

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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Invitation

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

Gospel Meeting

September 10 - 13

Speaker: Phil Sanders

Topic: What Every Family Needs

September 10

9:30 Worship and 11:00 Bible study
Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room
after Bible classes

2:00 service at Love and Care

6:00 Evening service

7:00 Family Forum

Please come and bring others!

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
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
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Scott Johnson
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Forbidden fruit
creates many jams!



Please pray for Texas
and those affected by
the flooding and
storms.

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, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley,
Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams,
Bob Smith, Eloise Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), 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),
Dave Keller (Denny's brother), 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.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of our brother Ray Johnson.
He passed away August 29. His service was yesterday at the Leavitt
Funeral Home.

Please keep Phyllis and family in your prayers.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thanks so much to the ones who sent me the beautiful Birthday cards. I appreciated them very much. Also, thanks to the ones who came to the hospital Wednesday night and the visitors the next day. Thanks you so much for your prayers, beautiful cards and food. Everything was appreciated very much. What a blessing it is to be a Christian, and be surrounded by my brothers and sisters in Christ. (Thanks to the little ones for their card. They are all special to me.) In Christian love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ I appreciate the prayers for my daughter, Linda Liggins during her eye surgeries. She is doing well. Love, **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Sallie Hinzman**

Church News and Announcements

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Jon and Brandi Hescht and their daughters, Teagan and Cadence are placing their membership back with us. They will be in Care Group 4. Jon has been reinstated as a deacon.

CARE GROUP 4 MEETING

Care Group 4 will meet briefly this evening after services in the auditorium by Door 6.

BUILDING CLEAN-UP

We will be preparing for the Gospel Meeting by picking up around the building Saturday, September 9 at 4:00. Anyone willing to help please come.

BIBLE CLASSES DURING OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Note: Sunday, September 10 - 5th grade and below will go to their regular Bible classes. All others will remain in the auditorium. Wednesday, September 13 - Everyone will remain in the auditorium.

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. Remember to bring a little extra since this is the kick-off of our Gospel Meeting.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will conduct the service at Love and Care next Sunday, September 10 at 2:00. Thursday, September 14 at 7:00PM ladies will hold a Ladies' Day at Love and Care.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin September 25, 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. There will be jobs for everyone, including visitation, card ministry and work around the building. Everyone invited!

WALL OF HONOR

A Wall of Honor is being planned for our family of Veteran's. We would like to have pictures of all military, past and present. Include name, branch of service, rank, years and where served on back of a military picture, preferably. Pictures will be copied and returned. Submit by mid-October to Marion Goldsmith.

TEXAS DISASTER RELIEF

We sent \$3000 to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief and \$3000 to the Church of Christ Disaster Assistance. We will be sending additional funds. Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.

Daily Bible Reading

September 3 - 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalms 104-105
September 4 - 1 Corinthians 8, Psalm 106
September 5 - 1 Corinthians 9, Psalms 107-109
September 6 - 1 Corinthians 10, Psalms 110-114
September 7 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, Psalms 115-118
September 8 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalm 119
September 9 - 1 Corinthians 12, Psalms 120-132
September 10 - 1 Corinthians 13, Psalms 133-139

Sign-up sheets are in the foyers for the meals in the MP Room next week.

Monday - Men cooking for the ladies

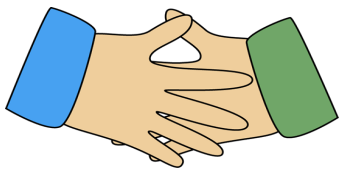
Tuesday - Pizza

Wednesday - Hotdog roast

Everyone invited!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

September 4- Numbers 21:1-9
September 5 - Numbers 21:21-26, 31-35
September 6 - Psalms 78:13-2
September 7 - Psalms 78:41-48, 51-56
September 8 - John 3:14-21



DANA'S DIRECTION

WHO SHOULD I INVITE TO OUR MEETING?

Our Gospel Meeting begins just one week from today! We have had some wonderful meetings over the past few years. I am always pleased by the support we receive from our sister congregations, but have been disappointed that we have not supported our meetings as well as we should. Our Sunday evening and Wednesday evening assemblies are always well attended. Just add two more services (Monday and Tuesday) and you will have perfect attendance! Then, if we each bring just one person – our meeting can be one of the best ever.

