

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

The Habanero Ministry
is now...



We
care
about YOU!

New name, same great ministry.

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information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting
Linda Camp
Barbara Cramlet
Carl Curtiss
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
John Doll (Sandy
Keller's father)

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

Genesis
Ray Sams

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

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

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)
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)
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)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcvish
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)

Sympathy:

We extend our sincere condolences to Randy White, and Terry Hofmann in the passing of their cousin, Roger Longwell.

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.

NEW BIBLE CLASS QUARTER – The fall quarter begins today. Children will be moving up to their new classes. The adult classes that will be available are:

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Acts	Teacher: DJ Curry
Room 109: 1 & 2 Timothy	Teacher: Rick Stanley
Room 112: Adult Bible Bowl Class	Teacher: Bill Mills

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium Class: Who Is Wise?	Teacher: Paul Inman
Room 109: Growing My Christian Faith (Primarily designed for new converts)	Teachers: DJ Curry & Rick Stanley
Room 112: Advanced Old Testament Vocabulary	Teacher: Doug Wells

LADIES' DAY PLANNING MEETING – Tonight in room 109 immediately following evening worship.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Next Sunday, September 10, everyone is invited to our monthly Fellowship Meal. Care Group 2 will be our host this month.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER – This event will be starting September 11 at 6:30 and will continue twice a month through November. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for sides and drinks to go with pizza for the first meeting.

MNE'S MEETING – Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

YOUTH DEVO – after evening worship on Sunday, September 17.

OVC REUNION OF '60-'66 – It's reunion time! Friday, September 22 at 6:00 here at Camden Avenue and Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 at the Comfort Inn Suites in Mineral Wells. Please RSVP by September 8. For more information, contact the planning committee at OVC1960through1966@gmail.com or on Facebook at Ohio Valley College Contacts 1960-1966.

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

WE CARE/HABANERO MINISTRY – The Habanero Ministry now 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

- ♥ Dot Haught had surgery on her foot Thursday and everything went well. She will be unable to bear any weight for a while.
- ♥ Mary Langler (Jo Langler's aunt) had a stroke She has lost her hearing, eyesight, and the use of her right side. Wednesday was her 100th birthday. If you would like to send her a birthday or encouragement card, her address is: Green Acres Assisted Living, 803 E Main St. Fremont, MI 49412, Room 207
- ♥ Debby Nessleroad had cataract surgery. It went well, and she is now home.
- ♥ Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece) is to have surgery on her spine soon.
- ♥ Chris Morris (mother of Jared Morris, a co-worker of Susan Anderson) has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Building
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Building
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Youth:
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

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with our app!
Congregate



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Livestream:

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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Heavenly Wisdom

Perhaps you have done the exercise where you write a letter to your past self. After all, I'm sure you have all kinds of helpful advice. I don't just mean buy stock in Microsoft either. I'm talking meaningful life lessons like, "Don't sweat the small stuff." Yeah, I do wonder what future me would say. I suppose I would be a little nervous to open such a letter! I would though. If sixty-year-old me found a way to make this happen I would read his letter, believing that he would have some important lessons that I need to know. He would surely share things that I could change now to make my future brighter.

If we were to extend that timeframe out a little bit this is even more true. What if I could write myself a letter from heaven? I might know a little more in a couple of decades. I will know a LOT more if I remain faithful and enter the kingdom of God. "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). Imagine really understanding what was important in this life, as you see how choices play out into eternity. To get a letter from heaven . . . now that would be something wouldn't it? Think of the incredible wisdom that would be found within! Rich, eternal wisdom. Surely we would scrutinize and pay close attention to that, right?

Well . . . I won't hold my breath for any letters from the future. I don't think such things are permitted. I will, however, treasure my letter from heaven. "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thessalonians 2:13). I can live with wisdom beyond my years if I live according to the direction found in Scripture. So can you. Any truth that our future self might discover, if it is truly important for life or godliness, is already found within the pages of the Word! We don't need that other letter because we already have the same truth on our bookshelves at home. If we choose not to read it and live by it our future selves will look back and wish that we did.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Partial Obedience isn't Obedience

In homes everywhere there have been conversations between parents and children that go something like this: "Son, did you do what I asked you to do?" "Yeah Dad, sure did!" "Wait, no you didn't, you did about a tenth of what I said! I still see socks on the floor. I still see dishes on the table. You didn't do what I asked."

Maybe you've experienced that in your home, and maybe you've been guilty of the same thing before the Lord. The Bible says in 1 John 5:3: "This is love for God: to keep his commands." What God commands is good. Do you follow His instruction? We have to watch our hearts here if we are to put childish things behind us. It's really easy to do about ten percent of what God wants for us, and then when asked if we are being obedient say "Yeah, I sure am! I did what you asked Father God!"

But that's not really obedience, is it? If God asks me to do ten things, I do one of them, change a couple of others to make them more to my liking and do my version, and then ignore everything else . . . have I really shown love to God? That level of obedience didn't work for us at home. It doesn't work for my children. And I think we can do better in showing our dedication to the Lord of heaven and earth.

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

SERMON NOTES

The Salt & The Light

Scripture Reading: Matt 5:13-16

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

1. What is the good life? Give Scripture references from Matthew chapter 5.
2. What is the world's idea of a good life? Give Scripture references from Matthew chapter 4.
3. By looking at these two descriptions of the good life, Christ's and the world's views. Can we find help understanding what we should or should not be doing?

4. (Fill in the Blank) *Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)*

"You are the _____ of the _____; but if the _____ loses its _____, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for _____ but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by _____. "You are the _____ of the _____. A _____ that is set on a hill cannot be _____. Nor do they _____ a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a _____, and it gives _____ to all who are in the house. Let your _____ so _____ before men, that they may see your good _____ and glorify your _____ in _____.

