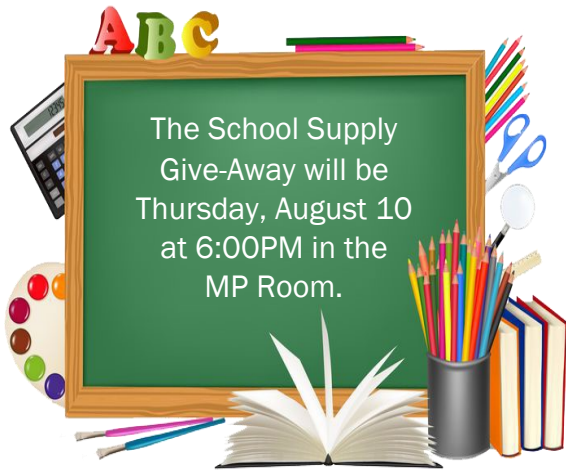


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper.

Monetary donations may be given to any of the Elders or Scott Johnson.

Items may be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer.

DONATE



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 14 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

See Marion for details.

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
Jeff Taberner

Ministers:

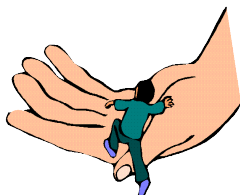
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When we put our
problems in God's
hands, He puts His
peace in our hearts.

PRAYER Requests

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, 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, Kenadie Barclay, 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), David Foggin, Tony Haid (Len's son), 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), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

Eli Clark - Nationwide Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205 (Room 12B024) He enjoys receiving mail. Keep Eli and family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to Gilbert Hardman and family in the passing of his brother, Leroy Hardman. He passed July 12 in Charleston, WV. Also, to Tim Proffitt and family in the passing of his grandmother, Orma Proffitt. Her service was Wednesday in Parkersburg.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for all the anniversary cards. **Bill and Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ Thank you so very much for helping me have the best birthday I ever had. I love you all!!! May God bless you. I also want to express my gratitude for your concern regarding my asthma. This really meant so much to me. **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you for the many, many birthday cards! I appreciate every one of them. I've read them several times. Thanks! **Harold Stanley**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for all the wonderful birthday cards. Love you all, **Robin Anthony**
- ♥ **Don and Brenda Dougherty** wish to thank everyone for the anniversary and birthday cards. They were all so nice.

Thank you to **Debi Inman** for preparing the communion bread this month.

Church News and Announcements

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet on the counter. Ephesians 5 will be discussed.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

We will be conducting the service at Love and Care Thursday, August 3 at 7PM.
(Care Group 4) Everyone is encouraged to attend.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

A trip is planned August 3-4 to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The sign-up sheet on the counter with details. More information, see Mark or Dana.

TEACHERS/ELDERS/DEACONS WORKSHOP

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.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

The LLL kick-off will be Sunday, August 6 in the MP Room following evening services. Anyone interested in participating please attend. Bring finger foods, snacks and beverages.

SECRET SISTERS

All ladies are invited to participate in Secret Sisters. This is a great way to encourage each other. Gifts are not necessary. See Laura or Kimberlee for a form. Forms need to be turned in by Sunday, August 6.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ROSCOE VILLAGE

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to Roscoe Village Tuesday, August 15 for a horse-drawn canal boat ride, historical tour and lunch. Details are with the sign-up sheet or see Dwain.

PARENT PICTURES REQUESTED

Please bring pictures of your parents for the display to Paul Inman or the leave in the office (include your name, parents name and date). We will copy, display and return them.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter Children's Home will be here in a few months to collect the coin banks. Coin banks are available in the foyers.

Daily Reading - Bible classes

July 24 - Leviticus 11:1-15, 44-47
July 25 - Leviticus 14:1-11
July 26 - Leviticus 17:1-7, 11-14
July 27 - Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18
July 28 - Leviticus 26:1-3



Our

Summer Series

will continue this week at 7:00
with Dana speaking.
Please join us!

