

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101      304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

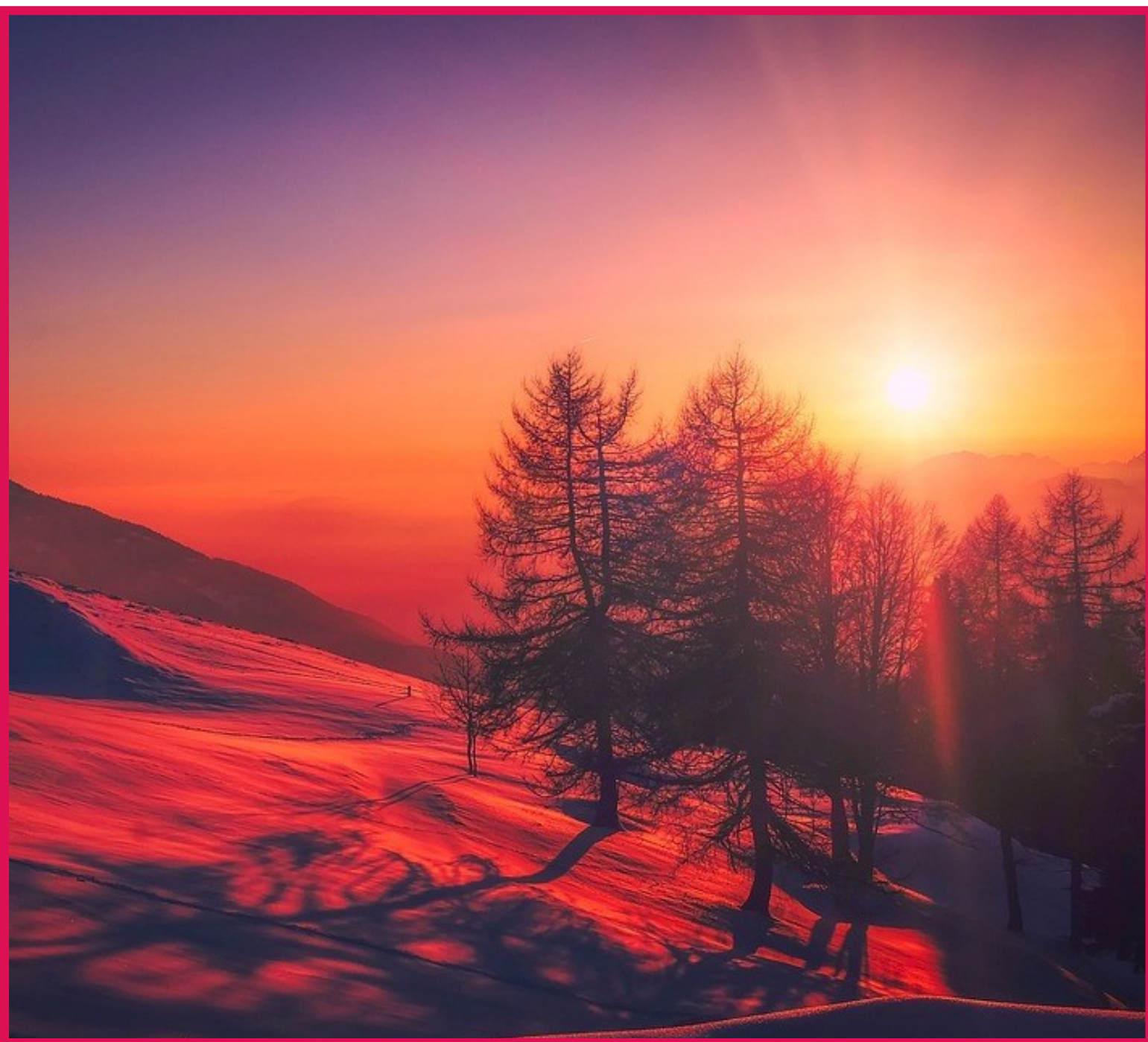
Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

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

“Where you are always welcome!”

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*



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

# *To Keep in Prayer*

## Church Family in Need of Prayers

Gary Alton	Susan Haid	Calvin Martin	Peggy Riddle
Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Linda Moncrief	Cotton Sayre
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jon Hescht	Debby Nesselroad	Eloise Smith
Mary Caplinger	Madison Highman	Dave Nulter	Theresa Steed
Carl Curtiss	Jim & Sallie Hinzman	Ray Peters	Dorothy Stevens
Charlotte Deem	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Darrell Vaught
Paula Franklin	Gwen Lucas	Summer Rich	Dearll Vincent
Sandy Graham			Joyce Wright

## Pray for Our Shut-ins

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

## Request for Friends and Family

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)	Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Mark Berry	Preston Lawhon (church camp)
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Mike Lucas
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mother)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kelly Boyce	Glen & Karen Morrell
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's Uncle)	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Roy Clark	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Terry L. Crislip (John & Debra Bonar's nep.)	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Kathy Plant
Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husband)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Betty Dunn (G-Grandma; Ryan Highman)	John Rockhold III
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)	Michele Scherer
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother)	Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters' sis.)
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 (Huber's 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 of 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
Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)	Susan Williams
Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders' 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 pass it to the center aisles.

