

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

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Bible Call
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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

To Keep in Prayer

Church Family in Need of Prayers

Sarah Buckley	Susan Haid	Linda Moncrief	Theresa Steed
Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Debby Nesselroad	Dorothy Stevens
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jon Hescht	Dave Nulter	Jim Stoops
Mary Caplinger	Jim & Sallie Hinzman	Ray Peters	Darrell Vaught
Carl Curtiss	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Patty Workman
Paula Franklin	Gwen Lucas	Cotton Sayre	Joyce Wright
Sandy Graham	Bill Mills	Eloise Smith	

Please Pray for Our Shut-ins

Bob Armstrong	Lucille Hardman	Doris Newberry	Ray & Bonnie Sams
Naomi Carr	Rosie Knox	Calvin, Jean Martin	Sue VanCamp
Keith Cowdery	Jo Langler	Merilee Morgan	Dearll Vincent
Richard Cozad	Kim Ledsome	Ed & Lois Porter	Martha Whited
Patty Dawson	Janet Looney	Van Putnam	
Chelsea Doonan	Michael Ludwig	Jenny Reynolds	

Prayer Request for Friends and Family

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)	Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Mark Berry	Mike Lucas
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mom)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kelly Boyce	Glen & Karen Morrell
Kevin Britton (Cody Hoover's Cousin)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle)	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Roy Clark	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Kathy Plant
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Betty Dunn (G-Grandma; Ryan Highman)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	John Rockhold III
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)	Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother)	Michele Scherer
Scott Gordon	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Judy Hall	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's gr.dau.)
Steve Higginbotham	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Mike Hill (friend Mike and Pam Bayer)	Shawn Stephens
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam., Eloise Smith)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Seth Waggoner
Brenda Jones (friend, Rosemary Merrill)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin)	Susan Williams
Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)	

Announcements

VISITORS - We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and place it in the baskets on the communion table up front.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP - They will be at Barlow Vincent church of Christ in Vincent, Ohio this evening. The service starts at 5:00 pm. The bus will be leaving the building at 4:15pm. Please let Kevin Cochran know if you plan to ride.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - List of members for Christmas cards can be found on the table in the front foyer. Address labels are available in the office if needed.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - Please sign the sheet on the announcements bulletin board if you completed the reading of Zechariah for November. The book of the month for December will be Malachi.

L2L Art Class - The December class will be Saturday, December 10 from 10-2. This class will be on painting, so be sure to wear something you don't mind getting messy.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - Saturday, December 17 at 9am.

CAROLING - Saturday, December 17. We will meet at the building at 5pm.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME - If you have any personally donations, please give cash/check to Jeff Taberner or one of the Elders TODAY. Please indicate it's for Potter's Children's Home.

GLEANER CANS - Please return all cans to the building by this Wednesday so they can be turned in to Potter's.

TEACHERS NEEDED - Teachers and helpers are needed for Sunday and Wednesday in the two-year-old class and a Sunday co-teacher for middle

Updates to the Prayer List:

- ♥ Summer Rich is home after a visit to the ER last week.
- ♥ Susan Haid has moved to Belpre Landing. Still no visitors at this time, please.
- ♥ Jill (Mike and Teresa Wade's daughter) had emergency surgery last week. The surgery went well.

Deacons:

Ken Barnes
Membership

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Marion Goldsmith
Transportation
& Grounds

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Building
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Building
Maintenance

Bill Hoover
Worship

Cody Hoover
Education

Rob Hoover
Health &
Safety /Security

Kevin Inman
Youth:
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Scott Johnson
Evangelism

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

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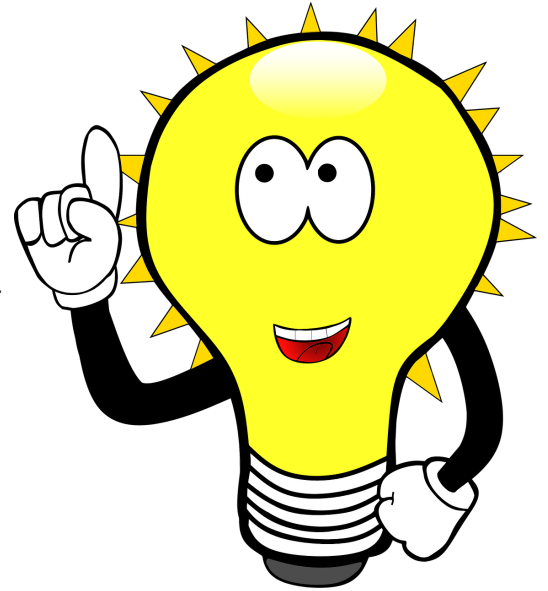
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Camden Avenue
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Doug's Discussion

Pleasure in Understanding

There's something so wonderful about having something useful to say. Words of comfort, words of encouragement, words of instruction; all of these can bring joy to both speaker and listener alike. But how do we gain these kinds of words? They don't come from nowhere. Those who speak them are drawing from a deep reservoir that they have probably been filling for years. I guess that those who consistently have useful words to speak are those who are like the man whose "delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water" (Psalm 1:2-3). Like a tree consistently absorbs water from a stream, the wise seek to absorb wisdom from the Word.



