

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

*“It is I who made the earth, and created mankind upon it.
I stretched out the heavens with My hands,
And I ordained all their lights.” Isaiah 45:12*



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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Linda Camp
Harvey Caplinger
Mary Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem

Paula Franklin
Sandy Graham
Carolyn Henry
Jon Hescht
Gwen Lucas
Earl McConnell

Linda Moncrief
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich

Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Darrell Vaught
Joyce Wright
Mike Wade
Martha Whited

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie Hinzman
Jo Langler
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
John Rockhold
Bonnie Sams
Theresa Steed

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
(Connie Hickman's
mother)
Rosellen Alle (Carol
Vincent's sis-in-law)
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber (Clayton
Huber's mother)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Encompass Health

Sue Vancamp
Barbara Cramlet

Genesis

Ray Sams

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Kathy Simmons (s,
Ray & Carol Peters)

Rockland Ridge

Patty Workman

The Willows

Doris Newberry

REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)
Mark Berry

Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father,)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)
Kelly Boyce
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's uncle)
Roy Clark

Megan Bailey Daugherty

Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husb.)
Beau Davis (Tabitha Rich's friend's son)
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)
Kim Fought (brother, Jo Goldsmith)
Scott Gordon
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)
Charles (Bill) Haid
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)
Judy Hall

Steve Higginbotham
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)

Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Preston Lawhon (church camp)

Mike Lucas

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Kathy Plant

Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's g-g.son)
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)

John Rockhold III
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Michele Scherer

Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g-dau)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Shawn Stephens

Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)

Seth Waggoner

Susan Williams

Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)

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.

SENIORS - If anyone has a graduating senior, please reach out to Kevin Cochran by Sunday, May 7 so plans can be made for their recognition.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP - Today at 4:00 at the Rockport church of Christ.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS: The Fellowship Meal will no longer be May 7. It has been changed to Sunday, May 21. It will serve as a welcome dinner for the Curry family. Everyone is invited.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE - Saturday, May 13. We are in need of volunteers to work at the building the day of the drive, sorting and lifting food collected by postal carriers along their routes. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. See Jeff Taberner with any questions.

WELCOME - DJ Curry and his family will be joining us soon. Their first Sunday here will be Sunday, May 21. We look forward to their coming.

OVCYC CAMP WORKERS NEEDED - OVCYC is in need of male camp workers for Junior Week July 9-14. If you can help, please see Doug Wells.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Barbara Cramlet fell and broke her left hip. She is now at Encompass Health.
- ♥ Beau (the infant son of Amber Davis, a friend of Tabitha Rich) is on the heart transplant list and has an infection that's currently not responding to antibiotics.
- ♥ John Dole (Sandy Keller's father) was scheduled to be coming home today.
- ♥ Elaina Hall (daughter of Josh and Zoe Hall) is now home from the hospital.
- ♥ Paisley Lemley (the daughter of a friend of Tabetha Rich) recently had a traumatic brain injury and surgery and is showing very little brain activity.
- ♥ June Miller (Addie Miller's sister) has congestive heart failure.
- ♥ John Rockhold is now home.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Newberry family in the passing of David Newberry. His funeral was held Saturday at the Lubeck church of Christ

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

Watch our
Livestream:

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YouTube

Camden Avenue
coC Live

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Signs of Life

I don't drink beer. (Or any other form of alcohol for that matter. Scriptures like 2 Corinthians 7:1 and the destruction it wreaked on close family members really warned me off.) That being said, I have to admit that I've never been more interested in news about beer than I've been in these last couple of weeks. Imagine it! I, a gospel preacher, and I've been reduced to checking my phone for news about beer! "How did it come to this?" you ask. Well, that's a very good question. I suppose I could begin my story with a business executive at Anheuser-Busch who thought it was a good idea to hire a . . . um . . . very confused man as a spokesperson and put his face on Bud-Lite cans. Hopefully, you watch the news enough that I don't have to spell this out in a church bulletin article. This man, let's say, doesn't express himself in very manly ways. (See Deuteronomy 22:5)

