

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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information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayers, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office.

CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting
Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Carolyn Henry

Nita Faye Leech
Gwen Lucas
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad

Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith
Theresa Steed
Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie Hinzman
Jo Langler

Linda Moncrief
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam

Jenny Reynolds
John Rockhold
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May
(Verna Huber)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)

Genesis

Ray Sams

Ohio Valley

Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller b-in-law)
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
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)
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)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
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)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) will be having a biopsy done and has a visit scheduled with the heart doctor.
- ♥ Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob and Pam Lucas) is in critical condition in Morgantown after a car accident. Her sister, Kristie, was killed in the accident.
- ♥ Eric Merrill (Bill Merrill's brother) has cancer and had surgery Wednesday.

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.

FOOD PANTRY — Our Food Pantry is critically low on food. Donations are needed to keep the pantry running for all those in need.

Care Group donations for the month of September are:

- 1: cereal or peanut butter 3: pancake mix & syrup
2: canned meat 4: instant mashed potatoes & canned carrots

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Will be at Lubeck tonight beginning at 6:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER — Tomorrow at 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for items to go with cold cut sandwiches.

37TH ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL — October 6-7. The book covered will be Romans (NKJV). This year we are adding event to Friday evening before the Bible Bowl. There will be a dinner followed by some group activities. There will also be an opportunity to share memory work or other accomplishments. The Bible Bowl will be held on Saturday as usual.

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

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Has been moved to October 15 to coincide with the HomeMission Seminar.

OCTOBER MEN'S MEETING — Has been moved to October 22.

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.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — The next Teddy Bear Making will be on Thursday, September 28 starting at 9:30 am in the multipurpose room. It is encouraged for those wishing to help out to bring whatever tools they would like for this work. We have already completed a total of 54 bears which have been distributed to the "We Care" ministry, Parkersburg Police Department, and to foster children. Anyone willing to help out is welcome to come.

LUBECK THRIFT SHOP — Volunteers are needed at the Lubeck Thrift Shop, 1744 Harris Highway, Washington, WV where profits benefit Love and Care Assisted Living Home. Interested volunteers are invited to come to the shop and talk to Carrie, the manager Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 - 3:00.

OVERNIGHT AID — The family of Bonnie Sams is looking to hire someone to stay with her overnight 2-3 times a week. If you are interested in this position, see the office for contact information.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest condolences to Theresa Steed and her family in the loss of her father, Jimmy Steed on September 11. His services were held last week.



Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

We Care Ministry:

Red Team

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Chris & Terry
Hoffmann

Blue Team
Mike & Teresa
Wade

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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CURRY CONNECTION

By the Book

Early America in the time of the 1600s was a different place than we know it today. Still operating under the authority of England at that time, many crossed the Atlantic for a new future, freedom from the economy, and land. Due to a unique wool market, landlords evicted families off their farmland, and some set sail to the New World.

One such young man was sent ahead to the New World with his father's words written in a book detailing how he wanted the new farm to be laid out. The father desired for the son to have the farm prepared for his arrival. The boy traveled by ship across the Atlantic, fighting against disease and starvation, to finally arrive on the banks of Virginia. The journey by sea was an impressive story of survival of its own. The boy was given a large plot of 200 acres, just as advertised in England. The boy quickly got to work. His father would be coming soon, and he wanted the farm to be ready. With great excitement, the boy sought to build a cabin, and according to the father's word, the boy found the area and agreed with what the father's word requested. So, the boy built the cabin. Next, the boy needed to dig a well, and according to the father's word, he found the area where the well should be dug. The boy agreed that the area was suitable and dug the well. A barn and a garden were next up. The word sent by the father asked for the barn to be placed on the west end of the property. The boy saw this and disagreed. The boy thought the barn would serve best on the other side of the land. So, the boy built the barn, but not where the father requested. The garden was to be also placed by the barn, but now the boy disagreed and dug the garden elsewhere.

The boy completed the cabin, and well, according to his father's will but failed to do so with the barn and garden. Really, with careful thought, you will realize the boy obeyed the father only when it corresponded with his own will. The orders of the cabin and well were pleasing to the boy, so he chose to obey. Is this faithful obedience? This is a shared problem in the religions of the world. God's word is only obeyed when it is pleasing to them. The desire should be that we obey the Father's will regardless of how we feel about it. There are two types of authority in religion today, from men or heaven (Matt 21:25). Only one of these is the correct choice. Jesus has the authority in all heaven and earth, and He has the words of eternal life (Matt 28:18; John 6:68). Let us do things by the book and not go beyond what is written (1 Cor 4:6). The word of God thoroughly furnishes us unto every good work. We do not need any additional revelations today other than what God has already given us to be complete before God.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17 NKJV).