Of course, not everyone is wise. Many conversations take place where nothing useful or helpful is said at all; by anyone. I'm sorry if that sounds harsh – but I think you are aware of the same truth. One person says, "Well, I think. . . ." I think that boy could have done better than picking that girl. I think that dress makes her look ugly. I think worship services were pretty boring today. Don't you think so? The next person says, "Well, that's what you think, but I think. . . ." "Wait, you don't think what I think? [Insert insult here]." Well . . . that looks ridiculous in print, but I've seen that pattern go on for an unfortunate amount of time. I've seen people with inflated egos speak boastfully of their own self-importance for an unfortunate amount of time. None of it helpful; none of it useful.

Proverbs 18:2 says, "A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions." Well of course he does. What else does the fool have? What comes from his (or her) mouth is fluff, poison, or shallow because the fool has not done the work of digging deep into the Word. The waters of life can be found there by all who take pleasure in understanding. Reflecting on these things brings insights that can be shared with others who desperately need them. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). Are you prepared to speak that word? If you have delighted in less beautiful words, I encourage you to deepen your understanding. Go, grab your Bible, sit in your favorite chair, and find pleasure in something better.

To find more articles, sermons, and resources, visit **cacoc.net**

Sermon Notes

Rejoice in the Lord Always

“_____ in the Lord _____. Again I will say, _____!”

Philippians 4:4

- 1: Which is a better reflection of your soul: Psalm 32:11 or grumpy cat?
- 2: In this church full of saved people, how much rejoicing ought there to be?
- 3: If people see us rejoicing, what might they want to know?
- 4: How often are we supposed to be joyful? (1 Thes. 5:16, Phil. 4:4) Is that even possible?
- 5: Some can't have joy because their hearts are too full of what instead? (Phil. 4:6-7)
- 6: If your heart is set on worldly things will you ever have enough? (Eccl. 5:10)
- 7: What “secret” do we need to learn so that our hearts aren't continuously empty?
(Phil. 4:12-13)
- 8: Do you think suffering and joy are mutually exclusive? Check James 1:2; 1 Peter 4:12.
- 9: Can you . . . will you be joyful always?

PM Sermon: Lot's Plot

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:10-13

October Bible Call Report

Most Called Topics:

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| (30) 110 Overcoming Worry | (4) 120 Courage to Overcome Trouble |
| (27) 111 Loneliness and What to Do About It. | (5) 125 Depressed? Life Can Be Meaningful |
| (21) 115 Overcoming Depression | (6) 225 Worry |


We had OVER 22 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in October with 158 calls. The high days in October were the 24th with 10 calls and the 25th with 17 calls. Nine times people listened to the same lesson again. It is interesting to look at calls by topic.

Calls by Topic:

Self Improvement 107	Bible Study 4	Science and Religion 4	Morality 2
Personal 28	Worship 9	Christian Evidences 2	General 20
Salvation 9	The church 12	Teen 2	
Family Life 12	Eternity 7	Children 3	

Often, people start with things of personal interest and then move on to other topics. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY.

We have mailed 4 ROUTES in Parkersburg recently. Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us help each other to keep this work effective. KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. IF ANY QUESTIONS CALL David Epler djepler@hotmail.com Cell 616 554 0990 House 304 834 1935. Let me know of leadership in other congregations who might want to know more about this work.



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Upcoming Events

More information can be found on the announcements bulletin boards.



November

27 Traveling Youth Group - 5pm

December

10 L2L Art Class - Painting - 10-2

Please wear something you don't mind getting messy.

Lunch will be provided.

11 Fellowship Meal - 12pm

Hosted by care group 1.

17 Breakfast with Santa - 9am

17 Caroling - 5pm

18 Men's Meeting - 4pm

multipurpose room

Minute of Meditation

Heard on FM 96.9

There are a lot of things I could tell you that you'd probably believe. How about: I went to the gym yesterday for about two hours. Just as you are about to compliment my efforts, my wife walks by and says, "No, he didn't. He sat around like a bum and watched T.V. all day." Do you see how that works? You thought you knew the truth but another voice set you straight. As Proverbs 18:17 says, "The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him."

Have you ever wondered what you believe simply because it was the first things you heard? Because dad said it, because an older brother said it, because your all-wise kindergarten teacher said it, you believe it. Their statements seemed right to you at the time so, you accepted them. Sadly, our role models do not always speak the truth. I suggest opening God's Word and letting what you read challenge your beliefs.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

Dec 4, 2022

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Jeff Taberner

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Jon Hescht

Scripture

AM - Cody Hoover

PM - Josh Carr

Prayer

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Bill Merrill

6:00 PM - Clayton Huber

Close - Kyle Inman

Communion

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Kyle Inman

Welcome Center

AM - JoAnn Goldsmith

PM - Sherry Sponseller

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson



Food Pantry

November Needs



Care group 1 - crackers

Care group 2 - pasta sauce

Care group 3 - jelly/peanut butter

Care group 4 - macaroni and cheese

Items can be placed on the table in the food pantry.

Traveling Youth Group

Sunday, November 7

5:00pm

Barlow-Vincent church of Christ

6429 OH-339, Vincent, OH 45784



Facts and Figures

November 13, 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....201
Sunday Bible Class.....153
Sunday PM Worship.....133
Wednesday PM.....101
Contribution.....\$8,071

Membership 2022

Baptisms.....6
Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

December 4

"Do You Care?"



Daily Bible Reading

Nov 28: 1 Peter 1 & Eze 29-31

Nov 29: 1 Peter 2 & Eze 32-33

Nov 30: 1 Peter 3 & Eze 34-35

Dec 1: 1 Peter 4 & Eze 36-37

Dec 2: 1 Peter 5 & Eze 38-39

Dec 3: 2 Peter 1 & Eze 40-41

Dec 4: 2 Peter 2 & Eze 42-44

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.