

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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TO KEEP IN PRAYER

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Charlotte Deem
Paula Franklin

Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leech
Gwen Lucas
Earl McConnell
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad

Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle
Cotton Sayre

Elizabeth
Scarbrough
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Martha Whited

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey & Mary
Caplinger
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
Sue Vancamp
Patty Workman

Belpre Landing
Carolyn Henry

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Encompass Health
Linda Moncrief

The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce (Jo
Langler's friend)

Cedar Grove
Janet Looney
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber
(Clayton's mom)

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent's
sister-in-law)

Genesis
Ray Sams

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller b-in-law)
Scott Gordon
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Charles (Bill) Haid
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Caroline Harrington
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Adam Johnston
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)

Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcovich
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Chris Mullins (Saunders's brother-in-law)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Chad Treadway
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)
Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders's cousin)

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 nearest aisle.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Everyone is invited to our monthly Fellowship Meal today, immediately following Bible classes in the multi-purpose room, which can be found out the back of the auditorium and down the stairwell at the end of the hall. Please come join us!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER — Tomorrow evening at 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for sides and drinks to go with pizza for the first meeting. These will continue twice a month through November.

MNE'S MEETING — Next Sunday at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

YOUTH DEVO — Next Sunday after evening worship.

OVC REUNION OF '60-'66 — Friday, September 22 at 6:00 at Camden Ave. and Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 at the Comfort Inn Suites in Mineral Wells. For more information, contact the planning committee on Facebook or at OVC1960through1966@gmail.com.

37TH ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL — October 6-7. The book this year will be Romans (NKJV). There will be dinner and activities Friday evening and the Bible Bowl on Saturday.

HOME MISSION — John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up workshop October 15-18.

WE CARE/HABANERO MINISTRY — The Habanero Ministry has a new name, We Care, in order to better reflect our mission. Nothing has changes about the work of the ministry. See Paul Inman if you have any questions about the ministry or how you can help.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Harvey Caplinger is having a difficult time with his health and is still in hospice care.
- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's father) is now home from Encompass Health.
- ♥ Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller's brother-in-law) got some recent bad health news and would appreciate prayers.
- ♥ Dot Haught is now home after surgery.
- ♥ Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller) fell and had surgery for two broken elbows and two broken wrists. She is in Riverside Hospital.

Sympathy

Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband) passed on Wednesday. There will be a memorial service at 1:00 Saturday, Sep. 16, at Vaughan Kimes Funeral Home.

Welcome!

We are so happy that J. Kay Stanley has decided to place her membership with us. Welcome to the Camden Avenue family, Kay!

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CURRY CONNECTION

What If, God Did Not Exist



The day's warmth was fueled by the sun, which rested high in the clear blue. This day was early summer, and the songbirds were competing with one another in melody. It was a beautiful day; actually, it was the wedding day of a young couple. The sweet aroma of flowers clung to you as a perfume. I love wedding days! The smiles on everyone's faces are genuine smiles of happiness. The tight squeeze of your loved one's hug is quickly welcomed. It is moments like this when, if you are willing to look, you can see the invisible.

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Rom 1:20 NKJV).

I walked by three young men all dressed for the occasion, resting in a circle. "Minister, what if there was no God?" was the question tossed my way. All these young men were faithful to His church and asked this question jokingly, with lightheartedness. They all had strong faith in God, as I could tell. However, it can be on occasions like this that the evil one will plant a seed of lies in the heart of someone by asking, "What if?" Some, knowing the playfulness behind this question might refuse to waste their time on it, and by doing so, we could be allowing satan to till new ground in one or all of these young men's hearts. "(N)or give place to the devil" (Eph 4:27). I quickly responded, "It is an impossibility for God not to exist."

All of them appeared to chuckle in agreeance. Now, that could be viewed as dodging the question. Which is why I think it was then asked, "Come on! What if?" So, I decided to give a defense for the hope which dwelled inside me. What if there was no Creator?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him (Col 1:15-16).

I told them, "Without a Creator, there would be nothing. No warmth from the sun or light from its rays. Nothing but cold, dark emptiness. We would not be seeing the beautiful day we all were living because it, too, would not exist without its Creator. There would be no songs from the songbirds or sweet aroma from the flowers."

