

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
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 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
CCMH,
(Clayton Huber)
Helen May
(Verna Huber)

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)
Jaon 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 (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)
Gary Vincent (Carol Vincent's brother-in-law)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Jason Barker (Charlene Donahue's grand-son) is now in Encompass Health.
- ♥ Janet Plant is now home from the hospital.
- ♥ David Potts has some upcoming surgeries.
- ♥ Summer Rich had surgery on Friday in Morgantown and everything went well.
- ♥ Dan Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law) had surgery last week to remove lung cancer. He is now back in Morgantown due to complications.
- ♥ Sarah Wilcoxon began chemotherapy last week.
- ♥ A minister in Ohio was in an accident with a motorcyclist that involved a fatality. He wishes for your prayers for the situation.

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.

LADIES DAY PLANNING MEETING — There will be a final planning meeting for the Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day next Sunday, April 7th at 4:30. If you are interested in helping with the Ladies' Day, please come!

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.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — The next Teddy Bear Making Session will be Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. There are Teddy Bear kits available in the office for those wishing to help with the effort.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITAL — Thursday, May 16 the Golden Agers will be visiting the State Capital in Charleston, WV. The bus will leave at 7:45. There will be a tour of the capital building at 9:30 and a visit to the cultural center at 10. There will be a \$5 bus fee plus the cost of lunch at the capital 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.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING — Kirk Brothers, president of Heritage University, will be here September 13-15.

FOOD PANTRY — April Food Pantry Needs
Care Group 1: Cereal & Jelly
Care Group 2: Pancake Mix & Syrup
Care Group 3: Canned Vegetables
Care Group 4: Pasta & Sauce

Directory Update

Haley Johnson
405 Bond Street
Richmond, KY 40475

"We want to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes for our anniversary. It brightened our day.

-Bill and Kay Mills"

Thank you for all the birthday cards and well wishes on Facebook. I appreciated every one of them!

-Barbara Cramlet

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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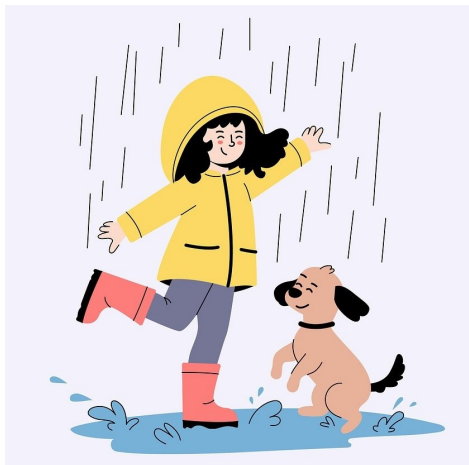
CURRY CONNECTION

How to Feel Like Singing in the Rain

It was on this morning that I was caught in the rain. As the cold droplets soaked my clothes and chilled my skin, I experienced a sense of aggravation and depression. "Why does it have to be raining!" I shout within myself. I must note, however, that the aggravation came from me and not the rain. Looking back as the heavens opened up and the raindrops descended from the sky, I see that there was something beautiful at play. In the storm, there is an invitation to experience the joy of being caught in the rain, a simple reminder of joy disguised within something seeming unpleasant.



In the Bible, rain often symbolizes God's blessings and favor. The Psalmist declares, "You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9 NKJV). In the same way, the rain that falls upon us can be seen as a manifestation of God's provision and grace. The rhythmic pitter-patter of raindrops becomes a soothing melody, a symphony that encourages us to pause, reflect, and connect with the Creator. In those moments, choose to see it as if God is whispering His love and care, reminding us of His constant presence in our lives.



A childlike joy arises when we embrace the rain as something beautiful. As the droplets soak our clothes and hair, we are reminded of the cleansing power of God's love, and with the childlike excitement, we feel a cleansing not just of the physical body but of the soul—a washing away of worries, doubts, and burdens. Let this water serve as a reminder of the saving power of baptism, which washes away our sins (Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21). In the proper obedience of the gospel; we are not just sprinkled in God's love but buried with Him in the flood (Romans 6:4). However, in the rain or storm, we can find a sacred space to release our concerns and trust in the providence of the One who holds the universe together if we choose.

Moreover, being caught in the rain is an opportunity to cultivate gratitude. Instead of grumbling about the inconvenience, we can choose to see it as a gift—a reminder that every drop is a blessing, every storm a testament to the Creator's faithfulness. His gifts are truly raining down upon us. "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" (James 1:17).

The next time you find yourself caught in the rain, let it be a great experience. Sing in the downpour, celebrate the symphony, and let your heart overflow with gratitude. For the One who showers you with love and grace does so in both the rain and in the sunshine of life. So, being aided by the childlike excitement of the falling rain. Sing aloud in the rain not with aggravation but with praise, "Oh, Thou Fount of Every Blessing...!"



SERMON NOTES

What If Jesus Had Not Come into the World?

Scripture: John 10:10 12:46 15:7-27

Speaker: David Epler

“Jesus Christ is the _____ of the world, for through him we have the _____ life here and _____ life hereafter.”

