

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-428-0504

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

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

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

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
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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 prayer, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office. Names are rotated monthly unless there are new updates or otherwise indicated.

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Judy Hupp
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Mike Lucas
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters

Janet Plant
David Potts
Summer Rich
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Sarah Wilcoxon

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman
Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief

Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Cedar Grove

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

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)
Jason Barker (Charlene Donahue's g-son)
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Tessa Burrows (online prayer request)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
John Daggett (Aiden Klingler's granddad)
Julanne Deitrich (Debra Bonar's sister)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Becky England (Tabetha Rich's Aunt)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes')
Thomas Guerra (friend of Tabetha Rich)
Cathie Haught (Brian Haught's mom)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Pat Hoover (Sherry Hoover's sister)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Marilyn Miskcvish
Ronda Moats-Redman (Brenda Dougherty)
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)
Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)
Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom)
Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter)
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Elizabeth Scarbrough's family
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Dianne Sommerville (Stephanie Halstead)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Huber's' 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)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Gary Vincent (Carol Vincent's brother-in-law) has been greatly improved. The family wants to thank everyone for their prayers!
- ♥ Sarah Curry has been battling a bad ear infection.

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Our April fellowship meal is today following Bible classes in the multi-purpose room, which can be found out the back of the auditorium and down the stairwell at the end of the hall. Everyone is invited!

FRIDAY NIGHT SING — The next Friday Night Sing will be this Friday, April 19 at Sissonville church of Christ beginning at 7:00. The bus will be leaving at 5:45. The next Friday Night Sing will be on April 26 at South Logan church of Christ in Logan, OH and the bus will leave at 5:30.

SINGLES GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT — The Singles Group will be having a scavenger hunt on April 20 from 2-4 pm with pizza afterward. Meet at the multipurpose room and bring drinks and desserts.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY — Saturday, April 27 will be the 2024 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day hosted by Camden Avenue. The theme will be "Tell Your Story" and Hannah Colley will be our guest speaker. There are fliers available in the front lobby.

WOMEN NEEDED — We are needing some women to make short videos for the Ladies' Inspiration Day telling their own story. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Pam Bayer or Brandi Hescht.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL — Thursday, May 16 the Golden Agers will be visiting the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. The bus will leave at 7:45. There will be a tour of the capitol building at 9:30 and a visit to the West Virginia Culture Center at 10. There will be a \$5 bus fee plus the cost of lunch at the capitol building cafeteria.

OHIO VALLEY TENT MEETING — Sunday, June 2 through Saturday, June 8 at 161 Huber Drive, Parkersburg, WV, from 5:00-7:00 each evening. There will be many different speakers and topics. Fliers are available in the front lobby.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES — Midwestern Children's Home is looking to fill several positions. There is more information available on the bulletin board.



Congratulations to Emma Johnson on her decision to be baptized into Christ last Sunday 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

The Joy of Punishment is Patience

It is interesting how one encyclopedia describes patience using the word “punishment” in its definition. “Ability to take a great deal of punishment from evil people or circumstances without losing one’s temper, without becoming irritated and angry, or without taking vengeance.”¹ This does not seem to be a joyful thing, especially for one without patience.

Who Would You Be Without Patience?

You would be that person who overreacts to every minor inconvenience. You got a 7-piece chicken nugget instead of an 8-piece like you ordered, and now you, with as much foolishness as you can muster, let the cook know about their mistake. “A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back” (Proverbs 29:11 NKJV). You would also be that person whose temper seems to continue to get the best of them. This person will notice the number of friends they have steadily drop. “A man who has friends must himself be friendly...” (Proverbs 18:24). This patience-less person will also be judged with the same lack of patience one day that they had submitted others to (Matt 7:2). We need to have patience for others and even ourselves sometimes.

How Do We Produce Patience?

If you are like most strong people, you desire patience, not only to maintain relationships with others but also to function without the weakness of your emotions controlling you. James will state under inspiration that it is through times of difficulty that patience is produced. “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3). A key point commonly looked over in this passage is the attitude of joy maintained during the unwelcome time of falling into trials. We can encounter hardships and let them get the best of us rather than making the best out of them. If the hardship is getting the best of you, you suffer for nothing and lose out on the perfect work that difficulty can produce. “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (James 1:4). So, we can think of patience not as something we produce but as something we achieve through and with difficulty.

The Joy of Punishment

Our above definition used the word punishment for the difficulty administered by evil people. We can withstand the punishment of evil because good has disciplined us. “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it” (Hebrews 12:11). Again, we see the word joy. We all agree hardships themselves are not joyful, but the fruit they can produce is joyful thanks to the proper practice of character. Allow Jesus to serve also as an example. “(L)ooking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus despised the punishment. Still, because of His great patience, He and we can enjoy the joy of our Lord. Likewise, patience will bless our lives if we allow the joy set before us through the bearing of “punishment” to have its perfect work.