5. How much should Christians resemble the world around them?
6. (Write in the correct Scripture reference next to each step in the plan of salvation.)
 - Hear -
 - Believe -
 - Repent -
 - Confess Faith in Jesus Christ -
 - Be Baptized -
 - Remain Faithful -

7. Will you choose to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world?

PM Sermon: What This Cost
Scripture Reading: Luke 14:28-30
Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

What is the church of Christ?

The world has much to say about the church, which belongs to Jesus. The world has called her by many names, such as a cult or a denomination. What is a brief but thorough answer to someone who genuinely asks, “What is the church of Christ?”

First, it is a group of people who hold Jesus Christ as the author and finisher of their faith (Heb 12:2). Their religion belongs to Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18), and He has been given all authority in this group (Matt 28:18). This group of people is called the church (Acts 8:1). The Greek term for church, ἐκκλησία means “assembly” and or “a calling out” so these people are a group of called out people that belong to Jesus Christ. This is why the name of His church is a possessive term giving possession to Jesus, who is God: “church of God” (1 Cor 1:2), “churches of Christ” (Rom 16:16), “The body of Christ” (Eph 4:12), “the church of the living God” (1 Tim 3:15). All of these are Scriptural names for His church.

Second, because all authority is with the Lord Jesus, the church operates off of His authority alone (Col 3:17). The church practices Scriptural worship given to us in the New Covenant, which the Lord seeks (John 4:23-24), the church is organized according to the Bible with qualified leaders (1 Tim 3; Titus 1; 1 Pet 5), and the church teaches the one doctrine given to us in His word (Gal 1:6-7; Phil 3:16). This doctrine teaches us the correct way to be saved after someone hears the gospel (Rom 10:17), believes in Jesus Christ (Mark 16:16), repents of their sins (Luke 13:3), confesses their faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 10:9-10), and is baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). This one truth in God’s word is the message of His church (Matt 28:19-20).

Third, this body (Eph 1:22-23), which is located all over the world, is Christ’s one church (Eph 4:4). Everyone is welcome to be added into this body (Acts 2:47, 11:18) of believers through the baptism into Jesus Christ (1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27-29). Being that there is only one church that belongs to Jesus Christ, this is also why the church is not a denomination.

Denominationalism represents a move away from the church/sect model which promoted the view that one movement contained the doctrinal truth and others were merely breakaway heresies. Christian denominations accept their differences and acknowledge their unity, striving towards an ecumenical relationship with each other. ¹

This is not the way of the Lord’s church being we hold to the fact there is only one doctrinal truth (Gal 1:6-9; Eph 4:4) and that the church does not accept or have fellowship with other doctrines (Rom 16:17; 1 Cor 6:14-15; Eph 5:11; 2 John 9-11).

I encourage everyone as they read this article they do so with an open Bible and look to each reference given within this article. We are to speak with the word God has given us (1 Pet 4:11). Jesus Christ invested His blood into His church (Acts 20:28), and those who are being saved are those in His church. “... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47 NKJV). Study to show yourself approved (2 Tim 2:15).

¹ Ron Geaves, “Denominations,” in Continuum Glossary of Religious Terms (London; New York: Continuum, 2002), 94–95.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September

- 9 WWCYC Bluegrass & BBQ - 12:00-5:00
- 9 Sixth & Washington Ladies' Tea - 2:00
"Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart"
Speaker: Morgan Ball
- 10 Sixth & Washington Friends & Family Day
Theme: "The Kingdom"
Speaker: Joshua Ball
- 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 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 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
- 24 Traveling Youth Group
Lubeck church of Christ
- 29 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Wingett Run church of Christ

October

- 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
- 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

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 Young

Serving in Worship

September 10, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Ryan Highman

Scripture

AM - Dave Nulter

PM - Jim Stoops

Prayer

9:30 AM - David Epler

Close - Jon Hescht

6:00 PM - Cole Curry

Close - Paul Inman

Communion

AM - Josh Carr

PM - Delmas Carr

Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Terry Hofmann

Wed - Teresa Wade

Announcements - Josh Hall

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Sept. 3: Jonah & Ps. 64
SOTW: [Jonah](#), [Micah](#), [Nahum](#), and [Habakkuk](#)

Sept. 4: Micah & Ps. 65
Sept. 5: Nahum & Ps. 66

Sept. 6: Habakkuk & Ps. 67
[Does God "Look on Wickedness"?](#)

Sept. 7: Zephaniah & Ps. 68
SOTW: [Zephaniah](#), [Haggai](#), [Zechariah](#), and [Malachi](#)

Sept. 8: Haggai & Ps. 69

Sept. 9: Zech. 1-3 & Ps. 70

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



We Care (Habanero) Spotlight

Operations Team

"Behind the Scenes Team"

Team Leaders: Bill Hoover

Responsibilities of the operations team include:

- Research prospects
- Supply information
- Prepare folders for use at each service
- Compile list of birthdays, shut-ins, etc.

If this sounds like something you could do, please contact Bill Hoover or Paul Inman

Motivation Team

"The Hype Guys"

Team Leaders: DJ Curry

Responsibilities of the motivation team include:

- Advertise to the Church
- Report on progress
- Recruit for teams
- Encourage teams
- Provide gifts for visits

If this sounds like something you could do, please contact DJ Curry or Paul Inman

Facts and Figures

August 27, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....233

Sunday Bible Class.....213

Sunday PM Worship.....160

Wednesday Bible Class.....184

Contribution.....\$7,490

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....7

Placed Membership.....8

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP TV 15
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM
September 10, 2023
"Obeying the Lord"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Lawn Crew

Sept. 7-9

Team 4:

Kevin Inman

Kyle Inman

Kody Inman

Korey Inman

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.