

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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Spring is a great time to remind us just how amazing God is. Plants that were dormant during the winter months grow to become new and beautiful during the springtime. The sights, sounds and smells of spring are so welcome!

Spring is a great metaphor for the gospel. We await spring. The new arrival of the daffodils, crocuses and the robins feasting in our yards. Just as Jesus came to live a perfect life and die on the cross for our sins....to give us a new life - a beginning.

Winter, while beautiful in its own way, can seem dreary and cold. After a long winter, we see that first daffodil or green leaf appear, joy explodes. Then you begin to see green in other places along with yellows, pinks... compare that to a life of sin then when that life is given to the Lord there's a newness of life and joy.

We know that spring always follows those winter months. God created all the nature cycles. We can always count on God and his faithfulness. God is faithful to forgive us and cleanse us of our sins if we ask. Just as spring comes, God is always right there for us.

If you haven't given your life to Christ by confessing His name and being baptized, why not today? Then begin the new life that God wants for all of us. If you have that desire, we would be happy to assist you. We have home Bible studies, Bible Correspondence Courses, and more if you just let us know your need.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
 Marion Goldsmith
 Steve Gray
 Leonard Haid
 Doug Hershman
 Jon Hescht
 Bill Hoover
 Rob Hoover
 Kevin Inman
 Kyle Inman
 Scott Johnson
 Todd Kirk
 Keith Smith
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Let your joy
 burst forth like
 flowers in the
 spring.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Charlene Donahue, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Jane Pralley, Van and Nancy Putnam, Bob Smith, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Markita Conner (Bill and Kay Mills' sister-in-law), Travis and Alisha Doyle (Hardman's granddaughter), Casey Freeman (Friend of Brenda Dougherty), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid, Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister), Joe Johnson (Scott's father), David Newberry, Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece)

Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.

Names will appear on the list for three weeks if no update is received.

Please continue to pray for Eli Clark and remember him with cards.

Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Doris Newberry is a patient at The Willows (Room 224). Keep her in your prayers and remember her with cards.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Cody Hoover and family in the passing of his grandmother, Viola "Virginia" Hoover. Visitation today 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre. Her service will be there tomorrow at 11:00. Keep this family in your prayers.



No winter lasts forever;

No spring skips its turn

H. Borland

- ♥ Thank you for all the cards and well wishes on my 55th birthday!
 Love, **Paul Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes. **Mark Dean**
- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards. They brightened my day.
 Love, **Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thank you for all the nice cards and birthday wishes. They are much appreciated. In Christian Love, **Penny Eddy**

Thank you to **Sue VanCamp** for preparing the communion bread this month.

Church News and Announcements

DEACON'S MEETING CANCELLED

Deacon's meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled.

LADS TO LEADERS-LEADERETTES

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase today at 4:45 in the MP Room. (Todd would like all those involved to attend as trip details will be discussed.)

SECRET SISTER'S

If you would like to participate in Secret Sister's, see Laura or Kimberlee **today** for an information sheet. Details are included with the form. (If you received a sheet please complete and return to one of them by next Sunday.)

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

The traveling youth group will be at the Barlow Vincent congregation today for their 4:00 service. We will not be providing transportation due to the LLL Showcase.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner with a brief devo. and prayer around 6:30 then the "work" will begin. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count, food items and team assignments. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.

KATHLEEN ALBRIGHT'S BIRTHDAY - MARCH 28

Mrs. Albright is now a resident at Willow Brook. She will celebrate her 90th birthday this Wednesday. Cards may be sent to: 681 Brackenridge Road, Vincent, OH 45784 or to Willow Brook Christian Communities (Room 255), 100 Delaware Crossing W, Delaware, OH 43015.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Galatians 6 will be discussed.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you would like to donate items to make Care Packages for our college students and those in Mark's OVU college class, please see the sign-up sheet on the counter. It lists the items needed. Please leave items in the bin in the parking lot foyer by April 22. Also, if you would like to help assemble the care packages, please meet in the MP Room April 22 after evening services. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the counter.

