

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



Barbara
Cramlet

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Genesis
Ray Sams

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)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Robert Fox (Ralph Fox's brother)
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)

CHURCH FAMILY

Dot Haught
Carolyn Henry
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter

Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

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

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Stonrise Healthcare
John Rockhold

The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)
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)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
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)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
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) is now home.
- ♥ Brian Haught has been having trouble with his hip and will be undergoing physical therapy.
- ♥ Glen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's brother-in-law) is in extremely grave condition and not expected to live long.
- ♥ Dave Rice (friend of Ralph Fox) has a large mass on his brain.

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.

2024 BUDGET REQUEST — Those leading areas and events that need to be included in the 2023 budget, please submit your detailed plan with your requested budget amount to the eldership today.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Will be here at Camden Avenue tonight for evening worship. Cookies are needed for refreshments afterward.

BOOK OF THE MONTH — The book for November will be 2 Corinthians. If you read 1 Corinthians during October, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

FOOD PANTRY — November pantry needs are: Care Group 1: fruit cups/applesauce, Care Group 2: ramen noodles/chicken noodle soup, Care Group 3: spaghetti sauce, Care Group 4: mac & cheese

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER — Tomorrow Monday, October 30. Bring your own dinner. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the front lobby.

CYC — Money is due to Kevin Cochran by this Wednesday, November 1.

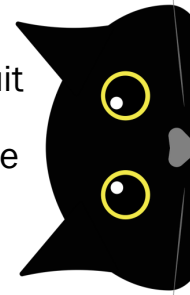
WEDNESDAY 11AM BIBLE CLASS — Class will begin November 8 and will run through March 6. Doug Wells will continue his study on 2 Corinthians.

LOVE & CARE — We will be hosting the worship services at Love & Care Sunday, November 5 at 2:30 and Thursday, November 9 at 7:00. Care Group 4 will be in charge.

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS & VETRANS LUNCHEON — Friday, November 10 at 1:00. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the front lobby for volunteers and attendees. Volunteers are also needed to cook turkeys. Please see Amanda Cochran if you can help.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP — There will be a trip to the Oglebay Festival of Lights Thursday, November 30. The bus will leave the building at 2:00. The cost will be \$5 up front plus the cost of dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria.

MATTERESS NEEDED — There is a need for a queen sized mattress. If you can help, please contact the office.



THANK YOU

I want to thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards you sent to me. I appreciated every one of them. Thank you for thinking of me.
-Kay Mills

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Carolyn Henry. She passed Wednesday evening.

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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CURRY CONNECTION

Purpose Driven Life

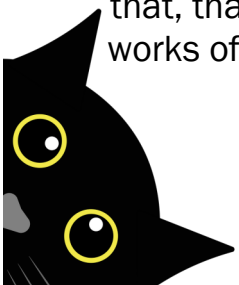
It was a wet rainy morning outside the car as Jennie thought to herself, “What is the point?” She was sitting in the parking lot of the hospital before her next treatment, tired and feeling defeated. “What is the point?” she sighed in frustration, wiping a tear from her cheek and looking through the foggy car door window. “Why, God?” was the real question that was troubling her. Whose fault is it that she must endure this sickness? Others are able to live such happy lives, so she thinks, but here she sits, questioning herself and her God. We tend to always search for who is at fault, but we will see, thanks to Jesus, that is not the lens through which to view your trial or life.

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” [which is translated as Sent]. So he went and washed, and came back seeing (John 9:1-7 NKJV).

They also asked Jesus who was at fault, “this man or his parents.” Jesus switches their thinking from fault to purpose, “but that the works of God should be revealed in him.” Jesus really says something shocking here. This man’s blindness served as a purpose to reveal the works of God. His blindness served a great purpose that no perfectly healthy man could have accomplished. It was through this man’s trial God was able to be glorified. They all were able to witness the miracle Jesus performed, which in turn confirmed Jesus’ teachings and purpose, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me...As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Jennie reads the text messages on her phone. The notes are from her church family, and they read something like this: “Your strength is such an inspiration to us! We love you and are praying for you!” Jennie not only has these on her phone but in her mailbox when she gets home. Despite Jennie’s difficulty, she has kept her faith and love for the brethren, and that has not gone unnoticed by those around her. Through her weakness God’s strength is being brightly shown in the world around her. Although life is still difficult, Jennie’s eyes have been opened, and she can now see to find purpose. It is not about finding fault but finding purpose. Jennie realized that, thanks to her trouble, she could now have an opportunity to show the world the works of God. Jennie was able to see the point. Her life was now purpose-driven.

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Cor 12:9).



SERMON NOTES

Purity Through Belief

Scripture Reading: Titus 1:15-16

Speaker: Doug Wells

To the _____ all things are _____, but to those who are _____ and _____ nothing is _____; but even their _____ and _____ are _____. They _____ to know _____, but in _____ they _____ Him, being _____, _____, and _____ for every _____ work. Titus 1:15-16

1: Deuteronomy 28 speaks about blessings and curses. If they were blessed, how comprehensive was this blessing?

2: Deuteronomy has the two groups of the blessed and the cursed. What are the two groups in Titus? (1:15)

3: If you are pure, how much of your life does that affect? If you are impure?

4: What do I (Doug) think is the point of the qualification for elders in Titus 1:5-9?

5: What is a key factor from Titus 1:15 that determines whether you are pure or impure?

6: What are some things a true belief in God would lead someone to think or do?

7: If you don't really believe in God, what kind of damage will you cause as you pretend to? (1:11)

8: If you don't really believe in God what will you believe?