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence (Col 1:17-18).

I continued, "If God did not exist, then nothing would be able to consist. The sun would grow cold and fail to be suspended in place. The earth would lose its orbit, its core would not be sustained, and its moon would fall. There would be no more smiles because if God failed to exist, love would also fail to live along with everything good."

However, joyfully, all these things do exist! With this good news, we know it is impossible for God not to exist! Love never fails (1 Cor 13:8), and, as on that particular wedding day, the Bridegroom will be coming to collect His bride, and there are no "What ifs?" about it.

SERMON NOTES

He Does Not Know

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:26-29

Speaker: Doug Wells

And He said, "The _____ of God is as if a man should scatter _____ on the _____, and should _____ by night and _____ by day, and the _____ should _____ and _____, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields _____ by itself: first the _____, then the _____, after that the _____ _____ in the head.

But when the _____ ripens, immediately he puts in the _____, because the _____ has come."

Mark 4:26-29 (NKJV)

1: Do you think a typical farmer fully understands the scientific process that gets a dormant seed to a stalk of grain? Does it matter?

2: In the parable in Mark 4, what is the role of the farmer?

3: In this parable what does the seed do "all by itself"?

4: Do you think we can fully understand the work of God? (Ecclesiastes 11:5)

5: According to Isaiah, what does the Word of God NOT do?

6: If we try to control the seed's growth through human effort do you think that will be helpful? (Can you make someone accept the gospel? Can you force someone to agree with you?)

7: If I want a plant to grow in a certain way is it right to try and control growth according to my preferences?

8: Are you ready to be the farmer in this story? Hint: you don't have to understand how it all works, just that spreading the Word and bringing people to Jesus is good.

PM Sermon: "The Parable of a Friend in Need"

Scripture reading: Luke 11:9-10

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

It's Finally Monday

As a congregation, we took a break from some of the things that have traditionally been a part of our church calendar, due to COVID concerns and getting our minister situation worked out. Now that we have hired a wonderful minister and simply consider the ninety-seventh pandemic variant annoying, it's time to renew a wonderful Camden Avenue staple: Monday Night for the Master! So mark your calendars for September 11th and come out and join us if you can for part or all of this service night. This will be the first of six such events for this Fall. I'd love to see you at any of them.

The truth is that Sunday and Wednesday alone are not enough for a healthy Christian life. There are many who only spend time with other believers on Sunday morning, and that's certainly not enough. But even if we come to every service we aren't approaching the level of fellowship of the early Christians. "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (Acts 2:46-47). Even if we consider this time a uniquely special time in the body of Christ it still hints at the kind of fellowship that leads to a thriving, growing church.

So yeah, Monday isn't Sunday or Wednesday. But it's a great day to spend time with one another and serve the Lord! I'm picturing a quick meal together, followed by people spreading out to do all kinds of projects for God. The shut-ins and the lonely can be visited. The building can be taken care of. Teens can work on their Lads to Leaders projects. Teachers can work in their classrooms. And I'm always open to ideas for other ways to serve God. I think we can do all kinds of good if we take an evening, any evening, and dedicate it to God. That's what I'm going to do on the 11th, God willing. I would be delighted if you chose to do the same.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Ordinary Might Not Be

I don't suppose you've ever misplaced a donkey. I think it's bad enough when I can't find my car keys. But long ago a man named Saul was having a bad day and he was trying to find several lost donkeys. It appeared ordinary enough though, perhaps they wandered off, or worst case it might have been a thief.

There was, however, more going on here. God warns a prophet named Samuel that Saul would soon be heading his way in 1 Samuel 9:16, saying "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people." Did you catch that? God said that he would send the prophet someone. I have a feeling those donkeys got lost on purpose, an angel giving them intentionally bad directions perhaps – all for the goal of God working His great plan in Saul's life.