Daily Bible Reading

March 25 - Luke 2:1-24, Deuteronomy 15-17
March 26 - Luke 2:25-52, Deuteronomy 18-20
March 27 - Luke 3:1-18, Deuteronomy 21-22
March 28 - Luke 3:19-38, Deuteronomy 23-25
March 29 - Luke 4:1-15, Deuteronomy 26-27
March 30 - Luke 4:16-44, Deuteronomy 28-29
March 31 - Luke 5:1-16, Deuteronomy 30-31,
April 1 - Luke 5:17-19, Deuteronomy 32



Never regret a day in your life:
good days give happiness,
bad days give experience,
worst days give lessons, and
best days give memories.

Daily Bible Class Reading

1 Chronicles 28:1-3, 9-10;
1 Chronicles 29:16
1 Kings 2:1-3, 10-12, 1 Kings 3:5,
9-10, 12-13
1 Kings 4:29, 1 Kings 6:1,38;
1 Kings 7:1,51
1 Kings 8:1,3-4, 6,9-10,14
1 Kings 8:57-58, 61

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



Be an Encourager

“Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn.” Hebrews 3:13

Take a look at the definition of encouragement. The definition I like is the one you find further down the defining list when it states encouragement is “That which encourages.” Encouragement stimulates, enhances and provides tangible reasons to progress.

One of the greatest gifts is the ability to encourage and bless others. Even though we often have ample opportunities to bless others, we tend to withhold our blessings for some reason or another. Today, would you please try something for me? I am asking you to bless two people today by doing an act of kindness. I don't mean telling someone they look good or that they have a nice dress. I am asking that you tell someone that they have blessed you and that you are appreciative of them or do something nice for someone.

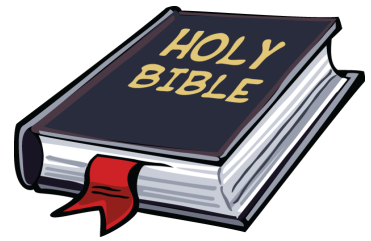
Show me a person that blesses others and I will show you someone who knows how to be blessed. Even God has trouble blessing a sour puss with their hands over their own cup of blessings.

Today, I guarantee you this. You have everything that you need to be a difference maker in the lives of several people. Difference makers are made by doing great things by paying attention to what a difference the little things can make. You can be such a person by loving God with your whole heart and giving yourself fully to Him.

Encourage someone today and then encourage them to make a difference to someone else!

What is our purpose?

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:13,14



- I. First, Solomon explores people's _____.
- A. Ecc. 1:3, "What does man gain by all the _____ at which he _____ at which he _____ under the sun?"
- B. Ecc. 2:17-26, _____
- C. Ecc. 4:4-8, _____

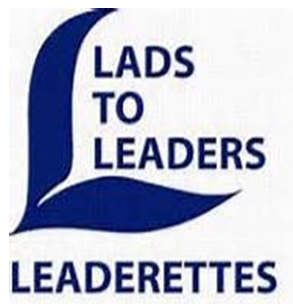
- II. Second, Solomon explores human _____.
- A. Ecc. 1:12-18, _____
- B. Ecc. 2:12-16, _____
- C. Ecc. 12:9-11, _____

- III. Third, Solomon explores _____.
- A. Ecc. 2:1-11, _____

- IV. So, what provides true purpose and meaning to life?
- A. Ecc. 12:13-14, "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear _____ and keep His _____, for this is the _____ duty of man. For God will bring _____ deed into _____, with every secret thing, whether good or evil."
- B. How to apply this to fulfill our purpose? _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Sunday Night Sermon
Fulfilling Your Purpose
Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:7



Our group will be leaving this Thursday morning for the annual convention in Louisville. Please keep us in your prayers as our children compete and as we travel. This is the highlight of the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes effort for the year, but the real benefit is all the preparation that has been done up to this point. Each year we see growth from our group. Whether one of our older kids competing in winner circle or one of the younger ones reading a scripture in front of a group for the first time. I have the great honor and privilege to see this first hand. I am sure the other adults that work with our group throughout the year would agree with me. I am so thankful for the group of adults that make this possible. For all the ones that work with our kids I say thank you!

Please come out and this afternoon at 4:45 for our Showcase and let our kids know you are with them.

