

# 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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“What Every Family Needs”



## Friends and Family

A man who has **friends** must himself be **friendly**...Proverbs 18:24

**August 20** - Children's Week

**September 1** - Caravan to the sing in Ravenswood

**September 3** - Prayer evening service

**September 9** - Youth Day

**September 14** - Ladies' Day at Love and Care

**September 10 - 13** - Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Meals will be served in the MP Room at 5:45. Monday 9/11 - Men cook for the ladies.

Tuesday 9/12 - Pizza will be provided. Bring items to go with pizza.

Wednesday 9/13 - Hotdog roast. More details to come.

**September 17** - Fireside sing after PM services

**September 23** - Bible Bowl

**September 24** - Harvest Dinner - Noon

Song and prayer evening service

Please continue to pray for these efforts.

### **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 you feel like your drowning in life, don't worry - your Lifeguard walks on water.



Please pray for our government leaders, all those serving in the military and law enforcement.

May we all look to God as we seek unity in this troubled world.

### **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, Gilbert Hardman, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

(Jo Langler is home with health issues related to her asthma.)

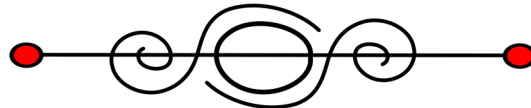
### **Prayers requested for family and friends:**

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), 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), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), 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**

499 Montgomery Hill Road  
Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember him with cards. He really enjoys receiving mail.



## **THANK YOU**

*- notes for you -*

- ♥ Thank you for the cards and notes for my 17th birthday. Love, **Hannah Shears**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful anniversary cards. In Christian love, **Bob and Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ We appreciate the cards and well wishes for our anniversary. Blessings, **Dwain and Kimberlee Shears**
- ♥ I appreciate the cards and visits at the passing of my sister. I miss everyone. In Christian love, **Gloria Frazier**
- ♥ A special hug to every one who sent me those beautiful birthday cards. In Christian love, **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and kind thoughts received on my birthday. I appreciate them very much. Thank You Again, **Ron Riddle**

# Church News and Announcements

## MEN'S MEETING - LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meetings today 5:00.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Romans 12 will be discussed.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin September 25 - 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional and work assignments. More details to come. Please make plans to participate.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Coin banks are located in the foyers. A representative will be here in a few months to collect them.

## OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP DVD'S

DVD's of the Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp's 65th Anniversary are available on the counter in the foyer for a \$4.00 donation.

## RAY AND PHYLLIS JOHNSON

Ray and Phyllis Johnson are residing at the Brookdale Senior Living. They would enjoy receiving cards from their church family. The address is: Brookdale Marietta, 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750

## CARDS REQUESTED

Don and Anna (Jenkins) Bunner will be celebrating their 50th anniversary September 1. They were married here by Wallace Skipper. They now attend the Cairo congregation. Their address is: 3013 Dutchman Road, McFarlan, WV 26148.



Our

**Summer Series**  
will continue this  
Wednesday at 7:00 with  
Randy Baker.

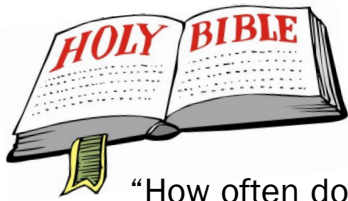
Please join us!

### Daily Reading - Bible classes

August 21 - Numbers 16:1-14  
August 22 - Numbers 16:16-35  
August 23 - Numbers 16:41-50  
August 24 - Numbers 17:1-11  
August 25 - Numbers 18:8-14, 19-20

### Daily Bible Reading

August 20 - Romans 11:22-36, Psalms 52-56  
August 21 - Romans 12, Psalms 57-61  
August 22 - Romans 13, Psalms 62-66  
August 23 - Romans 14, Psalms 67-69  
August 24 - Romans 15:1-21, Psalms 70-72  
August 25 - Romans 15:22-33, Psalms 73-74  
August 26 - Romans 16, Psalms 75-77  
August 27 - 1 Corinthians 1, Psalms 78-79



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## "Why We Assemble"

"How often do I have to attend?" I always cringe when I hear those words from someone who wonders what is the "weekly minimum requirement" for Christians. It is true, when discussing the time and frequency of assemblies in the church, both scripture and tradition come into play. Sunday services (AM and PM) and Wednesday evening Bible study has been the "norm" all of my life. But, within that framework, there have been some differences. One congregation we attended had Bible classes instead of a sermon on Sunday evening. I know of congregations in mission areas that meet only once on Sunday because of the distances driven by their members. Others have disbanded Sunday evening services in hopes that their members will be more supportive of small groups meeting in houses.

What is scriptural? Without question – Sunday in the day of worship established for Christians. "Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread," Paul preached to them. (Acts 20:7) Paul also instructed the church in Corinth that when they were assembled, on the "first day of every week," they were to give as they had prospered. (I Corinthians 16:1) Establishing Sunday as the day for Christian worship, however, did not restrict early Christians in their assembling. We are told of the early church in Jerusalem that they "continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people." (Acts 2:46-47) To those who say "where does the Bible say that we have to meet on Wednesday?" I like to respond, "where does it say that we shouldn't meet on the other days of the week?"

