

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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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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HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2023

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

To Keep in Prayer

Church Family in Need of Prayers

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

Please Pray for Our Shut-ins

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

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 g.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. of 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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - The monthly fellowship meal will be next Sunday, January 8, hosted by care group 2.

HALL BABY SHOWER - Come and help Josh and Zoe Hall prepare to welcome their baby girl at a come-and-go baby shower Sunday, January 15 from 2 to 5 pm in the multipurpose room. Josh and Zoe are registered on Amazon.



***Date change* MEN'S MEETING** - The Men's Meeting has been moved to Sunday, January 22 at 4 pm in the multipurpose room.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - If you completed reading the book of Malachi for December, please remember to sign the sheet on the announcements board this week.

ATTENDANCE CARDS - We will once again be taking up attendance cards. This will help greatly in serving the congregation. Please be aware of this change as it is implemented.

BUDGET - The 2023 budget has been prepared and copies are available on the counter in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Be sure to check the boxes for Christmas Cards, available in the back hallway, today. If you are able to take any cards to a shut-in, please take the opportunity to get them today as well.

MEAL TRAIN - There is a sign-up sheet available in the foyer for anyone willing to provide meals for the Highman family. Madison is on bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Cozad who passed away Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held yesterday here at Camden Avenue.

Updates to the Prayer List:

- ♥ Jon Hescht will be having surgery on January 11.
- ♥ Charlotte Deem is now home from the hospital.
- ♥ Susan Haid is now in Cedar Grove room 52 and is now allowed to have visitors.
- ♥ Dearll Vincent is now able to go home after surgery in Columbus for a broken leg.

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

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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Doug's Discussion

Grandma Boone

My last living grandparent, Virginia Wells Boone, passed away a couple of weeks ago. She was a wonderful lady. When I interviewed family members to find neat things to share about her at the funeral, I learned all kinds of stuff I didn't know. What I knew, from childhood on, was that she made absurdly good pies. What I didn't know was that she went to college in her 40s to become an EMT for the little town of Quinwood, WV. I didn't know that she paid for other people's groceries when they were short at the cash register in the supermarket. I also didn't know that she dove over her little brother as a child when the tire swing broke so the log chain that was holding it up would land on her back and not on his head. Yes, she was special and certainly will be missed.



My grandmother was ninety when she died and lived a good long life. She outlived two husbands in fact. However, even ninety felt far too soon. She had a stroke and was gone a couple of days later. I admit I was shocked that it was so fast. This woman once broke her leg and walked on it for a week before being convinced to go to the doctor! But that just goes to show you how temporary this life is, and how sudden our departure can be, no matter how tough we are. "As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer" (Psalm 103:15-16). My grandma flourished, she blessed many with the beauty of her life, and now she is, sadly (for me and many others), gone from this earth.

We do not know the day or the hour. Consider this well when you think about how appreciative you are of the wonderful people that God has put into your life. As you eat the impossibly good pie they made for you, be sure to thank them and tell them how much you love them. After all, this could be your last chance on earth to do so. If there is something unresolved or unforgiven, why not take the time today to go work it out, as far as it depends on you? Jesus teaches that this should take precedence over even leaving gifts to God at the altar: "If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and, there remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). After all, this could be your last day on earth to do so. We really just never know do we? The wind of Psalm 103 will pass over everyone. Know this – and treat people like the precious gifts they are, in the precious time you have here to do so. That . . . and be a little sad you never got a piece of my grandma's lemon meringue pie.



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Sermon Notes

God Promises to Punish Wrongdoing

“Repay no one _____ for _____. Have regard for _____ things in the sight of _____.
If it is possible, as much as _____ on you, live _____ with all _____.
Beloved, do not _____ yourselves, but rather give _____ to _____;
for it is written, “_____ is Mine, I will _____,” says the Lord.”
Romans 12:17-19

- 1: Is it okay to do wrong things? (How do “they” answer in Romans 1:32?)

- 2: Care to share (without names in case someone is reading over your shoulder) a time when you were wronged or cheated?

- 3: How did you respond when you were wronged or cheated? Was it according to Leviticus 19:18?

- 4: What are we, according to Jesus in Luke 6:27-28, supposed to do for those who wrong us?

- 5: One of the roles of God is to judge (Psalm 9:7-8). What will God one day do?

- 6: Does the love and mercy of God negate this justice? (Nahum 1:2-3, Hebrews 10:30-31)

- 7: Since God makes unbalanced wrongs right; if you wrong someone, what would it be a good idea to do?

