

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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God's Coffee

~Author unknown

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...And then you began eyeing each other's cups."

"Now consider this," he continued..."Life is the coffee. The jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God as provided us."

God brews the coffee, not the cups...Enjoy your coffee!

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything.
They just make the best of everything they have."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

Speak kindly...and leave the rest to God.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith
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Let's all be truly
grateful
for all the blessings
in our lives!
Thank you Jesus!



Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Sheila Deems, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler, Bill Lemley, Heather Osburn, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Betty Porter, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Theresa Steed, 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), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), John Knotts (Billie Coe's co-worker), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Helen Ruble, 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.



THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards. **Allen and Billie Coe**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the beautiful and funny cards for my 94th birthday. Also, thanks for the gifts that I received and the little birthday party too. **Gilbert Hardman**
- ♥ **Kyle Inman** thanks everyone for the birthday cards and well-wishes.
- ♥ Ron and I thank you all for the visits, cards, prayers and words of love and encouragement at the passing of his sister. **The Moncrief's**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone that sent me birthday cards. I appreciated each and every one of them. **Connie Hickman**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room after worship and Bible study.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening - 5:45 for baked potato and fixin's dinner and 6:20 devotional/work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

HAIID'S ANNUAL SOUP BEAN DINNER

Len and Susan invites everyone this Saturday to the bean dinner at their cabin, starting at 4:30. They provide hamburgers on a bun, chili and soup beans. Bring items to go with their items, desserts and beverages. Also, bring lawn chairs. Maps available on the counter.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

We are planning to recognize 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 to Marion Goldsmith by Sunday, October 22.

GOLDEN AGERS FALL FOLIAGE

Golden Agers Fall Foliage Trip - October 13 to include: Summersville area, New River Gorge, Babcock State Park and others. Leaving at 8:00AM. Cost: \$10 each. Sign-up sheet on the counter. See Dwain for details.



GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers Amish Country trip will be Thursday, October 26. Sign-up sheet and agendas are on the counter.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND VETERANS LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be in the MP Room Friday, November 10. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for an attendance count.

RAKE AND RUN - NOVEMBER 11

Two sign-up sheets are on the counter for Rake and Run. (1) if you would like your leaves raked and (2) if you volunteer to rake.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter's will be here to collect the coin banks near the end of November. Banks are still available in the foyers.

Daily Bible Reading

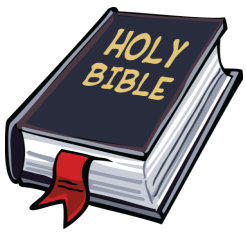
- October 8 - Ephesians 4, Isaiah 16-19
- October 9 - Ephesians 5, Isaiah 20-23
- October 10 - Ephesians 6, Isaiah 24-26
- October 11 - Philippians 1, Isaiah 27-29
- October 12 - Philippians 2, Isaiah 30-32
- October 13 - Philippians 3, Isaiah 33-36
- October 14 - Philippians 4, Isaiah 37-38
- October 15 - Colossians 1, Isaiah 39-41



God,
Let Your power
and love flow
through American
in every city,
every school,
every home.

Daily Reading - Bible classes

- October 9 - Deuteronomy 31:14-23
- October 10 - Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- October 12 - Deuteronomy 29:1-13
- October 13 - Deuteronomy 29:14-21
- October 14 - Deuteronomy 30:11-20



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Why study the Bible ?”

One of the most common admonitions given to Christians is the need to study the Bible. I recently found a stack of my first sermon outlines from forty years ago. Whatever the subject, point number three always seemed to be “Study God’s Word.” Not that that is bad! Actually, in most cases it should be point number 1! We are instructed to “search the scriptures” and to “study to show ourselves approved unto God.” In Acts 17:11 the Bereans are commended to us as noble because “they searched the Scriptures daily” to see if the things they were being taught were the truth.

Still, it seems as if many Christians have made no true commitment to Bible study. There was a time when members of the church were widely known for their Bible knowledge. Denominational proponents shied away from any discussion or debate that involved a member of the church. Sadly, the general knowledge of the Bible, both by Christians as well as those in denominations has fallen off sharply. Even our Christian colleges are finding that kids raised in the church are basically ignorant about what the Bible teaches. They have been exposed only to the same watered-down curriculum that is popular in the churches and “youth groups” of their friends.