Daily Bible Reading

July 23 - Acts 19:21-41, Job 4-6
July 24 - Acts 20:1-16, Job 7-8
July 25 - Acts 20:17-38, Job 9-11
July 26 - Acts 21:1-16, Job 12-13
July 27 - Acts 21:17-40, Job 14-16
July 28 - Acts 22, Job 17-19
July 29 - Acts 23:1-22, Job 20-21
July 30 - Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23



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 so 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.

“Why the Church?”

Matthew 16:13-19



“I say to you that you are _____, and on this rock I will build My _____, and the gates of _____ shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the _____ of the _____ of heaven, and whatever you _____ on earth will be bound in _____, and whatever you _____ on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:18-19)

The church is important to _____. Jesus purchased the church “with His own _____.” (Acts 20:28) “The manifold _____ of God might be made known by the _____ to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 3:10)

What the church is: The Greek word for church (kuriakos) means _____ to God. The word (ekkesia) means _____ out. “You are a _____ generation, a royal _____, a _____ nation, His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the _____ of Him, who _____ you out of darkness into His _____ light, who once were not a _____, but now are the _____ of God.” (I Peter 2:9-10) **Jesus referred to the church as the _____ of heaven.** “Those who gladly received the word were _____ and that day about _____ souls were added to them.” (Acts 2:41) “And the Lord added to the church _____ those who were being _____.” (Acts 2:47)

WHY GOD GAVE US THE CHURCH:

The church exists for Christians to have _____. “The _____ of God, which is the _____ of the Living God, the _____ and _____ of the truth.” (I Timothy 3:15) “Then those who _____ the Lord _____ to one another. And the Lord _____ and _____ them, so a book of _____ was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who _____ on His name.” (Malachi 3:16)

The church exists for Christians to _____ together. “And let us consider one another in order to _____ up love and _____ works; not _____ the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some. But _____ one another, and so much more as you see the _____ approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

The church provides an organized way to do _____ works to the _____ of God. “Pure and undefiled _____ before God and the Father is this; to _____ the _____ and _____ in their troubles, and to keep oneself _____ from the world.” (James 1:27). “Let your _____ so shine before men, that they may see your good _____ and _____ your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH?

The church must be _____ sound. The church is the pillar and ground of the _____. (I Timothy 3:15) “Preach the _____! Be ready in season and out of season. _____, _____ with all longsuffering and _____.” (II Timothy 4:2) “And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and _____ in the breaking of _____, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

The church must practice _____ living. Because it is written “Be _____, for I am holy.” (I Peter 1:16)

The church must reach _____ to the world. “They went everywhere _____ the word.” (Acts 8:4)

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Like the Baobab tree...



One of the most amazing and stunning trees that grow on earth is the Baobab tree. Native to mainland Africa, the island of Madagascar, and Australia, these striking trees can have a trunk diameter of between 7 and 11 meters and grow 5 to 30 meters in height. Some people call the Baobab the 'upside-down tree' as the branches of some Baobabs resemble roots.

God designed the Baobab tree to look like this for a reason. In the wet months water is stored in its thick, fire-resistant trunk – up to 120,000 liters – for the nine dry months ahead. Some trees are believed to be thousands of years old.

Besides being traditionally tapped for its water; every other part is used. The bark is used for cloth, rope, dye, used to treat fever and protect against malaria. The leaves are used in soup and medicines. The fruit is nutritious to eat and high in vitamin C and calcium and eaten to protect against illness. Sometimes people even live inside of the huge trunks.

These trees also have exceptional resilience, even after the entire tree is cut down or blown over in storms, it simply sprouts from the root and continues to grow.

The Baobab tree is a good reminder, we don't always get what we want in life. We sometimes wish we were taller, smarter, more beautiful, healthier, richer, or thinner. Things might not go the way we planned – we could be cut down in our jobs, blown over by situations, our lives turned upside-down. But God can still use us despite our hardships in this life.