{ **TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP** - This evening at 5 pm at Dewey Avenue. }

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE** - The first night of 2023 Monday Night Merge will be February 6 at North End. A full schedule can be found on the bulletin board or on page five of the bulletin.

**CYC DONATIONS** - CYC will be February 24-26. If you would like to donate to CYC for the youth, please give your donation to Kevin Cochran.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - The drive will be on February 28 from 12-6 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer if you would like to make an appointment.

**ROOM TO RENT** - Randy Noland, a former member of Camden Avenue, is looking for a room to rent as soon as possible to use when traveling. If you can help or have any information, contact Randy at 304-428-7179.



Kay Mills



Lucille Hardman

## Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Dot Haught had a cataract removed Tuesday morning.
- ♥ Jon Hescht was in the hospital this week from severe dehydration. He is now home and doing well.
- ♥ Mike Inman (Inman family) is now home from Encompass Health.
- ♥ Cotton Sayre finished his last chemo treatment Wednesday.
- ♥ Jim Stoops has had encouraging reports from the doctors. There is no longer any sign of cancer.

## 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

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

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# *Doug's Discussion*

## *Mussel Maker*

I am constantly amazed when a television show presents macro-evolution (the idea that one species can transform into a completely different, usually more complex one) as an indisputable fact. Or when the science books in our kid's schools make similar claims. What was once stated to be a theory is almost a given now, and if you don't believe it there's something wrong with you. Well children and television viewers, before you make up your minds completely, allow me to present to you the Lampsilus mussel.

This type of amazing freshwater creature spends the first few weeks of its life growing in a fish's mouth. How did it get there you ask? Good question. The mussel baits a specific fish with what looks like a tasty snack, tailored specifically for that particular fish. Then, at exactly the moment when the fish comes by and gets close enough, the mussel says, "Guess what? You're going to babysit all my kids!" Then the fish gets blasted with all the super tiny kiddos who get in through the fish's gills. Here's a good question for the evolutionists to consider though – how could an animal like this evolve? If the mussel evolves without the host fish it could never grow up. If the mussel doesn't evolve the appendage that lures the fish in then it dies out. If the mussel doesn't somehow magically have the information it needs to tailor the lure to the fish it needs it dies out. If the mussel doesn't evolve the method to launch the kids at EXACTLY THE SAME TIME as the lure it also dies out. If the entire system isn't designed together, all the individual adaptations are completely worthless.



Why? Why promote something that is ridiculous as fact in the media and in our schools? Romans 1 does a good job of explaining. "Men . . . suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:18-20). People speak what is false when they don't want to speak or believe what is true. Simple as that. But we know. We believe. And we glorify the Maker of heaven and earth!

## *Milestone Birthdays*

Mille Gault will be turning 103 on February 11! Let's celebrate her birthday with cards and visits. Mille is at Love and Care, Dupont Rd, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Imogene Aebi, former professor at OVC and Washington State and wife of late local minister Charles Aebi, will be turning 90 on January 31. There will be a surprise card shower for her. Her address is 2660 Layman Road, Vincent, OH 45784. When signing your card, please add that you are from Camden Avenue.

# Sermon Notes

## Life Skills from James - Controlling Our Tongues

“For we all \_\_\_\_\_ in many \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone does not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, he is a \_\_\_\_\_ man, able also to \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_.” James 3:2

1: If you have had the unfortunate experience of witnessing people who have almost no control over their tongues, what did you think about what you heard?

2: From Ephesians 5:3-4, what are some ways our talk should be different from the world's?

3: What are you if you can perfectly control your tongue? (James 3:2)

4: However . . . despite the fact the tongue is harder to “rein in” than a wild horse, what does James 1:29 say is true if we don't try?

5: Do you think it makes sense to praise God AND curse men? (James 3:9-10) Why or why not?

6: If we sing a praise song to God (such as Angry Words) and then don't live out the words we worshiped in truth?

7: Being on guard 24/7 is next to impossible, but (using Matthew 12:34-36 and Philippians 4:8), how can we make that job a lot easier?