Maybe we have taken the wrong approach. Maybe, instead of telling people “God commands us to study the Bible,” we should be telling people all of the blessings that God wants to give us that can be realized only through the instruction of His word. Here are some of the benefits, the spiritual blessings that are promised to those who study and live by the Bible.

The word of God helps the young person to cleanse his way. God’s word, hidden in our hearts, will keep us from sin. (Psalm 119:9) Those who observe and do what God teaches in His word will prosper and succeed. (Joshua 1:8) God’s word makes us wiser than our enemies, gives us more understanding than our teachers or the ancients. (Psalm 119:97-104)

Those who hear the word of God and practice it will stand when the storms of life assail. (Matthew 7:24-25) Truth faith is found in hearing the word of God. (Romans 10:17) By the things that are written we know that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:31-32) Abiding in the word makes us one of Jesus’ true disciples. (John 8:31-32) By the word of God we know the truth and the truth will make us free. (John 8:32) Through the examples found in Scripture, we learn patience, receive comfort and have hope. (Romans 15:14) The word of God taken into our hearts will save our soul. (James 1:21)

The scriptures make us wise unto salvation. (II Timothy 3:15) The word of God is the seed that when planted into a good and honest heart, produces the New Birth. (I Peter 2:3) The Scriptures allow us to see what is in our own heart. (Hebrews 4:12) They provide nourishment for spiritual growth. (I Peter 2:2) They make us mature and prepared for every work of Christian service. (II Timothy 3:16-17) Knowing what is written brings us joy (I John 1:4) and allows us to know that we are saved. (I John 5:13)

Those who do not love the truth enough to search for it, will end up believing a lie and lose their soul. (II Thessalonians 2:10) Why should we study the Bible? Jesus tells us why. “He who rejects Me and does not receive My word, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

A Sermon about Sin (Genesis 3:1-6)



Sin in our society:

“The Lord saw that the _____ of man was great in the earth, and that every _____ of the _____ of his heart was only _____ continually” (Genesis 6:5). “The earth also was _____ before God, and the earth was filled with _____” (Genesis 6:11).

Sin in our lives:

“For _____ have _____ and fall short of the _____ of God” (Romans 3:23). “For the _____ of sin is _____” (Romans 6:23). **Sin came into the world through Adam, but we are guilty of the sin that we have committed.** “Therefore, just as through one man _____ entered the world, and _____ through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because _____ sinned” (Romans 5:12).

What is sin? Means to _____ the mark.

We sin by going beyond what God commands. “Whoever commits _____ also commits _____, for sin is lawlessness” (I John 3:4). **We sin by falling short of what God commands.** “Therefore, to him who _____ to do _____ and does _____ do it, to him it is _____” (James 4:17).

How Satan Tempted Eve.

He tried to get her to _____ **God.** (Genesis 3:2)

He _____ **to her.** (Genesis 3:4-5).

The progression from temptation to sin.

She looked, lusted, partook. “So, when the woman _____ that the tree was good for _____, that it was _____ to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one _____, she took of its fruit and _____. She also gave to her husband with her, and he _____” (Genesis 3:6).

The spiritual consequences of sin.

It produces shame. “And Adam and his wife _____ themselves from the presence of the _____” (Genesis 3:8).

It makes one _____ of God. “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was _____” (Genesis 3:10).

It separates us from God. “Your _____ have separated you from your God; and your _____ have _____ His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2)

It destroys one’s hope for eternal life.

How people try to deal with sin.

They tried to deny it. They tried to hide it. They tried to shift the blame. (Genesis 3:12-13). They just hope it will go away. (Isaiah 12:14)

Not Perfect
JUST
FORGIVEN

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

We're Far From Perfect

I can relate to what former Major League Baseball player Orel Hershiser who once stated, "We're far from perfect. We fail. There are people who may think we are insincere or who think we're judgmental. I can't defend myself against people who say I'm phony. Only my family, true friends and I know who I really am inside. I'll have to answer for that someday. I can only do and be what I think God wants me to do and be. I never want to embarrass him or bring him shame."

You see none of us have arrived yet. "All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We are all still works in progress. You may have seen the bumper sticker. In large, readable print, which says, "PBPWMGIFWMY". From a distance you may not be able to read the translation in smaller words on the lower half of the bumper sticker, but these letters, PBPWMGIFWMY, mean, "Please be patient with me; God isn't finished with me yet."