- 8: But since God makes wrongs right, what do you not have to do yourself? (Romans 12:17-19)

- 9: Then what does that mean you are free to do instead? (Romans 12:20-21)

- 10: What is your plan of action for the next time you are wronged?

Minute of Meditation

Heard on FM 96.9

Jesus Stomps Stumpers

People without faith will sometimes point to some stumper of a question to justify denying God or His Word. “If God is so good, why is there suffering?” Or it could be a Bible objection like, “The Bible talks about Hittites, but no one has found anything from a Hittite, so this much be a myth!” After finding the capital of the Hittites, people don’t use this one anymore, but you get the idea.

In Jesus’s time, the Sadducees had a stumper that helped them in their belief that there couldn’t be a resurrection: What if there are seven brothers and a woman is married to all seven of them? When they are all raised, whose wife will she be? (I picture them snickering after asking this. See? Your faith is silly.)

But hear this now: There are no stumpers to God. Jesus basically tells them in Matthew 22:29 that they are being ridiculous. “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.” If there is something in the way of our faith, the same is true today. Walk past whatever barrier there is between you and God, get to know Him better, and your objections will melt away.

All stumpers look ridiculous in the presence of Jesus.

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

Notes

Thanks so much for the Birthday and Christmas cards.

They were all very much appreciated.

Mary Daniel

Thank you for the wonderful caroling visit and the box of food that was delivered. The kids were so cute!

Jenny Reynolds

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

7 L2L Art Class - 10-2 pm
Class will meet in the Teacher's
Workroom upstairs

8 Fellowship Meal

15 Hall Baby Shower - 2-5 pm
Come and go
Registered on Amazon

22 Men's Meeting - 4 pm *Date Changed*

27 Ohio Winter Lectures (& Teen Lec.)
-29 "The Shadow King"

Fishinger Road church of Christ
Housing available upon request.

29 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00pm
Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

MARCH

4-5 Miami Valley Bible Bowl
"By Faith" Hebrews and James (ESV)
4th-6th, 7th-12th, and adult teams
Housing may be available if requested.

6 Monday Night Merge 2023 Begins

25 Lubeck Youth Rally

Spiritual Resolutions

- 1) In 2023, I will increase my knowledge of God's Word by _____.
- 2) In 2023, I will improve my prayer life by _____.
- 3) In 2023, I will grow my service by _____.
- 4) In 2023, I will positively change my speech by _____.
- 5) In 2023, I will positively change my attitude by _____.
- 6) In 2023, I will positively change my behavior by _____.
- 7) In 2023, I will seek to contribute to the spiritual growth of my family by _____
_____.
- 8) In 2023, I will seek to contribute to the spiritual growth of my congregation by _____
_____.
- 9) In 2023, I will focus on growing the fruit of _____ based on Galatians 5:22-23.
- 10) In 2023, I will commit to pursuing _____ evangelistically.
- 11) In 2023, I will strive to be less like the world by _____.
- 12) In 2023, I will strive to be more like Christ by _____.

Serving in Worship

Jan 8, 2022

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Daniel Rich

Scripture

AM - Dylan Muncy

PM - Klay Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Josh Hall

Close - Marion Goldsmith

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Ron Holleron

Communion

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Don Dougherty

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Announ. - Paul Saunders

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Ken Barnes

2022 Averages

Attendance 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....204

Sunday Bible Class.....164

Sunday PM Worship.....152

Wednesday PM.....143

Wednesday AM.....26

Membership 2022

Baptisms.....7

Restored/Req. Prayer3

Placed Membership.....3

Transferred Membership.....11

Contribution.....\$15,333.38



Facts and Figures

December 25, 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....186

Sunday Bible Class.....146

Sunday PM Worship.....111

Wednesday AM.....25

Wednesday PM.....130

Contribution.....\$9,314

Membership 2022

Baptisms.....7

Restored/Req. Prayer.....3

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

January 8

"Seed of the Kingdom"



Daily Bible Reading

Jan 1: 1 Gen 1 - 2; Luke 1

Jan 2: Gen 3 - 5; Luke 2

Jan 3: Gen 6 - 8; Luke 3

Jan 4: Gen 9 - 11; Luke 4

Jan 5: Gen 12 - 14; Luke 5

Jan 6: Gen 15 - 17; Luke 6

Jan 7: Gen 18 - 19; Ps. 3; Luke 7

Jan 8: Gen 20 - 22; Luke 8

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.