9: Without a real belief in God are you going to do very much good in this world?

10: Are you pure or impure?

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Words Without Wisdom

Sometimes, we say things without knowing what we're talking about. Hopefully over time, we've learned to do this less and less. Perhaps our learning was motivated by being embarrassed by someone publicly informing us of our ignorance. (I personally don't enjoy half-guessing at a Bible reference to answer a question in class only to have someone with quicker access to Google correct me three seconds later. You learn not to do that . . .). If only Job's friends knew this lesson, then perhaps they would have been slower to say some of the things they said, such as: "Does the Almighty pervert what is right? When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin" (Job 8:3-4).

Bildad had no idea what he was talking about. I mean, sure, I suspect Job's children did sin sometimes, just like everyone. But their death was the work of Satan, not the result of their personal sin. Bildad's judgment on the matter was off. He had the same thoughts concerning Job, who was also suffering. He had to have sinned greatly to be so afflicted, right? But in this case, Job was innocent, and the judgment of his friends was wrong. In fact, that judgment was very discouraging. Job asks later: "Since I am already found guilty, why should I struggle in vain?" (Job 9:29). Many years later, the disciples look at a blind man and wonder, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (John 9:2). However, because of their false assumptions, they had no idea what they were talking about. Jesus tells them that the answer is neither, and if the blind man overheard this, it would have been very discouraging to him.

In a graceless society, people are guilty until proven innocent. In our hearts, we may carry condemnation for all who are struggling, and what we say about them may betray that. But I would suggest keeping your two cents to yourself. It's not even worth that when we don't know what we're talking about. Instead know that there are many reasons for suffering in a broken world and that there can be many mitigating causes for someone struggling. Why not take a moment and sit with them? Listen to their story. Then perhaps you can journey in the Word together, learning what God has to say about their situation. I'm quite sure God has something to say, and it's worth a lot more than two cents.



MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Scary Times

Let's take a minute to talk about something scary. We have entered the fall season, and around this time, we sometimes focus on spooky things. Can you guess what is considered scary for this preacher? It is falling into the trap of failing to honor God. The Bible will actually translate honoring God as fear God. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil" (Eccles 12:13-14 NKJV). It is not that God wants to be viewed as scary. He is the loving God who supplied grace through faith. But God desires and deserves for us to honor Him. His love is on great display all through Scripture. However, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31). Let us be reminded this season to fear God and to keep His commandments.

This has been DJ Curry 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

October

29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00
Camden Avenue

30 Monday Night for the Master
6:30 Bring your own dinner

November

3-5 Cold Harbor Lectureship
Fri 7:00, Sat 8:00-9:00, Sun 9:30, 2:00
The Writings of John

9 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00
Led by Camden Avenue

3-4 Unified Youth Rally
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
Keynote Speaker: Kyle Butt

10 Widow, Widower, Veterans Luncheon

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

12 Fellowship Meal - 12:00
Care Group 4 will be hosting

5 Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30
Led by Camden Avenue

12 Gospel Meeting
15 Bridge Street church of Christ
Sun 9:45, 10:30, 6:30; Mon-Wed 7:00
Topic: When Your Heart Breaks
Speaker: Phil Sanders

5-8 Gospel Meeting
West Ripley church of Christ
Sun 10:00, 10:45. 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speaker: J.D. Conley

13 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30

19 Men's Meeting - 4:00

8 Wednesday Morning Bible Class - 11am
Will continue every Wednesday until March
Topic: 2 Corinthians (cont.)
Teacher: Doug Wells

19 Youth Devo - 7:00

17 Friday Night Sing
Camden Avenue

6 Youth Night - 6-8
Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH
Singing, Bible Study, Friends, Food, Games!

26 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00
Dewey Avenue church of Christ

27 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30

30 Golden Agers Trip
Oglebay Festival of Lights
Bus will leave the building at 2:00
Cost: \$5 plus
Dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria

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

April

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

The Children's Bulletin Bags look a little different. 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 3-12.

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.

Serving in Worship

November 5, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Connor Curry

Scripture

AM - Derrell Gumm

PM - Eric Gumm

Prayer

9:30 AM - Levi Wells

Close - Paul Saunders

6:00 PM - Paul Inman

Close - Klay Cochran

Communion

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Kody Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Sherry Sponseller

Wed - Tammy Kerns

Announcements - Jeff Taberner

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

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

Oct. 30: Acts 14-16 & Ps. 119:121-176

[The Truth About Baptism](#)

Oct. 31 Acts 17-19 & Ps. 120

Nov. 1: Acts 20-22 & Ps. 121 8

[FAQs About Baptism](#)

Nov. 2: Acts 23-25 & Ps. 122

Nov. 3: Acts 26-28 & Ps. 123

Nov. 4: Rom. 1-3 & Ps. 124

[SOTW: Romans](#)

Nov. 5: Rom. 4-6 & Ps. 125

[Video Bible Study](#)



November Needs:

Care Group 1: Fruit cups, applesauce

Care Group 2: ramen noodles,
chicken noodle soup

Care Group 3: spaghetti sauce

Care Group 4: mac & cheese

Love & Care Services

Sunday, November 5 at 2:30

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00



Love & Care
Assisted Living

Facts and Figures

October 22, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....202

Sunday Bible Class.....175

Sunday PM Worship.....166

Wednesday Bible Class.....163

Contribution.....\$8,060

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

November 5, 2023

"Your Opinion"



November:
2 Corinthians

2023 Schedule

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.