Why do I bring this up? Because . . . normally this gets shrugged off. There are several corporations such as Nike that have taken to pushing sexual perversions into the mainstream, and, looking at their sales numbers, they seem to be getting away with it. But for some reason, beer was just too far. When a man wearing a wig was placed on a beer can, many people decided that was too much, and they massively and effectively boycotted. There you have it. One more reason not to drink beer! And one reason to have some hope that American culture isn't going straight down into evil at quite the speed I thought it was. The reaction to the last few Disney movies that pushed homosexual agendas gives me the same sort of hope. (Protect your kids from Strange World and Lightyear!) Disney lost millions on the movies themselves, their stock has lost millions, and the erosion of trust between Disney and the American family may take a decade to repair . . . if they are interested in repairing it at all. If not, companies like Universal are happy to come around with family-friendly films like Super Mario Brothers to show Disney how it's done.

Maybe . . . maybe . . . there will be an upswing in morality. Maybe through the work of God, people will realize all this craziness is good for no one, and people will turn back to and appreciate what is good and right. And if they do, if people get sick of the darkness, I encourage all of you to be there with the Word of God held high. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). That and . . . don't drink beer. It smells gross.

We want to keep in touch with you! Please let the office know if you would like to participate in any of these programs.

Phone Calls/Text

We do short devotional calls three times a week as well as our Friday announcements. You can also opt in for occasional or emergency announcement calls and/or text.

Weekly Bulletin

You can receive the weekly bulletin by mail, email, on our website, or on our app.

We've got an app for that!

Download our Congregate Members app in Google Play or the App store. You can access the bulletin, directory, articles, and more right from your phone.



SERMON NOTES

Love is Selfless, Not Envious

“But if you have bitter _____ and _____ - _____ in your _____, do not _____ and lie _____ the truth. This _____ does not descend from _____, but is _____, sensual, demonic. For where _____ and _____ - _____ exist, _____ and every _____ thing are there.” James 3:14-16

- 1: How would you describe the feeling you have when you see visit someone in their home, and you're never going to be able to afford a home like theirs?
- 2: Can you celebrate with those who gain something you wanted? (Romans 12:15) Could Rachael?
- 3: How likely is it in life that we will all get the same blessing at the same time?
- 4: How does choosing selflessness set us free? (Titus 3:3)
- 5: What kind of “wisdom” is it to be envious? (James 3:14-16)
- 6: What kind of results can we expect from envy?
- 7: Are there ways we can keep from provoking envy in others? (Galatians 5:26/Kitchen illustration)
- 8: Where should you turn your eyes so that your heart is satisfied?

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

The Boasting Box

Let's say tomorrow the local mall has a brand-new addition – and they call it the boasting box. Anyone who wants is permitted, by mall rules, to stand up on the box and boast about one thing.

I bet a few people would use it, don't you? People do like to boast from time to time. I can imagine a few things that might get said – "I did just a good job at work my boss gave me a raise on the spot." Some cute 9-year-old is going to get up there and say, "I got an A on my math test!" And you KNOW more than one grandparent is going up there to show off pictures of their grand-kids. "I've got the cutest one!" What would you boast about?

Let me give you an idea from Jeremiah 9:23-24 "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight." Here is my boast: the Lord of Heaven has been kind to me.

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



Surprise Valley Youth Camp

June 18-24 - Junior Week
(Ages 7-Middle School)

June 25 - July 1
1st All-Ages Week
(Ages 7-High School)

July 9-15 - Senior Week (Teens)

July 16-22 - 2nd All-Ages Week
(Ages 7-High School)

Register at
surprisevalleyyouthcamp.com

Ohio Valley Youth Camp

Camp Barbe
Elizabeth, WV

June 18-23
Senior Week
(Ages 14-19)

June 25-30
Intermediate Week
(Ages 11-14)

July 9-14
Junior Week
(Ages 8-11)

July 8
OVCYC Fundraiser
Camp Barbe

Register at ovcyc.com

WV Christian Youth Camp

July 2-7
Senior Week
(Ages 14-18)

July 9-14
Intermediate Week
(Ages 11-14)

July 16-21
Junior Week
(Ages 7-11)

July 23-28
All Ages Week
(Ages 8-18)

July 30 – Aug 4
Singing Emphasis Week
(Ages 12-18)

Register at
www.wvcyc.com/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the front and back of the auditorium.