8: Are you willing to make an extra effort this week to watch what you say?

# Upcoming Events

## FEBRUARY

- 6 **Monday Night Merge** - North End  
"Stand to Represent God" (Moses)
- 13 **Monday Night Merge** - Dewey Avenue  
"Stand When Afraid" (Esther)
- 20 **Monday Night Merge** - Lower Paw Paw  
"Stand with Courage" (Nehemiah)
- 24 **CYC - Pigeon Forge, TN**  
-26 "Are You Listening?"
- 27 **Monday Night Merge** - Hopewell  
"Stand When Other Kneel"  
(Fiery Furnace)
- 28 **Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6 pm**  
Schedule your appointment early:  
RedCrossBlood.org - use code CACC.

## MARCH

- 4-5 **Miami Valley Bible Bowl**  
"By Faith" Hebrews and James (ESV)  
4th-6th, 7th-12th, and adult teams
- 6 **Monday Night Merge** - North End  
"Stand in Faith" (Danielk)
- 13 **Monday Night Merge** - Rockport  
"Stand for What's Right" (Rahab)
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally**

## APRIL

- 20 **Equipped 2023 "Practical Christianity"**  
-23 Lehman Avenue church of Christ  
Bowling Green, KY

## *Minute of Meditation*

*Heard on FM 96.9*

### *The Lowest Place*

In Luke 14 Jesus uses a bunch of people fighting over the good seats as an opportunity to teach people about life. "Don't do that," Jesus says. Because if you plop yourself into the best seat and someone else deserves it more the host might say, "Give this man your seat." Wouldn't that be embarrassing while you walk to the dusty dark corner where the last seat is? But if you are humble, and you take one of the seats in the back, the host might say, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then, you're honored in front of everyone. Jesus's conclusion in Luke 14:11 is, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Here is the lesson: Praise others instead of yourself. Think about how someone else could benefit instead of only thinking about how you can get ahead. And if someone is sitting in your normal seat, by all means, go get a different one, even if it isn't as good of a view. Why? Because when we take the lowest place, we find ourselves in the same spot Jesus occupied when He walked the earth. Jesus took the lowest place, and He was exalted by God to the highest place - so that sounds like a good choice to me.

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

# *Welcome!*

Camden Avenue church family welcomes the Halstead family as the newest members of our congregation. Your presence in our congregation is truly a blessing, and we look forward to praying, celebrating, and coming together as a community in the eyes of our Lord.



Roy and Stephanie met while attending college at WVUP where Roy earned a Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree and Stephanie earned an Elementary Education Degree and a Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree. Roy currently works at Chemours as a Laboratory Technician and Stephanie teaches 4th grade at Mineral Wells Elementary School. They were married on August 5, 2005 (17 years) and have one child. Kendra is in 6th grade at Edison Middle School where she is a 4.0 student and is a member of the band and Bible Club. She plays clarinet and is currently learning the alto sax with intent of joining jazz band in the Spring.

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# Serving in Worship

Feb 5, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

## Deacon in Charge

Marion Goldsmith

## Song Leader

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Gary Alton

## Scripture

AM - Dennis Keller

PM - Kevin Cochran

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Paul Inman

Close - Bill Hoover

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Klay Cochran

## Communion

AM - Aidan Klingler

PM - Donovan Walton

## Welcome Center

AM - Terry Hofmann

PM - Teresa Wade

Ann. - Jeff Taberner

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Scott Johnson

Security - Clayton Huber



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/>

Jan. 30 Ex. 13-15 Ps. 30

Jan. 31 Ex. 16-18 Ps. 31

[The Truth About the Sabbath](#)

Feb. 1 Ex. 19-21 Ps. 32

[Ten Commandments](#)

Feb. 2 Ex. 22-24 Ps. 33

Feb. 3 Ex. 25-27 Ps. 34

Feb. 4 Ex. 28-30 Ps. 35

Feb. 5 Ex. 31-33 Ps. 36

## February Needs

Care Group 1

canned fruit

fruit cups

Care Group 2

baked beans

Care Group 3

canned potatoes

instant potatoes

Care Group 4

fruit juices



## Are You Listening?



Dallas Jan 13-15

Pigeon Forge Feb 24-26

2023



## Facts and Figures

January 22, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....194

Sunday Bible Class.....157

Sunday PM Worship.....139

Wednesday AM.....26

Wednesday PM.....109

Contribution.....\$6,140

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0

Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

February 5

“Christ Living in You”



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY



## Highman Family

There is a new sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone willing to help provide a meal

## 2023: Paul's Epistles

Jan: Galatians

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board



*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.*