

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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Recorded
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

Barbara Cramlet	Cheryl Logston	Mary Nesselroad	Peggy Riddle
Marion Goldsmith	Gwen Lucas	Ray Peters	Cotton Sayre
Dot Haught	Ron Moncrief	Bill Porter	Eloise Smith
Carolyn Henry	Debby Nesselroad	Summer Rich	Dorothy Stevens
Nita Faye Leech			Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong	Patty Dawson	Jo Langler	Van Putnam
Harvey Caplinger	Charlotte Deem	Linda Moncrief	Jenny Reynolds
Naomi Carr	Jim & Sallie	Merilee Morgan	Bonnie Sams
Keith Cowdery	Hinzman	Ed & Lois Porter	Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove

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

Ohio Valley

Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Stonrise Healthcare Wyngate

John Rockhold
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

Genesis

Ray Sams

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby	Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Cheryl Bucannon (Rebecca Miller's aunt)	Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)	June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Marilyn Miskcovich
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)	Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)	Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)	Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)	Kathy Plant
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Robert Fox (Ralph Fox's brother)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller b-in-law)	John Rupenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)	Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)	Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)	Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Gary Herridge (former elder)	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)	Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)	Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Michelle Jones	Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)	Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS — The Children's Bulletin Bags look a little different today. Changes include new bags, clipboards and crayon wraps. We have also added another 10 bags to the racks to accommodate the growing number of children ages 3 to 12.

Bulletins without the bags, for the older students are also now available on the counter in the main foyer. Parents/grandparents, be sure to take these bulletins home with your child each week. It creates another opportunity for growth and Bible study at home. Please return the bags to the crates provided after worship. See Verna Huber if you have any questions or would like to help with this work.

OCTOBER MEN'S MEETING — Today at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

TWIN CITIES OPERA HOUSE GOSPEL SING — Saturday, October 28 from 7-9 in McConnelville, OH. Buses will leave at 5:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Will be here at Camden Avenue next Sunday during evening worship.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER — Monday, October 30.

Congratulations!

Shepherd Alan Parrott was born on October 17, 2023 weighing 7lbs 7.8oz and was 18.5 inches long. The proud parents are Duke and Jasmine Parrott, grandparents Jeff & Jody Fitcher and great-grandfather Ron Holleron.



UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Carolyn Henry is in the ICU in Camden Clark following a stroke. She is currently non-responsive.
- ♥ Sallie Hinzman fractured her foot. She is non weight bearing and will be in a walking boot until she sees her surgeon again at the end of December.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) is in Marietta Memorial for observation after going in with severe pain. A CT scan found a mass on his pancreas. He was scheduled for an MRI today.
- ♥ Ed and Lois Porter are both improving. Lois goes back to Morgantown this week for a follow-up.
- ♥ John Rockhold is in Stonerise Healthcare (Encompass Health) room 303B.
- ♥ John Rupenthal (friend of John Bonar) is in need of prayers.

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
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Mike & Teresa Wade

Blue Team
Chris & Terry Hofmann

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Motivated by Love

There's more than one reason to do a good deed. Sure, you may think all good deeds are created equal, but I don't think that's true. I think the quality of the deed depends greatly on your motivation. For example, you know someone who needs a little money, so you give them the money. Someone else does the same thing. Are the deeds necessarily equal? Well . . . no. One of you gave the money out of love for the person that was in need. The other gave because someone else was in hearing distance when the request was made, and who wants to appear stingy? Or maybe the giving happened because this gift would grant the power to ask a favor in return later. Motivations matter.

There are people who do a lot of works and think they will be greatly commended by the Lord someday. However, we know from scripture that many will be surprised. "Lord, Lord, did we not . . . do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:22-23). How can these people do all these works, even, in this case, miraculous works, and not be pleasing to God? In the context of this passage, we would have to conclude that despite their mighty works, they were living by their own will instead of God's will. In other words, their motivations were bad. Maybe they wanted the power for ungodly purposes, like Simon in Acts 8. Maybe, all they cared about was their own glory. For whatever reason, all their good deeds didn't amount to much.

May this not be true of any of us! Have you ever done a good deed and then stood around expecting a thank you or even demanded it? Have you expressed your indignation at the lack of appreciation (probably leading to some mumbled words of thanks)? I fear when people do things like this, Jesus shakes his head sadly and says: "I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full" (Matthew 6:16). Don't you see? Your motivation wasn't love! And if that's not your driving force for all your good works, you could give away all you have, and it wouldn't matter. "If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). Yes, go and do good to all people. Not out of any selfish reason but because you "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

It is How God Made You

Let's take a minute. To talk about carving pumpkins. Every year, my kids and I will pick out some innocent pumpkin with the idea of carving a masterpiece. We have carved many faces over the years, and not one of them is exactly alike. You know what has never happened to me before is for the pumpkin to be unhappy with its new face. We always carve it with a smile. How silly would it be for the pumpkin to be upset with me? Its carver! "But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?'" (Rom 9:20 NKJV). You know God has done a great job with His creation, and that includes you. Be glad because you are one of God's special creations. "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:14). Be happy with how God made you. He does not make mistakes.