May

- 1 **Blood Drive - 12-6**
Lubeck church of Christ
- 6 **Surprise Valley Youth Camp Appreciation Dinner**
26th Street church of Christ
101 26th St., Huntington, WV 25703
- 12 **Friday Night Sing - 7:00**
Belle church of Christ
- 8-12 **2023 Tent Meeting**
Valley Park, Hurricane, WV (off Rt 34)
Speakers: Matthew Derrberry,
Colton Ferrell, Paul Mays,
DJ Curry, Jack Gilchrist
- 13 **Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Weaving God's Word into Our Lives:
Speaker: Deidra Miller
Location: Ellenboro City Building
Dinning Hall (Old Grade School)

To Camden Avenue Church:

Words cannot express how we feel for all you've done to show your love to mom and our family during these difficult days and the days of her living here in area and attending the church here. She loved the church here.

Thanks you for your outpouring of love to all of us; by your coming to her visitation and the food at the funeral home .It was so delicious and so thoughtful.

Our hearts are overwhelmed with love and appreciation to all.

Also, the cards from people here have been so comforting and loving.

Love,
Cindy, Dana,
and family



- 13 **2023 Day of Edification - 10-2:30**
Chapel Hill church of Christ
234 Chapel Drive, Gallipolis, OH 45631
- 21 **Welcome Lunch/Fellowship Dinner**
Come welcome the Curry Family!
Host: Care Group 2
- 21 **Men's Meeting - 4:00**
multipurpose room

June

- 24 **Caring & Sharing Luncheon - 12:00**
Pine Grove church of Christ
Bring donations for the Caring & Sharing Project and inform Pine Grove of items being donated by May 1



Youth Events

- Tonight** **Traveling Youth Group - 4:00**
Rockport Church of Christ
- May 1** **Youth Night - 6:00**
Norval Park church of Christ
- May 6** **Riverboat Cruise on the Nile - 6-8**
Formal Night/Prom Alternative
Valley Gem Sternwheeler
601 Front Street, Marietta, OH
- May 28** **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Hopewell church of Christ
- June 4-8** **VBS - Jesus the Great Physician**
Little Hocking church of Christ
Sunday 9:00 - morning Bible study
Sunday 5:00 - activities follwing worship
Monday-Wednesday 6:30-8:30
Thursday 6:30 - cookout and activities

Serving in Worship

May 7, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Roy Halstead

Scripture

AM - Kasen Inman

PM - Josh Hall

Prayer

9:30 AM - Kevin Cochran

Close - Ron Holleron

6:00 PM - Ken Barnes

Close - Doug Herhsman

Communion

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Korey Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Joann Goldsmith

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Scott Johnson

Security - Chris Tallman



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr. 30 1 Kings 3-4 Ps. 119:91-176

May 1 1 Kings 5-7 Ps. 120

May 2 1 Kings 8-9 Ps. 121

[Praying People of the OT](#)

May 3 1 Kings 10-11 Ps. 122

May 4 1 Kings 12-13 Ps. 123

May 5 1 Kings 14-17 Ps. 124

May 6 1 Kings 18-20 Ps. 125

May 7 1 Kings 21-22 Ps. 126

[Sermon: Psalm 126](#)

April Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: canned corn & green beans

Care Group 2: pancake mix, syrup, cereal

Care Group 3: fruit cups/canned fruit,
spaghetti & sauce

Care Group 4: beefaroni, ravioli, canned chicken



RIVERBOAT CRUISE ON THE NILE

Formal Night/Prom Alternative

May 6, 2023

6:00-8:00 pm

Facts and Figures

April 23, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....218

Sunday Bible Class.....180

Sunday PM Worship.....159

Wednesday PM.....155

Contribution.....\$6,784

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....8

Restored/Req. Prayr.....5

Placed Membership.....2

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

May 7, 2023

"Finding the Truth"



2023: Paul's Epistles

May: 1 Thessalonians

Sign the sheet on bulletin
board by the office after

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.