¹Walter A. Elwell and Barry J. Beitzel, “Patience,” Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988) 1619.

SERMON NOTES

The One Who Gives Way

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25:26

Speaker: Doug Wells

1: What are some examples of the world not approving of the Christian faith? (Either from the sermon or your own experience)

2: Have you experienced being pressured to conform to the world? How would you describe the pressure? (Feel free to find me and tell me about it later.)

3: Explain the difference between clear water and muddied water in Proverbs 25:26.

4: What kind of “water” does Jesus provide? (John 4:14)

5: What is the Bible’s stance on cowardice?

6: Can you go to heaven if you’re not a Christian? (And would you be willing to stand by that answer under pressure?)

7: What kind of power does someone have who gently but firmly stands by their convictions? Proverbs 25:15?

8: What is God’s ideal for the family? (And would you be willing to stand by that answer under the pressure of temptation?)

9: What is lost if you “give way to the wicked”?

PM Sermon: The Master Over Death
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54
Speaker: DJ Curry

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Making Moses Mad

I'd like to do a little thought experiment. To set it up, let me ask you: do you remember why Moses wasn't allowed to enter the promised land? The story is in Numbers 20. The Israelites had gathered against Moses and Aaron . . . again. They complained again about their lack of menu options and the lack of available water. Instead of bringing their needs before the Lord, they chose to complain to someone who could do nothing about them. Moses and Aaron had a better strategy, and they went to meet with God, who gave them instructions on how to provide water to the people: "Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water" (Numbers 20:8). Moses was a humble man. A patient man. But even he had a breaking point, and it seemed the people had complained just one time too many. He struck the rock instead of speaking to it, saying, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" (Numbers 20:10). Reading that, you can almost hear the frustration in his voice. Because of that moment, God tells Moses and Aaron that they would not lead the Israelites into Canaan.

Here's what I want you to think about: imagine what would be different if the Israelites, as a group, decided that they would stop complaining. What if, before this happened, they all decided they would stop stressing Moses out every other chapter? What if the group decided that they would actually believe that God could provide for them? After all, He had so many other times before. It would be a completely reasonable faith. Having made this new and better choice, let's retell the story. Moses leads the Israelites, at God's direction, into a place with very few supplies. Times are tough, but they all trust God and proclaim a day of prayer to seek from the Lord what they need to survive. IF that's how history plays out, does Moses become frustrated with the people? So frustrated, in fact, that he finds it hard to focus on what God told him to do to provide water? So frustrated that Moses later says: "The Lord was angry with me because of you, and he solemnly swore that I would not cross the Jordan and enter the good land the Lord your God is giving you as your inheritance" (Deuteronomy 4:21). Does Moses get to that point without the repeated rebellion of the Israelites? I think not.

I'm not suggesting Moses isn't at fault for his own choice to be disobedient to God's command. He is, and he had to deal with the consequences of that choice. What I am suggesting is that the people around him made the right choice in that situation difficult. I think Moses is right when he suggests that if they were behaving then he would have behaved as well. And that is a warning to all of us. Moses was a great man, but even he could be led into sin and disobedience by the poor choices of others. There are certainly those around us who are much easier to influence than he was. And, as Jesus says, "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!" (Matthew 18:7). Remember that you can be a great light in leading others to a better way of living. You can make the right choices easier through your encouragement and example. Or, like the Israelites did to Moses, you can make it hard to get to the promised land.

Be the Light: A Call to Action

Let's take a minute to stir up love and good works. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus instructs His followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Just as salt enhances flavor and light dispels darkness, we are called to bring goodness and truth to our communities.

Imagine our town or city without its light: darkness would prevail. Likewise, if we, as Christians, withdrew, would the world notice our absence? Our faith isn't meant to be hidden but shared boldly. Ephesians 5:8 urges, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8 NKJV).

Let's commit to being the light and salt our communities need, shining God's love and truth in every interaction. As we do, we'll illuminate the darkness and flavor the world with the goodness of Christ. This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Heard on V96.9 and