This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.



SERMON NOTES

Why Are You Here?

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:29

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

I. Why do you attend worship here at Camden Avenue church of Christ?

II. Where in the Scripture is Jesus' relationship with the church likened to that of a relationship of a husband and wife?

(Circle All That Apply)

Rev 21:1-4

Eph 5:22-33

2 Cor 11:2 Isa 54:5

A. Since the church is Christ's bride, she is unique to Him in the following ways.

(Follow Ephesians 5:22-33 and fill in the blank.)

"The church is subject to _____."

"Christ also _____ the _____ and gave Himself for _____,"

"He might _____ and _____ her with the washing of _____ by the _____,"

"He might _____ her to _____ a _____ church, not having _____ or _____ or any such thing, but that she should be _____ and without _____."

1. Who does the church submit to?

2. Christ gave Himself for what?

3. Who sanctifies and cleanses the church?

a) With what?

b) By what authority?

4. Who is the church presented to?

5. Are there any imperfections in the Christ's church?

6. Will Jesus recognize His bride when He comes?

7. Suppose a church is submitting to another authority other than Jesus's word. Is that the wife described in the Bible?

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess Faith in Jesus Christ, Be Baptized, Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: The Most Effective Lies
Scripture Reading: 20Corinthians 11:13-15
Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

It's Not a Job It's a Ministry

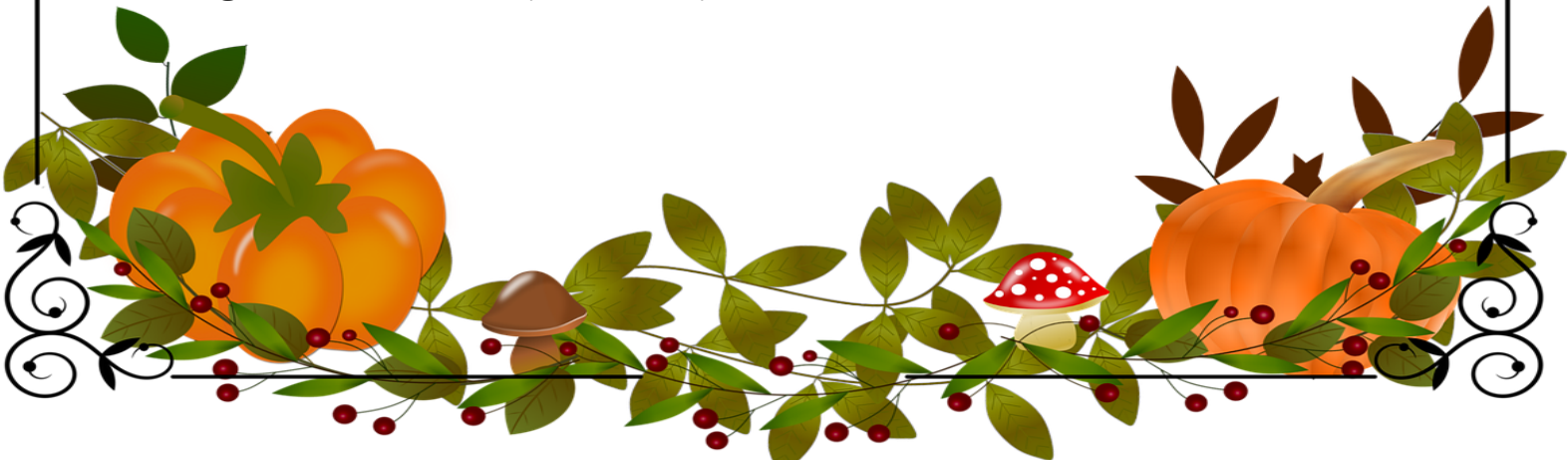
In a steel mill in Huntington, WV the screeching and crashing sound of the Electric Arc Furnaces can be heard blasting in the background. The environment is so loud that it rattles the clothing on your body, but the earplugs somewhat shut you out of the world, so your thoughts out sound the furnace. When I would often lift myself up to put on my wet silver coat, which protected us from the 3,000-degree liquid we were about to capture, I would think to myself as my hard hat soaked up the drops of sweat from my brow. "Why am I doing this? What is the purpose?" The older men there, covered in black dust, would smile brightly and say, "You do it for the paycheck, boy!" Thoughts of my wife and kids always fueled me to work the long, hot hours. This was a job, and I worked the job because it provided for my family. As soon as I was able to find a better job, I took it. We work jobs to get something in return.

