_\_ the brokenhearted, to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at \_\_\_\_\_ those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18-19). **Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to \_\_\_\_\_, and to give His \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ for many” (Matthew 20:28).

2) **The \_\_\_\_\_ is what make us \_\_\_\_\_.** “You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_” (John 8:32). “The way of man is not in \_\_\_\_\_; it is not in man that walks to \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_” (Jeremiah 10:23). **The Bible shows us how to \_\_\_\_\_ God.** “Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a lamp unto my \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my pathway” (Psalm 119:105). The Bible tells about \_\_\_\_\_. “From childhood you have known the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make you \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_” (II Timothy 3:15).

3) **Free from \_\_\_\_\_ and the power of sin.** “For all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Romans 3:23). “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 6:23). **Being free from sin makes us free from \_\_\_\_\_.** “Through death He might \_\_\_\_\_ him who had the \_\_\_\_\_ of death, that is, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ those who through \_\_\_\_\_ of death were all their lifetime subject to \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 2:14-15) “If the \_\_\_\_\_ makes you \_\_\_\_\_, you are free indeed” (John 8:36).

4) **Freedom in our \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Free to chose \_\_\_\_\_ we will serve.** “Greater is \_\_\_\_\_ that is in you, than he that is in the \_\_\_\_\_” (I John 4:4). **Free to chose how we will serve - because of \_\_\_\_\_.** “I marvel that you are turning away from Him who called you in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, to a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

5) **It is possible to lose our liberty when we allow liberty to become \_\_\_\_\_.** This is the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. It is possible to lose our \_\_\_\_\_ when we allow liberty to become \_\_\_\_\_. This is the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. “Brethren, you have been called to \_\_\_\_\_; only do not use liberty as an \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh” (Galatians 5:13). As \_\_\_\_\_, yet not using liberty as a cloak for \_\_\_\_\_, but as bondservants of God” (I Peter 2:16).



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Vacation Bible School begins Wednesday!!!

Think about all the things that God could do this week!

- **When we bring a friend:** We can help someone be introduced to Christ and His Church, maybe for the first time. (Mk. 16:15-16)
- **When we sing:** God receives the glory and honor and we teach young hearts and minds that God should be first in our lives (Col. 3:16)
- **When we Study:** The Bible we learn about God, Christ, His church and how to live our lives for Him. (2 Tim. 2:15)
- **When we gather together:** VBS is a great time to learn to do things together! Hopefully new friendships will be made and enjoyed! (Acts 2:44).

The spiritual possibilities are endless, with God. Imagine what God could do with a child when pointed in the right direction. Luke 18:16, teaches "But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Jesus valued and saw great possibility in children; may we do the same by bringing our children and supporting this year's Vacation Bible School. This year's Theme will be Wow! Did Jesus really do that? We will be teaching about Jesus' power over needs, nature, and problems. There will be classes for all children and adults. \* Wednesday through Friday we will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, we will meet in the auditorium for singing and review of the Bible lessons at 10:00 a.m. and then dismiss for the picnic outside. So please make plans to be with us each evening!

*\*Note the adult class will be taught by the following: Wednesday- Rick Stanley, Thursday – Dana Slingluff and Friday – Gary Herridge*

### VBS Schedule:

**Wednesday – Friday 6:30-6:40 p.m.** Everyone starts in the auditorium for singing.

**Wednesday – Friday 6:40-7:05 p.m.** Dismiss and go to classes.

**Wednesday – Friday 7:05 – 7:15 p.m.** Break. Serve Snacks.

**Wednesday – Friday 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.** Class. (Adults dismiss for snacks at the end of their class).

**Wednesday – Friday 7:45 – 8:00 p.m.** Return to Auditorium for singing and dismissal.

Note: Snacks will be delivered to class each night except the Adults.

- **VBS meeting** – There will be a very short VBS meeting in Room 109 after Bible Class this morning (July 2). All VBS teachers and workers need to be there.
- ***We need your help to pass out VBS flyers Monday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.***
- ***5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class – All children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade VBS class bring a white T-shirt for a craft. If you have any questions see Mark or Laura.***

See you at VBS! Mark T. Tonkery

**Don't forget to bring a friend each night!!!**



We are the Land of the Free.  
We are home of the Brave.  
Let's pay tribute  
To our brave American Heroes  
On this Fourth of July and forever.

*Thank you for your service.*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is  
FREEDOM.

2 Corinthians 3:17

# Youth Section

## Traveling Youth Group

Transportation will leave today at 5:00 to join the traveling youth group at the Bates Hill congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

## Cedar Point Trip

A trip to Cedar Point is planned for Thursday, July 13.  
\$52.00 each, includes ticket and transportation fee, needs paid to Jeff today. For more details, see him.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Ali Cochran placed first in the Bible Bowl-Junior Week.

Anthony Hillard received the Donna Newberry Sportsman Award.

## **Minute of Meditation by Dana**

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



I don't like organized religion, a man claimed. I can grow just as close to God by looking at a sunset that I can singing and praying in a church building!

I always smile when I hear the term organized religion. Have you ever participated in a church committee? I think most churches get things done in spite of their organization than because of it! But when Christians gather for worship and bible study, when they sing together, encourage one another and pray all are strengthened in their faith.

It seems that those who reject the importance of the church are really wanting to avoid our responsibilities to one another as Christians. True Christians realize that if we really love God, we will really love one another. The church is the setting where God's teachings are supported and lived out in our daily lives. The only thing that sharpens iron is iron, and the only thing that sharpens Christians are other Christians.

This is Dana Slingluff for the Camden Avenue Church of Christ where you are always welcome.

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dwain Shears

Close - Mike Wade

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover T

Close - Paul Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Don Dougherty

PM - Bob Armstrong

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Mullins

PM - John Hall

Kevin Cochran

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Patrick Rine

4 - Bev Rine

### PM

1. Bre Tonkery & Alivia Moser

2. Leon & Judy Hupp

3. Richard & Lorna Marshall

4. Josh Hall & Zoe Merrill

5. Patrick & Bev Rine

6. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

## Facts and Figures

June 25, 2017

AM Service.....266

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....221

Wednesday.....187

Contribution .....\$6761.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00



## Happy Fourth of July!

May the God of our fathers who has made and preserved our nation, grant that we understand what it really means to celebrate Independence Day.

We need to remember that our freedom was won with a price, the down payment that was made for it, the installments that have been made since the Republic was born, and the price that yet must be paid.

May we understand that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

Our faith needs to be expressed in our lives and not just stamped on our coins. IN GOD WE TRUST.

We pray that America will turn back to God and honor Him and that God will continue to bless America.

We thank those who have served, are serving and those about to serve our country.

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*

Psalm 33:12

### 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

*In Search of the Lord's Way* program will air July 23 at **6:30AM** due to a program change.

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo congregation.

**Everyone welcome!**