The boy's father, upon his arrival, could not recognize his property. Let us ensure that is not the case for our Father.

Thank you for all the calls and cards during my surgery and while I was in the hospital. Thank you, Korey Inman, for the fantastic job you did.

-Mary Nesselroad



SERMON NOTES

Why Not Whack Weeds?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:27-29

Speaker: Doug Wells

1: What is something in your life that you think, "If only THIS wasn't a part of my life, things would be so much better"?

2: In the parable, what did the enemy do to the man's wheat field?

3: How did the owner decide to address the problem of the two plants growing together?

4: Despite being misinterpreted this way by some, what does this parable NOT mean?

5: Not to promote self-righteousness, but as you look at 2 Peter 2:7-8 what do you learn about living among immoral people?

6: Why aren't weeds in a field God's fault?

7: If the weeds are destroyed, how can that harm the wheat?

8: What does God want the weeds to become before the harvest?

9: What do you know will happen one day if you are wheat? (Matthew 13:43)

10: Are you wheat or a weed?

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Scripture reading: Matt 20:15-16

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Well-Timed Recognition

How important is it to you to immediately receive recognition for your accomplishments? I have to say that I do admire the person who does some incredible work and then walks away like nothing happened. If there was a child not paying attention, and they started walking into the road right when a car was turning the corner, and you reached out and stopped them, how would you play that? A quiet, "Careful kid. You make a better child than a pancake." And then you move on? OR would it be more like, "DID YOU SEE WHAT I JUST DID? That kid would be dead if it weren't for me! Seriously guys, am I the only one who pays attention around here? Good thing you guys have me looking out for you, right? Right? RIGHT?"

I suppose what I want to encourage is this: for you to know, in your heart, that you don't need to worry about recognition. If it is deserved, it will show up when it is needed. Once, Mordecai saved the king's life from a couple of assassins. That's a pretty amazing deed – I've never saved anyone from assassins. Mordecai told the queen about the plot. She told the king, and the king's life was saved. At the time, nothing was done for Mordecai. This king was insanely wealthy and he didn't reward the guy who saved his life or recognize him in any way other than recording that the information came from Mordecai. "All this was recorded in the book of the annals in the presence of the king" (Esther 2:23). Then Mordecai went about his day.

We might complain about a lack of recognition. We might bring it up every time we have a friend over – but the thing is, it was a really good thing Mordecai didn't get recognized at that time. His recognition came when it was most needed. Later in the story, the villain of The Book of Esther is going to ask to kill Mordecai. However, the night before this is to happen, the king can't sleep, so he asks for the book of the annals to be read to him. I imagine that worked better than sheep most nights – but this time the part about Mordecai saving the king's life was read. And the king asked: "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" (Esther 6:3). The attendants say: "Nothing." Right then Haman walks in to ask to hang Mordecai, and instead, he has to help the king figure out how to honor him.

You might not get recognized for your accomplishments right away. In fact, I might argue most of the time you won't. Don't worry about it! All things come in God's time – and His time is better than yours.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Responsible People are Dependable

Let's talk about a characteristic that responsible people have. When other people are counting on them responsible people don't let them down. I mean, sure, nobody's perfect. I'm sure even the most diligent forget something or miss a deadline once in a great while. But that's not the norm. I'm sure we all know someone who, when they tell us they're going to be there, we fully expect that's exactly what will happen.

In scripture a man named Boaz had this quality. He had a woman's future in his hands, and there were a set of responsibilities that had to be done to sort it all out. He could have hesitated, or tried to pass off the hard decisions. But that's not who he was. The woman's mother-in-law tells her in Ruth 3:18 "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

I think this a good reputation to seek. We want people to know that we will take care of what needs done, and we will do it quickly, especially if someone is counting on us. That someone might be me someday – so please . . . help a guy out. Learn to be there when you say you will. Be like Boaz.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation 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