WVAM 98.1 FM, 107.9 FM, and AM 1450

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April

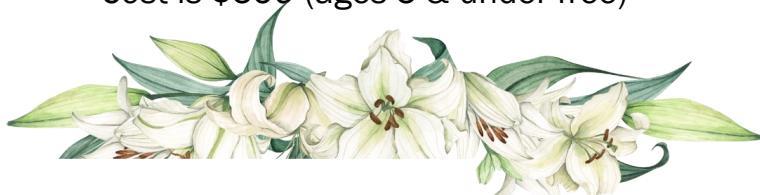
- 14 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Care Group 1 will be hosting
- 14 North End Gospel Meeting**
-17 Speaker: Mark Nichols Posey
- 14 Bridge St. Gospel Meeting**
-17 Speaker: Scott Judge
- 14 Ullman Street Gospel Meeting**
-17 Speakers: Steve Fuch, Sam Bartrug,
Colin Morrison, Randy Baker
- 15 Henderson Gospel Meeting - 7:00**
-18 "Discipleship"
Speakers: Jonathan McAnulty, Daniel Hager
Jon Hescht, Ron Thomas
- 19 Friday Night Sing at Sissonville - 7:00**
- 20 Singles Group Scavenger Hunt - 2-4**
Pizza will be provided, bring drinks and desserts
- 20 Alkire Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 9:00**
"Deeper: A Study of the Life of the Apostle Peter"
Speaker: Brooke Pate
- 20 National Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 8:30**
"Unexpected Blessings"
Speaker: Debbie Wallace
- 21 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 21 Youth Devo**
- 21 Mineral Wells One Day Gospel Meeting**
9:30, 10:30, lunch, 1:30
"The Cross"
Speaker: Terry Jones
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship**
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
"Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ"
- 22 Monday Night for the Master - 6:00**
- 26 Helping, Healing, Humor**
-28 **Mental Health Workshop**
Norval Park church of Christ
Presented by Ben Hayes and Travis Creasy
- 27 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Host: Camden Avenue church of Christ
"Tell Your Story"
Speaker: Hannah Colley

May

- 4 Masquerade Mystery Prom Alternative**
5:30 - 8:00 pm
North End church of Christ
Formal night of elegance, dining, & mystery
- 5 Lubeck Gospel Meeting**
-8 Speaker: Allen Webster
"A Series on Evangelism"
- 9 Spring Apologetics Lectures - 1:30-4:30**
North End church of Christ
Speaker: Phil Sanders
"Resurrection - Many Infallible Proofs"
- 11 Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Peace of Mind"
Speaker: CoCo Hardwick
- 16 Golden Agers Trip to the State Capitol**
Bus will leave at 7:45
Cost: \$5 plus the cost of lunch
- 17 Fort Hill Men's Retreat**
-18 Speaker: Matthew Morine

June

- 1 End of School Year Ice Cream Social**
- 2-8 Ohio Valley Tent Meeting**
161 Huber Dr, Parkersburg, WV 26104
- 9-12 VBS - The Name of Jesus**
- 29 The Flood Experience**
-3 Lectures and tours with Dr. Jeff Miller at
key flood-relevant sites in Northern Arizona
Cost is \$599 (ages 5 & under free)



Thank you for all the birthday wishes. They were very much appreciated.

-Sherry Hoover



Serving in Worship

April 21, 2024

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Gary Alton

Scripture

AM - Josh Hall

PM - Scott Johnson

Prayer

9:30 AM - Daniel Rich

Close - Cole Curry

6:00 PM - Klay Cochran

Close - John Life

Communion

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Kody Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Tammy Kerns

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Wed - Robin Anthony (4/24)

Announcements - Jeff Taberner

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr 14: Joshua 22-24 & Psa 105

Apr 15: Judges 1-3 & Psa 106

SOTW: Judges and Ruth

Apr 16: Judges 4-6 & Psa 107

Apr 17: Judges 7-9 & Psa 108

Bible Land Passages: Pass. 4

Apr 18: Judges 10-12 & Psa 109

Apr 19: Judges 13-15 & Psa 110

Apr 20: Judges 16-18 & Psa 111

Apr 21: Judges 19-21 & Psa 112

Friday Night Sings

April 19, 2024

Sissonville

7007 Sissonville Dr.
Charleston, WV 25320

April 26, 2024

South Logan

13816 Walhonding Ave.
Logan, OH 43138

May 3, 2024

Pennsboro

205 E Penn Ave.
Pennsboro, WV 26415

April Needs

Care Group 1: Cereal & Jelly

Care Group 2: Pancake Mix & Syrup

Care Group 3: Canned Vegetables

Care Group 4: Pasta & Sauce



TELL YOUR Story

Mid-Ohio Valley
Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Facts and Figures

April 7, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 205

Sunday Bible Class 168

Sunday PM Worship 176

Wednesday Bible Class 154

Contribution \$9,394

Membership 2024

Baptisms 2

Restored/Req. Prayer 0

Placed Membership 0

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

April 21, 2024

"I Can Know the Answer"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

April :

Job

1-21



2024: Wisdom Literature

May: Job 22-42

June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41

July: Psalms (Book II) 42-72

August: Psalms (Book III) 73-89

Sep.: Psalms (Book IV) 90-106

October: Ps. (Book V) 107-150

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.