The point here is things are often more than they seem. Who knows what important spiritual things are taking place in our everyday activities? God can move in an ordinary day, whether we are aware of it at the time or not. That makes ordinary days extraordinary.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September

- 10 Fellowship Meal - after AM service
Care Group 2 hosting
- 10 Gospel Meeting
Oakwood Road church of Christ
Sun 9:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: Roger Rush
Theme: How Relevant the Sacred Text is
to Modern Life
- 15 Widows Walk for a Potluck Picnic
From the 36th Street Grief Ministry
Jackson Park - Jaycee shelter
Bring a dish to pass and a chair
- 15 Gospel Meeting
-17 Sissonville church of Christ
Fri & Sat 7:00; Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00
Speaker: Ron Laughery
Theme: Living by Faith
- 17 Men's Meeting - 4:30
- 17 Youth Devo - after PM service
- 17 Fall Gospel Meeting
-20 McConnelsville church of Christ
Speaker: Charles Pugh III
- 17 Gospel Meeting
-21 Glenville church of Christ
Sun 9:45, 10:45; Sun-Thrs 7:00
Speaker: Lloyd Tenney
Theme: The Greatest of God
- 22 OVC Reunion of '60-'66
-23 Fri 6:00 at Camden Avenue
Sat 9:00 at Comfort Inn Suites
at Mineral Wells
RSVP by September 8
- 23 The Praise Him Lectures - 10-3:30
Elm Grove church of Christ in Piketon, OH
- 24 Traveling Youth Group
Lubeck church of Christ
- 24 Fall Gospel Meeting
Sunrise church of Christ
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: Bob Vincent
- 29 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Wingett Run church of Christ

October

- 1-4 Gospel Meeting
Henderson church of Christ in Columbus
Sun 10, 11:00, 6:00; Mon- Wed 7:00-8:30
Speaker: Tim Hatfield
- 6-7 37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl
Book: Roman (NKJV)
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 15-18 Home Mission Workshop
John Orr from HomeMission will be
returning for a follow-up visit
- 20 Adjusting to Aging Workshop
-21 Grand Central church of Christ
- 21 WWCYC Fall Camp - 10:00-8:00
Ages 11 & up "God Can"
- 28 Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00
Camden Avenue



Thank You

Thanks for all the birthday cards and kind wishes on my birthday. I appreciated all of them.
-Eloise Smith

Thank you for all the Birthday Wishes. They were all very special to me!
-Sherry Sponseller

Thanks for all the cards and well wishes for my birthday.
-Clyde Wayne Dean Yoho

Serving in Worship

September 17, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Brian Haught

Scripture

AM - Bill Mills

PM - Levi Wells

Prayer

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley

Close - Ryan Highman

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Ken Barnes

Communion

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Ben Haught

Welcome Center

AM - Tammy Kerns

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Wed - Rick Stanley

Announcements - John Life

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Sept. 10: Zech. 4-6 & Ps. 71
 Sept. 11: Zech. 7-9 & Ps. 72
 Sept. 12: Zech. 10-12 & Ps. 73
 Sept. 13: Zech. 13-14 & Ps. 74
 Sept. 14: Malachi & Ps. 75
Intertestamental Period
 Sept. 15: Matt. 1-4 & Ps. 76
 SOTW: Intro to the NT
 Sept. 16: Matt. 5-7 & Ps. 77
SOTW: Matthew
 Sept. 17: Matt. 8-10 & Ps. 78
Hypocrite!

September needs:

Care Group 1: cereal or peanut butter
 Care Group 2: Canned meat
 Care Group 3: pancake mix & syrup
 Care Group 4: Instant mashed potatoes & canned carrots



Monday Night for the Master

Monday, September 11
 6:30

Twice a month through November

Pizza will be provided
 Bring sides and drinks

Let's come together for fellowship and to get some work done!



Facts and Figures

September 3, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....205
 Sunday Bible Class.....174
 Sunday PM Worship.....168
 Wednesday Bible Class.....171
 Contribution.....\$7,769

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13
 Restored/Req. Prayer.....7
 Placed Membership.....9

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
 7:30 on WTAP TV 15
 8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM
 September 17, 2023
 "The Kingdom of God"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Lawn Crew

Sep. 14-16

Team 2:

Randy White
 Kevin Cochran
 Cody Hoover
 Bret Wilcoxon

September: Romans

2023 Schedule

October: 1 Corinthians
 November: 2 Corinthians
 December: Titus & Philemon



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.