- 24 Traveling Youth Group**
Lubeck church of Christ
- 24 Gospel Meeting**
-27 Sistersville church of Christ, Sistersville, WV
Sun 10:30, 2:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: Jerry Toothman
- 25 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**
- 24 Fall Gospel Meeting**
-27 Sunrise church of Christ
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: Bob Vincent
- 28 Teddy Bear Making - 9:30**
- 29 Friday Night Sing - 7:00**
Wingett Run church of Christ

October

- 1-4 Gospel Meeting**
Henderson church of Christ in Columbus
Sun 10:00, 6:00; Mon- Wed 7:00-8:30
Speaker: Tim Hatfield
- 1-6 Gospel Meeting**
Spencer church of Christ, Spencer, WV
Sun 10:00, 1:00; Mon-Fri
Speaker: Dan Kessinger
- 6-7 37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl**
Book: Roman (NKJV)
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 7 Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Norval Park church of Christ
Speaker: Laura Tonkery
Theme: Recipe for a Faith to Face the World
- 8-12 Gospel Meeting & Homecoming**
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Thrs 7:00
Theme: The Parables of Jesus
- 9 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**
- 13 Gospel Meeting**
-15 Lubeck church of Christ
Fri & Sat 7:00; Sun 9:30, 10:30
Speaker: Eric Lyons
- 15-18 Home Mission Workshop**
John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up visit
- 15 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Care Group 3 hosting
- 15 Sunday Evening Youth Devo - 7:00**
- 15 Widows Walk for a Potluck Picnic**
Jackson Park in Vienna, Jaycee Shelter
Bring a dish to share
- 15 Gospel Meeting**
-20 Harrisville church of Christ
Sun 9:30, 6:00; Mon-Thrs 7:00
- 20 Adjusting to Aging Workshop**
-21 Grand Central church of Christ, Vienna, WV
Friday 6:00 pm & Saturday 9:00 am
- 21 WVCYC Fall Camp - 10:00-8:00**
Ages 11 & up "God Can"
- 22 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 22 Gospel Meeting**
-25 Pursley church of Christ, Sistersville, WV
Sun 10:00, 6:00; Mon -Wed 7:00
- 22 Fall Gospel Meeting**
-25 Sunrush church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH
Sun 9:45, 10:30, 7:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: Roger Rush
- 28 Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00**
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Camden Avenue
- 30 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**

November

- 6 Youth Night - 6-8**
Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH
Singing, Bible Study, Friends, Food, Games!
- 17 Friday Night Sing**
Camden Avenue

Serving in Worship

October 1, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Jeff Taberner

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Gary Alton

Scripture

AM - Eric Gumm

PM - Jordan Alton

Prayer

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - Kaleb Cochran

Close - Aidan Klingler

Communion

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Ken Barnes

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Wed - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - Todd Kirk

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Chris Tallman



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Sept. 25: Matt. 27-28 & Ps. 86

Sept. 26: Mark 1-3 & Ps. 87

[SOTW: Mark](#)

Sept. 27: Mark 4-5 & Ps. 88

[The Unpardonable Sin](#)

Sept. 28: Mark 6-7 & Ps. 89

Sept. 29: Mark 8-10 & Ps. 90

[Miracles](#)

Sept. 30: Mark 11-12 & Ps. 91

Oct. 1: Mark 13-14 & Ps. 92

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



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Brian Knotts

2-Kevin Inman

4- Rochelle Young

5-Clifton Inman

5-Rebecca Miller

5- Ottie Galloway

8- Natalie Haught

8- Leon Hupp

8- Peggy Riddle

10- Roy Halstead

10- Ralph Fox

11- Parker Hoover

11- Bill & Sherry

Hoover

14- Klara Barnes

16- Lexi Knotts

17- Gary Alton

17- Drake Logston

18- Mary Caplinger

18- Kelly Fleak

18- Josh Hall

20- Wes Cochran

21- Gwen Johnson

22- Van Putnam

22- Braidon &

Lexi Knotts

23- Carol Vincent

23- Tabetha Rich

24- Kay Stanley

25- Debby

Nesselroad

25- Mary Nesselroad

26- Bonnie Sams

28- Bob Armstrong

29- Chelsea Inman

Facts and Figures

September 17, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....195

Sunday Bible Class.....181

Sunday PM Worship.....184

Wednesday Bible Class.....179

Contribution.....\$7028

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....8

Placed Membership.....9

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP TV 15
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM
October 1, 2023

"We Need a Savior"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Lawn Crew Sep. 28-30

Team 4:

Mike Bayer
Brian Haught
Bill Merrill
Roy Halstead

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.