

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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*Commit your works to the Lord,
And your plans will
be established.*

Prov. 16:3

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

To Keep in Prayer

Church Family in Need of Prayers

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

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	Dearll Vincent
			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 mom)
Wanda Blake (Clayton Huber's friend)	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	Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters' sis.)
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Judy Hall	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Steve Higginbotham	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g.dau.)
Mike Hill (friend Mike and Pam Bayer)	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Shawn Stephens
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam. of Eloise Smith)
Brenda Jones (friend, Rosemary Merrill)	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'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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - This year, we will be focusing on Paul's letters for our Book of the Month. The book for January will be Galatians. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board when you have completed the reading.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Our monthly fellowship meal is today following Bible Classes in the multipurpose room. It can be found through the back of the auditorium, down the hall to the right, and down the stairwell at the end of the hall. Please, come join us!

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

CARE GROUP 2 - The ladies of care group 2 will have a meeting in room 109 immediately following Bible class.

BLOOD DRIVE - Mark your calendars, the Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 from 12-6 pm. You can schedule your appointment early by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and using the code CACC.

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.

Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Wanda Blake (a friend of Clayton Huber) has been placed in hospice care after suffering a severe stroke.
- ♥ Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) had a bad fall. She has cracked ribs, a punctured lung, and a bruised liver. She is in Morgantown to see if surgery is needed.
- ♥ Preston Lawhon (church camp) is having open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He has tested positive for Covid so the surgery has been rescheduled for January 20. He will have a 2-3 month recovery process.
- ♥ Kay Mills has been in the hospital with double pneumonia but is improving.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle is experiencing painful complications with her eyes.
- ♥ Kathy Simmons (sister of Ray and Carol Peters) is in the hospital in Morgantown following a stroke.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Melva Farris and her family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Glenn Hawkins. Visitation will be Sunday, January 8 from 2-5 pm and the funeral service will be Monday, January 9 at 11 am, both at the Massillon Church of Christ in Massillon, OH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Warren Christian Apologetics Center.

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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Livestream:

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YouTube

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coC Live

Doug's Discussion

The Nature of Conspiracies

Let's say I want to make up a story that I hope to get large numbers of people to believe. I don't know why – maybe I want to increase my popularity and profile in the hope that it would somehow help my career. To do so, I come up with a story of some heroic action that I did as a child. How about . . . “When I was growing up my family was out on a frozen lake, and my younger sister fell through the ice. Luckily, I saw her go down, and I dove over and grabbed her by the hair before the current could take her away from the hole in the ice and I pulled her up. It was a close call for all of us!” Maybe I use that made-up story as an illustration in a sermon about salvation or something. What do you think? Good plan?



For a conspiracy to work best, the actions need to be done in secret and there need to be a minimal amount of people involved. The more people who know the truth, the more opportunities there are for your story to fall apart. In this case, my story isn't going to work. My sister (you can pick from either of them) is an honest person. The first time one of you asks her “Hey, tell me about that time Doug pulled you out of the ice water,” I'm going to have a bad day. (By the way, this is why the “there was no moon landing” conspiracy is so far-fetched. It was too public and too many people would have to be in on it. Someone would have blown the whistle.) This is also why the story of Jesus is so trustworthy. Opponents of Christianity sometimes speculate that the apostles hatched this made-up story about the resurrection of Jesus to legitimize their movement. But how? It was so public, and so many people were in on it.



When Paul, sometime after these events, was brought before a man named King Agrippa, he had confidence that he could talk about Jesus and His resurrection from the dead. Here's the reason: “The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner” (Acts 26:26). Do you see what I mean? Jesus, including his resurrection, was not a secret at the time. This was no plot hatched in a corner, nor could it have been, considering how many people would have had to keep their mouths shut – sometimes under the pain of death. After Jesus' resurrection “he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living” (1 Corinthians 15:5-6). That's just too many people. My plot doesn't work with one extra person in the story. But more than five hundred? No way. I believe in Jesus.

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Sermon Notes

God Promises to Take Us to Heaven

“Let not your _____ be _____; you believe in _____, believe also in _____.
In My Father’s _____ are many _____; if it were not so, I would have
_____ you. I go to prepare a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a
_____ for you, I will come again and _____ you to _____;
that where _____, there _____ may be also.” John 14:1-3

1: Why aren't we living in a perfect place right now?

2: What has been your favorite promise from this series so far?

3: According to 1 Corinthians 2:9, can we understand how great the future is of those who love the Lord?

