

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

"Where you are always welcome"

Bible Call 304-420-2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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Watch,
stand fast
in the FAITH,
be brave,
be strong.

1 Cor. 16:13

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Marion Goldsmith
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Doug Hershman
Financial
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Bill Hoover
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Rob Hoover
Health, Safety & Security
Kevin Inman
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In Our Prayers

Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Millie Gault, Sandy Graham, Lucille Hardeman, Carolyn Henry, Jon Hescht, Sonya Hescht, Jim & Sallie Hinzman, Rosie Knox, Jo Langler, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Merilee Morgan, Debby Nesselroad, Dave Nulter, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Cotton Sayre, Eloise Smith, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Jim Stoops, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Patty Workman, Joyce Wright

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Mark Berry, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), Roy Clark, Megan Bailey Daugherty, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son), Jeff Fitcher, Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother), Scott Gordon, Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's brother in law), Charles (Bill) Haid, Judy Hall, Judy Haugwood (Steve Haugwood's mother) Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Justin (Cindy Huxley's brother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), Allison Kirkland (friend of Gwen Johnson), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Mike Lucas, Helen May (Verna Huber's mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), Michael Parsons (friend of Billie Coe), Kathy Plant, Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother), Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Charlie Tucker and Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephews), Shawn Stephens, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Sara White (Randy White's Daughter), Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- * Cotton Sayre was admitted to the hospital with double pneumonia. They are also running test on his heart.
- * Paul Saunders is doing well after his procedure last week.
- * Jo Langler is struggling with worsening tremors.

Sympathy

♥ Our Sympathy is extended to Harvey and Mary Caplinger in the loss of their son, Ron. Details will be forthcoming.

Announcements

VISITORS - We are happy you can be with us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the baskets on the communion table.

MEN'S MEETING - TODAY at 4:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

COAT GIVEAWAY - We are in need of someone to head up the planning and being in charge of a coat giveaway this fall. If you would be interested in heading this up please see Jeff Taberner ASAP.

NEW DEACONS - The Elders have identified four men they would like to put before the congregation to serve as Deacons; Ken Barnes, Ryan Highman, Chris Hoffman, and Cody Hoover. If there is any scriptural reason these men would not be qualified, please put it down in writing with the supporting scripture and sign it. Today is the last day to turn in any of these concerns.

Address Update

Lucille Hardeman
Colonial House
Room 4
1517 23rd Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101
681-229-1226

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - There are new opportunities to serve forms that are available in the foyer. All members, please fill out a new form and return them to Bill Hoover or place them in the basket provided in the foyer ASAP.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - The September book of the month is Zephaniah. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

BIBLE BOWL - The Camden Avenue Bible Bowl is October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

Addresses for College Students

Ben and Holly Haught
(West Virginia University)
199 Falling Leaf Lane
Morgantown, WV 26501

Emma Hershman
(West Virginia University)
7204 Stonewood Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26505

Bre Tonkery
(Freed-Hardeman University)
FHU Box 10450
158 East Main Street
Henderson, TN 38340

Haley Johnson
(Eastern Kentucky University)
225 Park Drive
EKU Main Services
Powell Building
Richmond, KY 40475

Carly Taberner
(Freed-Hardeman University)
Box 10506
158 E Main St
Henderson TN 38340

Sami Tonkery
(Crowley's Ridge College)
100 College Drive
Paragould, Arkansas 72450

Doug's Discussion

In This Case . . . Not Equal

One of the aspects of our culture I often like is the assumption of social equality. That is, in America, when we relate to one another, we presume that we are equals. This cultural trait even sneaks into the workforce where employers want to be seen as “one of the guys,” and into politics where we like leaders who sound like a “regular person.” I like the idea that one person really isn’t above another, since God shows no favoritism. HOWEVER . . . the downside of this cultural trait is that, sometimes, it can give us authority problems. There are times when someone is in a role where they do have some authority over us, like a parent or a police officer, and maybe some aren’t sure how they feel about that.



Could you imagine being brought before a king in biblical times? Perhaps the king says something like, “I command you to fetch me the apples in yonder tree.” Now, you, knowing that the king is just a man, reply, “I’m sorry Mr. King, but I don’t really like heights. Perhaps thou would like to doest it yourself?” Hmm . . . well, you’re right. The king is just a man. But I have a proverb for you: “A king’s wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will appease it.” (Proverbs 16:14) Your suggestion that the king get off his throne to pick his own apples is probably not going to go over well. Because, in that situation, the king has authority over you. He’s not just “one of the guys.” The wise are able to recognize that situation and stay out of trouble.

There is also a King above all kings. God in heaven reigns supreme. How amazing it is that God came to earth, in many ways, like a “regular person!” But, we shouldn’t presume anything about being on His level. We shouldn’t believe we have any kind of final say when it comes to His Word. I see that going even less well than the previous example. “But who are you, O man, to talk back to God?” (Romans 9:20) Yes, God loves you. Very much. But, we’re not equals. God is not someone who you tell, “God, I don’t much like what you have to say here. Would you mind revising that for me? I’ll review Your new submission on Monday.” Yeah . . . don’t do it. Let’s be wise and understand that sometimes people have authority over us and that God ALWAYS has authority over us. When I see someone on the street I’m happy to consider them an equal. When I look to the heavens I hope I’m wise enough to know better.

Today's Sermon Notes

Eyes That Encourage

I _____ my God _____ concerning you for the _____ of God which was given to you by _____, that you were enriched in _____ by Him in all _____ and all _____
1 Corinthians 1:4-5

1: What about a police detective's training might make us a better encourager?

2: Is it true that you were once blind but now you see? In what way?

3: What might it mean to be "spiritually nearsighted"? (Matthew 24:42)

4: What do you think would happen if you focused on the good everyone else has but failed to see and be thankful for your own?