But, who should I invite? Consider the following:

INVITE SOMEONE WHO HAS A SOUL. It is easy for us to forget that each person we know will live forever. Regardless of how wealthy or successful or happy a person may seem in this life, he will soon die and enter into an eternal existence in Heaven or in Hell. A soul is the most precious thing in the world. “What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?” Mark 8:36

INVITE SOMEONE WHO IS LOST. Sin is the destroyer of the soul. Sin separates one from God. Isaiah 59:1-2 The consequence of sin is death - eternal separation from God. Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14 Since “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23 all accountable men and women are lost and in need of salvation.

INVITE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO LEARN OF CHRIST. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:13-14

INVITE SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT OBEYED THE GOSPEL. The gospel is God's power to save men. Romans 1:16 Jesus said “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16 One day the Lord is coming to take revenge upon those who “do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Thessalonians 1:8

INVITE SOMEONE WHO IS WORSHIPPING IN ERROR. Those who worship God according to the teachings and traditions of men instead of the teachings of Christ, worship God in vain. Matthew 15:9 Consequently, they do not have God. II John 9 They need to be taught the “way of the Lord more perfectly.” Acts 18:26

INVITE A RELATIVE. Paul said that his desire to see his brethren and countrymen saved was so great, that he would have given his soul for them, if he could. Romans 9:3 Andrew's first act as a disciple was to bring his brother Peter to the Lord.

INVITE A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND. The woman at the well in Samaria returned to her home town exclaiming “Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified.” John 4:29,39

INVITE SOMEONE YOU LOVE. God loves every lost soul. Jesus died to save them. Will you love them enough to invite them to our meeting?

The Tragedy of Apostasy (2 Peter 2:18-22)



“For it would have been _____ for them not to have _____ the way of righteousness, than having known it, to _____ from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it has happened to them according the _____ proverb: “A _____ returns to its own vomit” and, “a _____, having _____ to her wallowing in the mire.” (2 Peter 2:20-21).

The Possibility of Apostasy: Teachings. “For it is _____ for those who were once _____, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become _____ of the Holy Spirit, and have _____ the good _____ of God and the powers of the age to come, if they _____ away, to _____ them again to _____, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open _____” (Hebrews 6:4-6). **Examples of those who fell:** _____ (I Timothy 4:10), _____ (Acts 8:20-22).

Ways Christians can fall away from God:

By _____ to the practice of sin. “Shall we continue in _____ that _____ may abound? Certainly _____! How shall we who _____ to sin live any longer in it? (Romans 6:1-2). “If we say we have _____ with Him and walk in darkness, we _____ and do not _____ the truth” (I John 1:6).

By _____ the _____ of Christ. “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any _____ gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be _____” (Galatians 1:8).

By losing our _____. “Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have _____ your _____ love. Remember therefore from where you have _____, _____, and do the _____ works, or else I will come quickly and remove your _____ from its place - unless you _____” (Rev. 2:4-6).

His _____ end is _____ than the _____. “And that servant who _____ his master’s will, and did not _____ himself or _____ according to His will, shall be beaten with _____ stripes. But he who did _____ know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be _____ with _____. For everyone to whom _____ is given, much shall be _____” (Luke 12:47-48).

Our Duties toward the wayward Christian:

We must _____ his _____.

We must _____ to _____ them. “Brethren, if a man is _____ in any trespass, you who are spiritual _____ such a one in a spirit of _____, considering yourself lest you also be _____” (Galatians 6:1). “Brethren, if anyone among you _____ from the truth, and someone _____ him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will _____ a soul from _____” (James 5:19-20).

Welcome back, Dana! We appreciate you and Cindy very much!



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Care Packages for College Students

It is hard to believe but another school year has started. It can always be a challenge for students to begin a new school year and the challenge is even greater for college students; especially those who have left home for the first time and may also be hundreds or thousands of miles away from home. To help let our college students and students at Ohio Valley University know we care and to ease some of the anxiety with college it was proposed at our college ministry meeting last Sunday evening to put together care packages for these colleges students.