4: Do you think every year of your life here on earth is worth one day in heaven? How long do you actually stay in heaven if you make it there?

5: Even though the world is hard, why does Jesus say that my heart doesn't need to be troubled? (John 14:1-3).

6: Is this promise for everyone or is there a condition? (John 10:27-28)

7: In the garden of Eden there was a special tree. Where can I find the same kind of tree now? (Revelation 22:1-2)

8: For all those with a troubled heart: how can you better set your hope on heaven today?

Thank You!

Sweet are you
to remember me
with lovely holiday cards.
I appreciate them all very
much.

Suffering from tremors
but giving them over to God.

In Christian Love,
Jo Langler

Thank you for
the cards and
prayers as I was
recovering from
surgery.

Denny Keller

I would like to
thank my church family
for your prayers and
cards of encouragement
while I was home with
lung congestion under
my doctor's care.

Dave Nulter

Minute of Meditation

Heard on FM 96.9

A Colt of Faith

Let's talk about a faith building moment for two of Jesus' disciples. Once they were told to walk to the next village, find a colt that had never been ridden, untie it and take it. If the owners basically ask "what's your deal?" Jesus told them in Luke 19:31 to say, "The Lord needs it."

Take a moment and think about all the ways this could have gone wrong, causing the disciples to lose faith. They could have walked into the village and seen no colt, let alone one that had never been ridden. And even if they did, the owners certainly might not be agreeable to having someone they don't know walk their animal away - even to borrow it.

I can almost picture the disciples looking to Jesus and asking "Jesus, are you sure this is a good idea?" But, that was the instruction. Go get a colt that might not exist from owners that might throw rocks at you as you take it. But, this is Jesus. Every time Jesus said something like this things just happened to work out like He said they would, and this was no exception. The disciples returned with a colt and more faith - and thinking about this story should increase our faith as well.

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

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 15 **Hall Baby Shower - 2-5 pm**
Come and go
Registered on Amazon
- 15 **Lads to Leaders Meeting**
Room 109 following evening worship.
- 22 **Men's Meeting - 4 pm *Date Changed***
multipurpose room
- 27 **Ohio Winter Lectures (& Teen Lec.)**
-29 "The Shadow King"
Fishinger Road church of Christ
Columbus, OH
Housing available upon request.
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 5:00pm**
Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

FEBRUARY

- 6 **Monday Night Merge 2023 Begins**
- 24 **CYC - Pigeon Forge, TN**
-26 "Are You Listening?"
- 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
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally**

APRIL

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

Congratulations

to all those that read Malachi in December

Naomi Carr	Steve Gray	Rosemary Merrill
Delmas Carr	Sonya Hescht	John Rockhold
Barbara Cramlet	Denny Keller	Eloise Smith
Bill Davis	Sandy Keller	Keith Smith
Charlene Donahue	Bill Mills	Donna Tice
Linda Gray	Kay Mills	

The book for the month of January is Galatians.
Happy Reading!

Serving in Worship

Jan 15, 2022

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Korey Inman

Scripture

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Bill Mills

Prayer

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders

Close - Paul Inman

6:00 PM - Keith Smith

Close - Bill Merrill

Communion

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Stan Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Stan Inman

Announcements - Ken Barnes

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Dennis Keller

Food Pantry



Our food pantry is available to *anyone*, church member or community member, that may be experiencing any kind of need. Let's spread the word!

Meal Train

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone that is willing help with meals for the Highman family while Madison is on bedrest.



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COME AND GO

Baby Shower

HONORING THE PARENTS TO BE

Josh and Zoe Hall

1/15/2023 2-5 PM

REGISTERED ON AMAZON

Facts and Figures

December 25, 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....	192
Sunday Bible Class.....	162
Sunday PM Worship.....	154
Wednesday AM.....	19
Wednesday PM.....	116
Contribution.....	\$10,424.80

Membership 2021

Baptisms.....	0
Restored/Req. Prayer.....	0

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

January 15

"The Gift of Repentance"



Daily Bible Reading

Jan 8: Gen 20-22; Luke 8

Jan 9: Gen 23-24; Luke 9

Jan 10: Gen 25-26; Ps 6; Luke 10

Jan 11: Gen 27-28; Ps 4; Luke 11

Jan 12: Gen 29-30; Luke 12

Jan 13: Gen 31-33; Luke 13

Jan 14: Gen 34-36; Luke 14

Jan 15: Gen 37-38; Ps 7; Luke 15

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.