5: Encouragers consciously, purposefully, focus on the . . . ?

6: What does Philippians 4:8 teach about what we should focus on?

7: People aren't perfect. Is it worth it to look for the good in them? Why or why not?

8: What does the way Paul dealt with the Corinthian church teach you about finding good in places and people that have serious problems?

9: Do YOU have eyes that see well enough to encourage?

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers for me during this difficult time. My dad tells me often that you have asked about me. It can be very hard at times to keep your faith when you are struggling and I am no exception. On those days, it keeps me going to know how many people are out there praying for me. I am very appreciative that my dad has found such a wonderful church family. I hope I get to meet you all one day to say thank you in person. Until then, please know how much you mean to me and my family.

Thank you,
Sarah White

Thank you for the going away party, kind words, cards, and gifts. We have been overwhelmed by the love that you each have shown us. Our new home address is 1700 Jackson Rd., Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Please feel free to stop by and see us anytime! We love each of you.

Mark and Laura Tonkery

Church Family:

How comforting to know of the many prayers that were offered on behalf of our brother, Kim Fought, during the past months. The kind, encouraging words, that helped to uplift us from day to day, touched our hearts.

Kim is enjoying being home finally, as he is regaining strength and making life long changes for his heart condition. Continued prayers for Kim and his wife Susan.

God's Blessings and Thank You,
Mike and Sandy Bungard
Marion and Jo Goldsmith (sister)

Cards of encouragement can be sent to the following address:
5951 Sistersville Rd
Davisville, WV 26142

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Gospel Meetings

More information can be found on the Announcements bulletin boards

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

25-28 - Bridgeport church of Christ, Clinton Rowand speaking on Lessons from New Testament Congregations

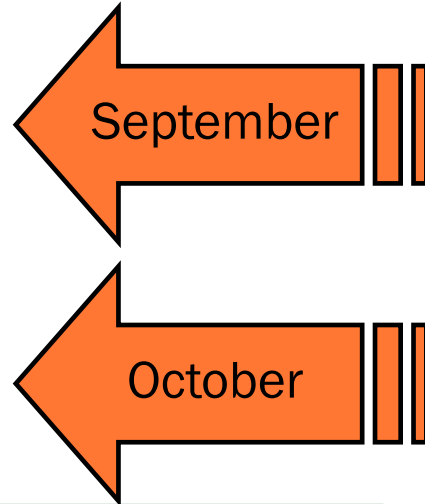
25 - Harmar Hill church of Christ with Keith Kress

OCTOBER MEETINGS :

2-5 - Bridge Street Church of Christ, Charles Pugh III Speaking

9-12 - Lubeck church of Christ, Allen Webster speaking

9-14 - Harrisville church of Christ with Ed Melott



Other Local Events

More information can be found on the Announcements bulletin boards

SEPTEMBER

25 - Mid-Ohio Valley Area Wide Sing - 3-4pm

Hopewell Church of Christ

25 - Fall Camp at WVCYC "STAND" - 10am-8pm

Ages 11 and up, register at bit.ly/fallcampwvcyc

OCTOBER

1 - Ladies' Inspiration Day , Norval Park church of Christ

Come to the Table, Erin Hittle-Smith speaking

Registration is appreciated by September 28th

7-9 - Widowhood Workshop

36th Street church of Christ, Registration is appreciated by October 2

23-27 - West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship

Preach the Word! Covering 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.



Love & Care Administrator Position

Love and Care is currently starting a search to find a new Administrator. Please pray for this effort. If you are interested, please send your resume to Clayton Huber.

The deadline for submitting a resume is October 18, 2022. Applicants must have an AA degree or higher in a related field or its equivalent. Also, the individual needs to be a baptized member of the church of Christ. Other qualifications and information are included in the mailing available in the front lobby.

Serving In Worship September 25, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley
PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Josh Hall
Close - Brandon Sheppard
6:00 PM - Scott Johnson
Close - Brian Knotts

SCRIPTURE

AM - Doug Hershman
PM - Kody Inman

COMMUNION

AM - Clayton Huber
PM - Donovan Walton



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Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Class...15 minutes after worship
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

September 4, 2022

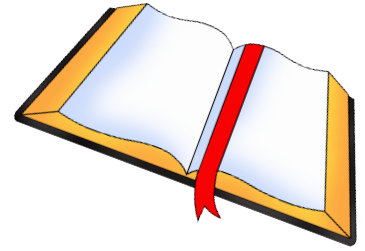
Sunday AM Service.....205
Sunday Bible Class.....161
Sunday PM Service.....164
Wednesday PM Service.....160
Contribution..... \$7,154

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4
Restored or Requested Prayers.....1
Placed Membership.....3

Daily Bible Reading

September 19: 2 Cor 4 & Pro 14-15
September 20: 2 Cor 5 & Pro 16-17
September 21: 2 Cor 6 & Pro 18-19
September 22: 2 Cor 7 & Pro 20-21
September 23: 2 Cor 8 & Pro 22-23
September 24: 2 Cor 9 & Pro 24-25
September 25: 2 Cor 10 & Pro 26-28



37th Annual MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT



Revitalizing
THROUGH EVANGELISM

September 23-24, 2022

Sponsored by the Richland
Road church of Christ
Round Lake, OH

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Starting Gospel Conversations

Woody Biggs

Building Bridges

(Friendship Evangelism)

Mark Tonkery

Reaching Generation X

Jamie Riley

Developing an Evangelistic
Culture at Your Church

Kevin Stewart

Register by September 19
richlandroadcofc.com

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on WTAP
September 25
"Christian"



Mowing Crew September 22-24

Team 1

1-Kevin Inman
2-Kyle Inman
3-Kody Inman
3-Korey Inman



"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."