As Christians, do we view our service to Jesus as a job where we expect our bi-weekly paycheck, or will we move on to something we think is better? The truth is that our service as Christians is not a job but a ministry. The apostle Paul instructed Timothy to fulfill his ministry, not his job. "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Tim 4:5 NKJV). Indeed, we understand that being a Christian is rewarding, and some in their ministry even earn a paycheck for their labor. But is that why we do it? If we work for Jesus for a selfish purpose alone, then it is a job to us, and we lose out on it being a ministry. A ministry is a service, which is what the word ministry is standing in for in the above Scripture. The purpose of us being Christians is clothed in the coat of service. Service to His church, service to others, and most importantly, service to Him.

I recently thought after hearing of one person's life struggle, which eventually ended in the grace of the Lord. "How great it is to do the work of an evangelist!" As a servant of Jesus, you can provide a great service of faith, hope, and love, sowing peace into the hearts of the world around you. Your ministry can affect generations exceedingly and abundantly above what we think. Really, what better thing is there? Jesus has sent His humble servants into all the world to preach His gospel not just for our benefit but for the purpose of serving God and each other.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom 10:14-15).

Our ministry is a beautiful privilege because its purpose is a service to others. It is truly better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October

- 22 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 22 Hopewell Gospel Meeting
-25 Speaker: Bob Vincent
- 22 Gospel Meeting - Sun 10:00, M-W 7:00
-25 Ten Mile church of Christ, Salem, WV
Speaker: Harry Summers
- 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
- 22 WV School of Preaching Lectureship
-26 "When I Study the PSALMS..." (Vol. V)
- 28 Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
Bus will leave the building at 5:30
There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby
- 29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Camden Avenue
- 30 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**



January

- 26 Ohio Winter Lectures
-27 Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Fri 6:30-9, Sat 8:00-5:00
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting Spiritual
Growth & Unity

November

- 3-5 Cold Harbor Lectureship
Fri 7:00, Saty 8:00-9:00, Sun 9:30, 2:00
The Writings of John
- 3-4 Unified Youth Rally
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
Speaker: Kyle Butt
- 4 Men's Inspiration Day - 9:00
Pine Grove church of Christ
Topic: Working and Working for God
Speakers: Brandon Blankenship, Keith Cole
Michael Circle, Shane Roberts
- 5 Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30**
Led by Camden Avenue
- 5-8 Gospel Meeting - S 10, 10:45. 6; M-W 7
West Ripley church of Christ
Speaker: J.D. Conley
- 6 Youth Night - 6-8**
Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH
Singing, Bible Study, Friends, Food, Games!
- 9 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00**
Led by Camden Avenue
- 12 Gospel Meeting
15 Bridge Street church of Christ
Topic: When Your Heart Breaks
Speaker: Phil Sanders
- 17 Friday Night Sing**
Camden Avenue
- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00
Dewey Avenue church of Christ

April

- 6 Bible Bowl - 9:30
Alkire Road church of Christ, Grove City, OH
Book of Romans (KJV)

Serving in Worship

October 29, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Jeff Taberner

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Cole Curry

Scripture

AM - Kasen Inman

PM - Kevin Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Jon Hescht

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Bill Hoover

Close - Jimmy Galloway

Communion

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Steve Gray

Welcome Center

AM - Terry Hofmann

PM - Rick Stanley

Wed - Stan Inman

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Dustin Hofmann

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Oct. 23: John 18-21 & Ps. 114

[Bible Land Passage 12](#)

Oct. 24: Acts 1-2 & Ps. 115

[SOTW: Acts](#)

Oct. 25: Acts 3-4 & Ps. 116

Oct. 26: Acts 5-7 & Ps. 117

[What Must I Do To Be Saved?](#)

Oct. 27: Acts 8-9 & Ps. 118

Oct. 28: Acts 10-11 & Ps. 119:1-60

[The Truth About Repentance](#)

Oct. 29: Acts 12-13 Ps. 119:61-120

October Needs:

Care Group 1: jelly, instant oatmeal

Care Group 2: canned tomatoes & shelf stable/canned milk

Care Group 3: canned & dry beans

Care Group 4: sweet potatoes & green beans



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

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Facts and Figures

October 15, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	195
Sunday Bible Class.....	183
Sunday PM Worship.....	174
HomeMission Workshop.....	64
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Wednesday Bible Class.....	146
Contribution.....	\$8,518

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 29, 2023

"Jesus is Lord"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Team 2:

Lawn Crew

October 26-28

Ken Barnes

Doug Hershman

Josh Gray



October: 1 Corinthians

2023 Schedule

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.