Todd Kirk

Breanna Tonkery

Art Says It
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Centurion of Scripture
Know the Books
Teach to Teach
Good Samaritan
Mass Media
Read the Word
Pearls Test
Group Scrapbook
Second Language
Speech
Group Banner
Keepers

Edwin Hoover

Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Klay Cochran
Art Says It
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Junior Leader

Brenden Smith

Communion Volunteer
Song Leading – Winner Circle
Year-Round Song Leading

Jordan Kirk

Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle
Group Banner
Keepers

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase today at 4:45 in the MP Room.
(Note: All those involved need to attend as Todd will discuss trip details.)

If you would be willing to donate items for the LLL picnic, the sign-up sheet is on the counter.



Ray H. Peters

**We welcome Ray to the family at
Camden Avenue!**

We are glad to have him worshiping with us.
Ray's birthday is June 26. His favorite Bible verse
is Ephesians 2:8-9 and his favorite hymns include
Amazing Grace and *Blessed Assurance*.

His hobby is antique cars.

Ray is in Care Group 4. He resides at
105 Windsor Drive in Mineral Wells. He has two
children, Nathan and Rebecca.

Let's all welcome Ray and let him know he
is loved and appreciated.

No Matter What... Remember This

No matter what you've done - you're not a
terrible person.

No matter what you've done - it's no worse
than what I've done.

No matter what you've done - Jesus died
for you.

No matter what you've done - His grace can
cover your sins.

No matter what you've done - you can still
be what He plans for you to be.

No matter what you've done - there is still
hope.

(Romans 3:22-26, John 3:16-21)

Benjamin Sterchi



You are invited to the Parenting Youth Seminar we are hosting April 13-15.

Speaker - Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL

Friday, April 13 - 7:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Youth*
(Following this session - pizza in the MP Room then go bowling.)

Saturday, April 14 - 4:00PM - *Responsibility of Christian Parents*
5:00 - Meal
6:30 - Singing
7:00 - *How Do You Raise Godly Children?*

Sunday, April 15 - 9:30AM - *Priorities For The Family, What Needs To Come First?*
11:00 Bible study - *What Immorality And Drugs Are Doing To The Family*
12:00 - Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room

Invite your family and friends.



LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 1 - 4 - Pike church of Christ

Speaker: Marcus Stenson

April 8 - 11 - South Main at Smith Street (New Lexington, OH)

Speaker: Willie Franklin

April 8 - 11 - West Union congregation

Speaker: Terry Jones

April 22 - 25 - North End congregation

Speaker: Ralph Gilmore

April 22 - 25 - Lancaster congregation

Speaker: Willie Franklin

OTHER EVENTS

April 8 - 11 - OVU Lectureship

April 13 and 14 - Day of Edification

Chapel Hill congregation in Gallipolis, OH

April 14 - 30th Annual Golden Agers Day

New Concord congregation

Speaker: Willie Franklin

April 27 - 28 - 2018 Men's Retreat

Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp in Bergholz, OH

Registration due by April 13

April 27 - 28 - Youth Rally

Lubeck church of Christ

April 29 - Friends and Family Day

Sixth & Washington Street congregation in Marietta

Speaker: Clay Brown

May 1 - Senior Saints' Day

Lubeck congregation

Speaker: Eddie Cooper

LADIES EVENTS

April 14 - Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day

at the Belpre congregation

April 28 - Ladies Tea

Sixth & Washington Street congregation

Speaker: Jennifer Brown

Flyers on foyer bulletin boards

Friday Night Sing

The sing this Friday will be held at the Rosemar Road congregation at 7:00.

(We will not be taking the church bus.)



Everyone welcome!

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 TOPIC

April 1 - Why Jesus Died

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Len Haid

Close - Jon Hescht

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Marion Goldsmith

COMMUNION

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Mike Fleak

Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Mike Wade

2 - Patrick Rine

3 - Bev Rine

PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Linda Camp & Melva Farris

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Larry & Janet Plant

6. John & Karen Life

Facts and Figures

March 18, 2018

AM Service.....248

Bible Study.....181

PM Service.....195

Wednesday.....174

Contribution\$6693.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM