

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am

Wednesday Bible Study.....11:00am

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

“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



*They shall give thanks to the LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!*

*For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,
And He has filled the hungry soul with what is good.*

Psalm 107: 8-9

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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
Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leach

Gwen Lucas
Ray Peters
Bill Porter

Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
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
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May
(Verna Huber)

Ohio Valley

Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)

Stonrise Healthcare Wyngate

John Rockhold

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

Genesis

Ray Sams

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (BeckLinda Bowie
(Van Sprague's mother) y Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Sharron Daggett (Aidan Klingler grandma)
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 Tabettha 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, Tabettha Rich)
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)

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)
John Rockhold
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)
Sandi Spitler-Klingler (Aidan's grandma)
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)

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.

MEN'S MEETING – This afternoon at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

YOUTH DEVO – Tonight after evening worship in the multi-purpose room.

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.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY – The next teddy bear making session will be Thursday, December 7 at 9:00a.m. in the multi-purpose room.

MEAL TRAIN – If you would like to help with meals for Jim and Sallie Hinzman while Sallie recovers from surgery, please see Rick Stanley.

RAKE AND RUN – December 9 at 12:00. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for those that need their yard raked as well as volunteers. Meet at the church building for lunch. Please bring drinks and chips, pizza will be provided.

TEACHER NEEDED – A teacher is needed for the 2 & 3 year old class on Wednesdays for the winter quarter starting in December. Please see Cody Hoover if you can help.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Helen May (Verna Huber's mother) is out of the hospital and back at Cedar Grove.
- ♥ Jenny Reynold is now in Worthington Healthcare, room E9. She is still paralyzed on her right side. Cards and visits would be very appreciated.
- ♥ Ruth Bayer (friend of Charlene Donahue) had a hip replacement Saturday and would appreciate prayers.
- ♥ Jim Galloway is home with Covid.



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

Why Aren't They Still Blind?

My wife and I watched *The Blind* last night. It's the life story of Phil Robertson, well-known for the reality TV series *Duck Dynasty*. The movie is certainly not for the faint of heart. Let's just say (so that I won't spoil the show too much for anyone who might be interested in watching it for themselves) that Phil was a very different man prior to becoming the Christian man who appeared in the beloved television show. VERRRRYYYY different. I think if we shelter in Christian bubbles, we sometimes forget that outside of faith people are living very different kinds of lives - hard lives that are full of all kinds of self-inflicted pain. It's hard to even talk about some of the things that go on in the world around us, ". . . for it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret" (Ephesians 5:12).

And yet . . . there is one story after another of people going from lives that we can't even talk about in front of polite company to people who reflect the love of Jesus. How can such a thing be explained? Scientific, natural law certainly isn't helpful here. Newton's first law of motion says that a body in motion remains in motion unless acted upon by an outside force. You would think someone spiraling toward destruction would just continue to do so. How is it that so many don't, that so many seem to be rescued by an unseen hand? If natural explanations fail us then I see no reason whatsoever to reject the suggestion that there is something more at work here. God's Word makes it clear there is, in fact, something more at work: "When [the Counselor] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the price of this world now stands condemned" (John 16:8-11).

God is at work in this world, bringing people to Himself. People may live that life of sin and self-inflicted pain if they wish, but they don't have to. Through Jesus, God is calling people home. How do I know what is going on? Because the Word of God has real, actual power. People who have done truly evil things can be transformed from selfishness to holiness. This happens all the time. It shouldn't happen. There's no worldly reason for these kinds of transformations. Yet, here we are. Cleansed and redeemed, very unlike what we once were. May the witness of these incredible changes turn many to the One who can do so much good in their lives as well.



SERMON NOTES

Identifying the Church - The Assembly

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

“And let _____ consider _____ _____ in order to _____ _____ love and good _____, not _____ the _____ of ourselves _____, as is the manner of some, but _____ one another, and _____ the _____ as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

I. Are you thankful for the assembly every Sunday?

A. List some things you are thankful for at Camden Avenue church of Christ.

II. What are some of the Scriptural benefits of coming to service?

III. We work together to remain faithful.

Is this work limited to the time we spent together on Sunday?

A. According to Hebrews 3:12-14, what are the five ways to prevent apostasy?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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

PM Sermon: “Proverbial Preaching: Same Thing, Different Value”

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 10:2

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

This Wretched Man

I could feel my blood pressure rise as I reflected on the passing moment. Yet again, another moment of weakness to record, adding to the long list in my mind. I sat there alone in the worn embrace of my recliner in the solitude of my living room, disappointed with myself. I told myself I would stop doing this, but here I am again! “I am better than this!” I screamed inwardly in my mind, a declaration of the heart lost in the darkness. I also think about how it happens so fast; before you know it, a sin is again committed. I am ashamed and saddened by who witnessed it or who it was against. However, I mourn that it has offended Him whom I love the most, the Lord. I may have offended someone, but I am most concerned with Jesus. How could He love this, this wretched man that I am?

Suppose this scene seems similar to moments in your life. Know that you are not alone, but it is the internal wranglings of us all. The apostle Paul gives us a visual of the battle between the flesh and the spirit. “For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do” (Rom 7:15 NKJV). The struggle is universal, the battle between the flesh and the spirit. Our conscience wants to do what is right and what we love, but the flesh finds a moment of weakness, and we can stumble. “For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me” (Rom 7:19-20). When we fail to do our will, the good that we will, then we are enslaved. In this case, we have become a slave to sin. “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members” (Rom 7:23).

When it feels like we are beginning to become enslaved to the bondage of doing evil, yet again, what are we to do? I love the hymn's lyrics When My Love To God Grows Weak. It helps answer this question: "When my love to Christ grows weak, When for deeper faith I seek, Then in thought I go to thee, Garden of Gethsemane." We must go again to Jesus. In truth, we must never cease to seek Jesus. It is in times that we become distant from Him that the flesh grows stronger, and the love for Christ grows weak. Paul sees this and proclaims it also. "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! ..." (Rom 7:24-25). Yet again, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the answer. Draw close to Him by reading and studying His life, applying Him to your personal life. When we are in Christ, there is no more condemnation, not even from yourself. “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Rom 8:1). Remember in whom it is that you believe; do not forget Him who sets aright all the troubles. “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me” (John 14:1).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November

- 19 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 19 Youth Devo - 7:00**
- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Dewey Avenue church of Christ
- 27 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**
Soup Night
- 30 Golden Agers Trip - Oglebay Fest. of Lights**
Bus will leave the building at 2:00
Cost: \$5 & dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria

December

- 7 Teddy-Bear Making Session - 9:00**
multi-purpose room
- 9 Rake & Run - 12:00**
Bring drinks and chips
There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for yards in need of raking and volunteers

January

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

April

- 6 Bible Bowl - 9:30**
Alkire Road church of Christ
Book of Romans (KJV)
- 27 Mid-Ohio Vally Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Hosted by: Camden Avenue
Speaker: Hannah Colley
Topic: Tell Your Story
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship**
- 24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies**
Knoxville, TN
Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ
Studies in 2 Corinthians

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Heard on FM 96.9

To Be Thankful

Let's take a minute to be thankful. Have you ever struggled to feel thankful? What is there to be thankful for when times are tough? "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thes. 5:18 NKJV). Being thankful during the difficult seasons of life can be the most difficult and the most important. God would like for us to notice all that there is to be thankful for in everything, including during the bad times. Search for the good that is present in any situation and know that it came from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17). Find the good even when times appear to not be so good. One important thing we can all be thankful for is that God loves you. Thank you, Lord, for loving me.

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

Serving in Worship

November 26, 2023

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Kyle Inman

Scripture

AM - Scott Johnson

PM - Ron Riddle

Prayer

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman

Close - Brian Haught

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Rob Hoover

Communion

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Bill Hoover

Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Wed - Rick Stanley

Announcements - Paul Inman

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Clayton Huber



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Nov. 19: Gal. 1-3 & Ps. 139

SOTW: Galatians & Ephesians

Nov. 20: Gal. 4-6 & Ps. 140

Nov. 21: Eph. 1-2 & Ps. 141

Nov. 22: Eph. 3-4 & Ps. 142

Nov. 23: Eph. 5-6 & Ps. 143

Nov. 24: Phil. 1-2 & Ps. 144

SOTW: Php., Col., and Philemon

Nov. 25: Phil. 3-4 & Ps. 145

Nov. 26: Col. 1-2 & Ps. 146

How to be Complete in Christ



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



2 & 3 year old class

Wednesdays
starting in December.

Please see Cody Hoover if
you can help.

Facts and Figures

November 12, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....212

Sunday Bible Class.....165

Sunday PM Worship.....169

Wednesday 11am Class.....37

Wednesday Bible Class.....138

Contribution.....\$

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....14

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 26, 2023

"Count Your Blessings"



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.