Perhaps a more important consideration than "how often should Christians meet?" might be "why – for what purpose do we assemble?" Going back to our first example in Acts 2, we find that the Christians in Jerusalem devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers." (Acts 2:42) In I Corinthians 14, the assembly is described as an open assembly (where non-believers were apt to attend) with an orderly presentation of singing, teaching, and praying. Doing things "decently and in order" was the rule. Tongue-speaking (a spiritual gift that was still present in the first century) that did not teach or was not interpreted was eliminated, as was the public participation of women as leaders in the assembly. Only five avenues of worship were incorporated in congregational worship: singing, prayer, giving, preaching and teaching from the word of God. The measure of all that is done in the assembly – it must teach and edify. If it doesn't it is not Christian worship.

In Hebrews 10:22-25 we are told the reason we should "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together" is because we need to have our faith strengthened, our conscience pricked; we need to encourage one another and stir up one another to love and good works." My question is: is the small amount of time that our elders have set aside for assembling asking too much of us? Do we learn to know God's will more than we need to? Do we spend too much time praising God and strengthening one another? Does a half-empty auditorium on Sunday evening inspire you and strengthen you as you go out into the world? Are there brothers and sisters in Christ that you would not see or know of their needs if you hadn't assembled with them at church?

We are living in an age when everything is designed to be "quick and easy." We can easily be persuaded that "less is really more." But, when it comes to Christians assembling – we need all the time we can get! How often do Christians have to attend? The proper question is "how can I help but get weaker in my faith and resolve if I do not attend?"

# The Worth of the Soul (Matthew 16:24-26)



“For whoever desires to \_\_\_\_\_ his life will \_\_\_\_\_ it, and whoever loses his life for \_\_\_\_\_ sake will \_\_\_\_\_ it. For what is it to \_\_\_\_\_ if he gains the whole \_\_\_\_\_, and loses his own \_\_\_\_\_? Or what will a man \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for his soul?” (Matthew 16:23-25)

**The Bible’s Teaching about our soul:** It is the part of man that is \_\_\_\_\_ from our body. Our being – our \_\_\_\_\_. The part of us that lives \_\_\_\_\_.

## What Makes our Soul so Valuable?

It is made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. God said “Let Us make \_\_\_\_\_ in Our \_\_\_\_\_, according to our \_\_\_\_\_.” (Genesis 1:26) **Of all of God’s creatures only man has a \_\_\_\_\_.** Man is the \_\_\_\_\_ order of God’s creation. “What is man that You are \_\_\_\_\_ of him? You have put all things under his feet – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the field, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea.” (Psalm 8:4-8)

It is the only part over which we have \_\_\_\_\_. **Spiritually we can \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, disposition and character.** “Though the outward man is \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ man is renewed day by day.” (II Corinthians. 4:16) “Do not let your beauty be that \_\_\_\_\_ adorning... but let it be the \_\_\_\_\_ person of the heart.” (I Peter 3:3-4)

**It does not cease to exist at \_\_\_\_\_.** “Then the \_\_\_\_\_ will return to the earth as it was, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will return to \_\_\_\_\_ who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:7) **We will be \_\_\_\_\_ to live forever.** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the \_\_\_\_\_ shall hear His voice and \_\_\_\_\_ forth; those who have done good to the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_, and those who have done \_\_\_\_\_ to the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 5:28-29) **We have a \_\_\_\_\_ that will live \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The price that \_\_\_\_\_ was willing to pay to \_\_\_\_\_ it.** “Knowing that you were not redeemed with \_\_\_\_\_ things like silver and gold... but with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.” (I Peter 1:18-19)

## What will a man give in exchange for his soul?

**Some exchange their soul for earthly \_\_\_\_\_.** Some for \_\_\_\_\_ trivial pursuits. “Lest there be any \_\_\_\_\_ person like Esau, who for one morsel of \_\_\_\_\_ sold his \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 12:16) **Some exchange the \_\_\_\_\_ for a lie.** “And for this reason God will send them strong \_\_\_\_\_, that they should believe the \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ who did not believe the \_\_\_\_\_ but had pleasure in \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Thessalonians 2:11-12)



# Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

## Choose School Friends Wisely

It is hard to believe but it is time to go back to school. One of the things I always looked forward to in going back to school, especially in college, was seeing my friends. This year as you go back to school I am sure you will want to see your friends and make new friends as well. But be careful who you make friends with.

The Bible warns us to choose wisely when it comes to our friends notice I Corinthians 15:33, it states, "Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you."

Bad friends can lead you to in the wrong direction and get you into trouble. Benjamin Franklin once said, "He that lieth down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas." His point is more than wisdom on how to avoid getting fleas. He is reminding us that the people we spend time with influence us. If we don't want to cuss, lie, cheat, or other sinful behaviors then don't run around with people who do.

Choose friends wisely, I always say that your best friends should be in the church and if one doesn't have a best friend in the church then do one of two things; make friends with someone in the church or convert your friends to Christ.