James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

It is in trials that we develop our trust and faith in God. The strength to persevere. It is because God is good that he, like a loving parent, nurtures us. We learn to walk by stumbling, falling over, getting up and trying again. If God came by to pick us up every time we fell, we'd never learn to walk!

So the next time you face a harsh environment, a bully, get ridiculed for what you believe in, if your family isn't perfect (and whose is anyway), if when nothing seems to go our way, remember the Baobab tree. (Adapted from: <http://www.creativeyouthideas.com/resources/teaching-illustrations/like-the-baobab-tree/#ixzz4n5zsebUx>)

Mark will be preaching this evening. His sermon title is: The Gift of Life

Scripture reading: Leviticus 17:11

We appreciate Mark and his family very much!



OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY
TEACHERS
ELDERS
DEACONS
WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 5, 2017

The Ohio Valley University Teachers/Elders/Deacon's workshop is a special day packed with practical tips, expert advice, and relevant information on leading various aspects of today's churches. Come prepared to be energized and enlightened. Leave enthused and ready to make practical applications in your home congregation!

Saturday, August 5, 2017

8:30-9:15AM	Registration
9:15-9:30	Welcome and Introduction
9:30-10:15	Keynote by President Harold Shank
10:15-11:15	Session 1
11:15-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	Session 2
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Session 3
2:30-End	End-Dismiss directly from class

Guest Speakers

Dr. Billie McConnell is currently President of Connected Consulting in Parkersburg, WV. He also teaches Professional Training & Coaching at OVU.

Dr. Carlus Gupton is a Professor of Ministry, Director of Field Education, and Co-Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Harding School of Theology and Adjunct Professor at Johnson University. He is the founder and publisher of LifeandLeadership.com, and DISCPersonalitySource.com.

Woody Biggs is a native of Nashville, TN and a Lipscomb University graduate. For the past 29 years he has served as the evangelist of the Stop 9 church of Christ in Byesville, OH. He has made several mission trips to Cuba.

(Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.)

Upcoming Youth Events

July 30 - Our youth will join the traveling youth group at the Latrobe Street congregation. Fellowship meal to follow. Bring bag chairs. Please provide your own transportation.

August 9 - Youth to assemble items for School Supply Give-Away

August 19 - Youth Day at Rockport congregation. Starts at 3:00.

August 27 - Transportation will leave at 4:50 to join the traveling youth group at the Sardis congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.





Love and Care

Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Pat Burkey, Zoe Byrum,
Mildred Gault, Valeria Sprout
PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102

Worthington Nursing Care

Ray Johnson, Jane Pralley, Florence Shank
2675 36th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Ohio Valley Care and Rehab.

Myrtle Metz
222 Nicolette Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Harmar Place

Bob Smith
401 Harmar Street, Marietta, OH 45750

Please remember them and all of our shut-ins with
cards, prayers and visits.

YOU can make a difference!

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us.
You are loved and appreciated at Camden Avenue.

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 PROGRAM
July 30 - Be Ye Holy

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday
at 6:30 for the sing at the
Little Hocking congregation.

Everyone welcome!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 30

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - 5th Sunday service

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught
Close - Ryan Highman
6:00 PM - 5th Sunday service
Close - 5th Sunday service

SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Hofmann
PM - 5th Sunday service

COMMUNION

AM - Steve Moser
PM - Scott Johnson
Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter
2 - Jim Hinzman
4 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Holly Haught & Claire Moser
2. Mike & Pam Bayer
3. Billie Coe & Robin Anthony
4. Paul & Barbara Saunders
5. Rick & Kay Stanley
6. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

Facts and Figures

July 16, 2017

AM Service.....	291
Bible Study.....	178
PM Service.....	202
Wednesday.....	185
Contribution	\$5933.00
<u>MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017</u>	
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