This will take the place of the college dinners at least for this semester.

We want to put together care packages for the students from Camden Avenue who have left for college or have stayed home and are going to college (about 14 students) and 24 students at OVU who are in classes that I am teaching. We would like to send these care packages three times this semester; (first to welcome students to college, mid-term week, and last week/finals).

What we are asking the congregation to do is donate the items to be placed in the care packages. The sign-up sheets are on the counter If you would like to donate any item(s). Here are the items suggested for the care packages: Chapstick, hand lotion, candy (chewing gum, mints, etc.), nuts, pudding cups, cookies, Hot Chocolate mix, tea, coffee, packages of crackers, raisins, tissues packets, pens/pencils, small tablets of paper, Gift cards (\$5.00), school supplies (erasers, post-it notes, highlighters etc.), toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, personal hygiene items, etc.), small packets of laundry detergent and any other item one would feel a college student could benefit from. Please place items in the bin in the parking lot foyer by September 10.

Monday, September 11 after the Gospel Meeting those who would like to volunteer will assemble the care packages.

I will hand deliver the care packages to my students the next day and those students who are away at school will be mailed. Thank you for your help with this good work! God bless you!

Mark T. Tonkery

What we Believe Class (W.E.B. CLASS) A class on First Principles will continue to be taught by Mark Tonkery in the MP Room this Wednesday, September 6 and continue each Wednesday evening. This class will be designed to connect people to the church, for new Christians and anyone wanting to know more about the church/ Bible. If you have any questions, please see him.



Our Youth Day for all ages and families will be this Saturday starting at 9:00AM.

The day will start with singing and a devotional. Tailgating will be set up on the church parking lot. There will be games on the side lawn, including inflatable house, ladder ball and corn hole.

Bring any additional games, wear your favorite team gear and come worship with us.

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for food items.

In the case of rain, we will conduct everything in the auditorium and/or MP Room.

If you have any questions, see Kyle or Mark Tonkery.

We have invited area congregations. Please plan to come and bring others!



Showing Compassion

In Luke 10:30, Jesus teaches the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is interesting to note that the man half dead made no call for help. In verse 33, it says, *“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion.”* Maybe the Christian way is not to wait for someone to cry for help. But, we should lift up our eyes and observe the world around us. Visual comprehension is a strong mover of our hearts to compassion. Out of the abundance of our hearts, the blessings of God will flow.

It is important that we teach our children not to bully. However, it is also important to also teach them to not just be a bystander. We need to teach them to reach out to other people that may need a friend. We have a responsibility to teach them that Jesus was bullied when he was slapped and spat upon yet he shows us how to respond. We need to trust in God, by remembering we are God’s children and rely on His strength for every day’s challenges.

Thank you Jesus for leaving us a pattern to follow.

“What Every Family Needs”



Friends and Family

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

September 11 - 5:45PM Men cooking for the ladies - MP Room. 7:00PM service with Phil Sanders

September 12 - 10:00AM Men’s Bible study/Preachers meeting, 5:45PM Pizza in the MP Room. 7:00PM service with Phil Sanders

September 13 - 5:45PM Hotdog Roast. 7:00M service with Phil Sanders
(Meal sign-up sheets in the foyers)

September 14 - 7:00PM Ladies’ Day at Love and Care

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.

Training Young Men

Mid-Ohio Valley Preachers Meeting held here September 12 at 10:00AM.

Speaker: Phil Sanders

Lunch to follow at Golden Corral

All men welcome!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the West Union congregation.

Please join us!



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.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Chris Hofmann

Close - Ron Holleron

6:00 PM - Chris Mullins

Close - Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM - Josh Gray

PM - Ryan Gaston

COMMUNION

AM - Dana Slingluff

PM - Kody Inman

Stan Inman

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Gary Herridge

2 - Doug Hershman

4 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Barbara Cramlet & Margaret Dawkins

2. Leon & Judy Hupp

3. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

4. Dennis & Sandy Keller

5. Mike & Teresa Wade

6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

Facts and Figures

August 27, 2017

AM Service.....274

Bible Study.....193

PM Service.....185

Wednesday.....181

Contribution\$6972.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00