Second and most important, choose Christ as your friend. Jesus shares in John 15:13-14, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Throughout His ministry, Jesus tried to stress the relationship between love and obedience. Jesus told us and showed us that He wants to be our friend. He laid down His life so that we could have our sins taken away and that we could one day go to Heaven.

1 John 5:3, tells us, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome." The point is that our friendship with Jesus is not one-sided! Jesus gave His life for us, but if we are going to be His friends, then we need to keep His Word. I'm reminded of the hymn we sometimes sing: "I Gave My Life for Thee", written from Jesus' perspective, it says: I gave My life for Thee, My precious blood I shed, That thou might'st ransomed be, And quickened from the dead; I gave, I gave My life for thee, What hast' thou giv'n for Me?

If we say we love the Lord -- if we want to be His friend -- We must ask ourselves what have we given for Him? Have we obeyed Him in all of our life? Jesus does not ask very much of us but He does want us to be His friend. Will we be a loyal friend to Jesus? Think about it!

Tonight's Sermon by Mark T.

Title: Korah's Rebellion

Scripture Reading: Numbers 16:31-35

**Back to School:** Mark T. will be teaching at OVU on Tuesdays and Thursday s 8:30a.m. -10:20a.m. and will be out of the office during this time.

**Save the Date:** Promotion for all the Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes will be October 1.

# Youth Section

Transportation will leave next Sunday, August 27 at 4:50 to join the traveling youth group at the Sardis congregation.

Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Our Youth Day will be Saturday, September 9. More details to come. Please make plans to attend a fun day!

Bible Busters meet every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium.

All ages welcome.

THANK YOU



Our Blood Drive was down this time. Only 14 were able to give and our goal was lowered to only 28. We did not make our goal !

Special thanks to our workers Robin Anthony, Linda Camp, Betty Lamb, Bill Mills, Karen Life, Belinda Buckley and Jo Ann Goldsmith.

Thanks for all the help,  
Marion

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries



September 1 - Lole Johnson, \*Calvin and Jean Martin  
September 2 - Grayson Harper  
September 4 - \*Paul & Barbara Saunders  
September 5 - Wilma Lewis, Harold Shank, Ruth Wells  
September 7 - Steve Moser  
September 8 - \*Kody & Chelsea Inman  
September 9 - Delmas Carr, Ali Cochran  
September 10 - Gloria Frazier, Zoe Merrill  
September 12 - Bill Fleak  
September 13 - Gene Phillips  
September 14 - Sally Shank, Brenden Smith, \* Steve and Holly Sprout  
September 16 - Patty Sayre  
September 17 - Jenny Reynolds  
September 18 - Ray Johnson, Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts  
September 20 - Valerie Sprout  
September 21 - Connie Hickman  
September 22 - Nancy Inman  
September 23 - Jo Goldsmith  
September 24 - De Fleak, Sandy Keller, \*Harvey and Mary Caplinger  
September 25 - Avery Goldsmith  
September 26 - Alisha Hershman, Chloe McCloskey  
September 27 - Gilbert Hardman, Sean Plant  
September 28 - Carl Curtiss, Natalie Inman, \*Allen and Billie Coe  
September 29 - Cheryl Logston  
September 30 - Naomi Carr

\* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to appear on the calendar, please notify the office this week.

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, August 27

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dearll Vincent  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Jim Galloway  
PM - Dana Slingluff

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk  
Close - Len Haid  
6:00 PM - Brian Haught  
Close - Stan Inman

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Bill Merrill  
PM - Scott Smith

### **COMMUNION**

AM - Paul Inman  
PM - Bill Mills  
Chris Tallman

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1 - Dearll Vincent  
2 - Jeff Taberner  
4 - Julie Taberner

### **PM**

1. Stan & Debi Inman
2. John & Linda Hall
3. Don & Sheri Gaston
4. Scott & Gwen Lucas
5. John & Karen Life
6. Tammy Kerns & Jennifer Thomas



## ON BEING A FRIEND

Spend quality time with friends. Show them your love and God's plan of salvation! Friends don't let friends die without at least teaching them how to die righteously.

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but *"there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* Proverbs 18:24

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."* Proverbs 27:17

*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are friends if you do whatever I command you."* John 15:13-14

Bulletin Digest

## **Facts and Figures**

August 6, 2017

AM Service.....264  
Bible Study.....183  
PM Service.....206  
Wednesday.....210  
Contribution .....\$8621.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017**

Baptisms.....0  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership....0

## **Services Times**

### **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30  
Bible Study.....11:00  
PM Worship.....6:00

### **Wednesday**

Bible Study..... 7:00

## **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY EXPO**

Thursday, August 24

Welcome the incoming students 7:00-8:30PM.

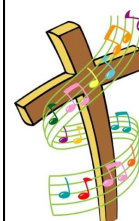
If you would like to help, let Dana or Mark know.

### 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**  
August 27 - YOUR DESTINY

## **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will  
leave Friday at 6:00  
for the sing at the  
Harrisville  
congregation.

**Everyone welcome!**