I am glad today that I am not what I used to be and that I am not what I will be when God gets through with me some day. As we travel toward eternity, we are mere clay in the hands of the Master Potter.

It reminds me of the children's song that goes: "He's still working on me to make me what I ought to be. It took Him just a week to make the moon and stars, the sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars. How loving and patient He must be, He's still working on me."

God is working on us now, and He has great plans for us in eternity. But in order for Him to work on us we must put ourselves into his hands. If you will only place your life into the hands of the Potter, He will forgive you of your broken past and mold your life for a glorious future. Today put your faith and trust in Him (Hebrews 11:6), repent of trying to do your own will instead of His (Acts 17:30), and be baptized into Christ so your past mistakes can be forgiven (Acts 2:38). Then continue to submit the rest of your life to the One who knows what is best for you. If you would like to come to Christ do so today come talk to one of our elders or myself, we will be glad to help in any way we can.

Mark will be preaching tonight.

Sermon title: Moses' Song

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-3

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Slate congregation's Gospel Meeting. It was nice to have those from Camden Ave. sacrifice their time and come to the meeting. May God bless each one of you! Thank you, Mark T. Tonkery



Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following students:

2 year old Wednesday evening class

Henley Hoover, Kasen Inman, Maci Inman,
Payton Knotts

3 and 4 year old Sunday class

Bailey Inman and Tempe Inman

4 and 5 year old Wednesday evening class

Edwin Hoover, Leah Hoover and Kenize Inman

3rd-5th Grade Sunday morning

Alexa Inman

3rd-5th Grade Wednesday evening class

Ali Cochran, Alexa Inman

Congrats to each of you and your families!

Youth Events

Today

Challenge Youth Conference registration deadline. \$30 each to be given to Jeff. CYC will be February 23-24.

October 18

Trunk or Treat - MP parking lot after Bible study

October 27-28

Bridgeport Youth Rally
Let Jeff know by October 18 if you plan to go.

November 10

Widows, Widowers, Veterans Lunch in the MP Room
Sign-up sheet on the counter.

November 11

Rake and Run
Sign-up sheets are on the counter



What Are Friends For?

Sue felt so good inside as she shared the knowledge of the unadvertised sale with her friends. After all, hadn't Solomon charged us to "*Not withhold good from those who desire it*"? (Proverbs 3:27)

She wanted them all to be a part of such a good deal. Tom knew just how she felt. He couldn't wait to tell Jack how fast his calves were growing on the new feed. Jack was almost like a brother to him. Sue and Jack had something else in common besides being blessed with good friends. You see, both of them were Christians and their best friends weren't.

Isn't it strange how we are so anxious to share all kinds of news except the "Good News"? We will give those we love everything down to the shirt off our back until it comes to the one thing they can't do without. Blessings of birth, promotions and health are heralded from the housetops, while news of redemption is kept strangely silent.

Bulletin Digest

Let's all share our faith and tell the "Good News" to our family and friends!



Haid's Annual Soup Bean Dinner

Len and Susan invites everyone this Saturday to the bean dinner at their cabin, starting at 4:30.

They provide hamburgers on a bun, chili and soup beans. Bring items to go with their items, desserts and beverages.

Also, bring lawn chairs.

Maps available on the counter.

(We thank Len and Susan! This is always a great time of fellowship and delicious food!)



October 14

SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK
OVU CHURCH SECURITY WORKSHOP

October 14

Ladies Day
Alkire Road
Speaker: Luann Rogers

October 15-18

Church of Christ
Oxford Street, Sistersville
Speaker: Roger Rush

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, October 15

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Russ Alton

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - Bill Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Delmas Carr

COMMUNION

AM - Don Gaston

PM - Don Dougherty

Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter

2 - Jim Hinzman

4 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Zoe Merrill & Jennifer Thomas

2. Dave & Lois Nulter

3. Josh Hall & Donovan Walton

4. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

5. Mark & Laura Tonkery

6. Dana & Cindy Slingluff

Facts and Figures

October 1, 2017

AM Service.....262

Bible Study.....187

PM Service.....193

Wednesday.....197

Contribution\$7815.01

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00

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.

October 15

The Resurrection

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the Central congregation in Clarksburg.



Everyone welcome!