1. WE WOULD NOT HAVE A PERFECT EXAMPLE.

I Peter 2:21-25 _____

HE IS OUR EXAMPLE

IN _____ OF LIFE (I Peter 1:15)

IN _____ (I Peter 2:22)

IN _____ TO THE FATHER (John 4:34)

IN _____ SERVICE (Matt. 20:26)

2. WE WOULD NOT HAVE AN _____ TEACHER.

John 8:32,36

3. WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE _____ ESTIMATE OF HUMANITY.

It is easy to elevate things as being more important than human beings.

Matt 16:26: What doth it profit?

4. WE WOULD BE WITHOUT AN _____ ATONEMENT FOR SIN.

The day that changed the world was the day when Christ “_____ for our sins” I Cor 15:3

5. WE WOULD BE WITHOUT _____ OF SINS.

Heb 9:22; John 1:29; Matt 26:28; John 1:7

6. WE WOULD NOT HAVE A _____.

Matt 1:21; Acts 4:12

7. THE CHRISTIAN WOULD NOT HAVE A _____.

1Tim 2:5

8. WE WOULD BE WITHOUT A _____ JUDGE.

II Cor 5:10

9. WE WOULD HAVE NO DOOR OF HOPE BEYOND THE _____.

Job 1:14; Rev 1:18; Mk 16:16; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38

But if you have not obeyed His gospel, His coming as far as you are concerned has been in vain.

What is your attitude toward Christ and His coming into the world?

WHAT DOES CHRIST COMING MEAN TO YOU?

WILL YOU NOT TELL IT TODAY?

PM Speaker: Aidan Klingler

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Contend for the Faith

I've spent the last few months working with some very courageous teenagers who have decided to go to Lads to Leaders and participate in a debate. This year, the topic is instrumental music and whether or not the Word authorizes its use in the New Testament Church. (Spoiler: it doesn't.) But do YOU know why we don't use instruments? Do you know the common justifications for why most other religious groups do? Do you really understand the other side of this debate, allowing you to confidently say that the side you are standing on is stronger? Do you know what the Word has to say about all this?

I called these teenagers courageous because they did something that I think is rather brave. In this process, we started by looking at what the Bible says. For New Testament worship, the Bible says to sing: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). The Bible says nothing, not one word of authority, about using instruments in the church. After building the foundation of scripture we then did what many people are unwilling to do. To prepare for likely future discussions, we opened a dialog with people who believe differently on this issue, using articles and reading past debates. We learned why people say they can use instruments in worship and measured their reasons against the scripture we studied. "Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). And now, months later, I think it's fair to say we all have a better understanding of both sides and which side better aligns with the Word.

I think it was good for the teens to have this experience. They had a couple of adults in the room to help explain any especially sneaky attack on Scripture, and I think they learned a lot about contending for the faith. After all, that is something we are all called to do on all things pertaining to the Word: "Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 1:3). Brothers and sisters, if you stand firm on the Word of God, you are not wrong. This insistence on sticking with God's way of doing things will ALWAYS be challenged. You don't need to be afraid to examine the challenge, compare it to the Word . . . and kindly and firmly dismantle it. If you won't, I know a few teenagers around here who will do it for you.

April Upcoming Events

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| 5 | Friday Night Sing at Norval Park - 7:00 | 12 | Sunrise Youth Rally |
| 6 | Golden Agers Day - 10:-1:00
"Worth your Weight in Gold"
Speakers: Paul & Heather Pryor | -13 | "Praise the Lord"
Speaker - Peter Ray Cole
Registration forms by front bulletin board |
| 6 | Bible Bowl Book of Romans (KJV) - 9:30
Alkire Road church of Christ
Registration due March 31 | 14 | North End Gospel Meeting |
| 7 | Ladies' Day Planning Meeting - 4:30
All interested ladies welcome! | -17 | Speaker: Mark Nichols Posey |
| 7 | Rio Grande Gospel Meeting | 14 | Bridge St. Gospel Meeting |
| -10 | Sun 10:00, 11:00 & 6:00; Mon-Wed 7:00
Speakers: Paolo Di Luca, David Brothers,
Mark Aites, Scott Judge | -17 | Speaker: Scott Judge |
| 13 | Fishing Rd Contemporary Concerns Series
"What Happens When Your Church Leaves You?"
Terry Edwards, Brandon Edwards, Gregory Tidwell | 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
Song Book: Songs of Faith and Praise |

BIBLE CALL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

We had over 28 hours of teaching over the bible call lines in February. We had 230 calls. February 28 had the most calls, with 16 calls. Fifteen times, people listened to the same lesson again.

Most Called Topics:

- (23) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (32) 111 Loneliness and What to Do About it.
- (13) 126 The Secret of Contentment
- (14) 112 God's Answer for Guilt
- (11) 756 Evidence of God: Scientific Foreknowledge
- (10) 755 Evidence of God: Fulfilled prophecy
- (7) 757 Evidence of God: Design
- (7) 117 Strengthening our Faith
- (5) 122 How to help yourself become better.
- (7) 559 The Proper Form of Prayer
- (5) 650 Life After Death

Most Called General Topics:

- (160) Self Improvement and Personal Topics.
- (50) Evidences
- (29) Salvation
- (28) Family Life
- (24) Worship
- (20) Morality- General Interest
- (12) The Church
- (12) Eternity
- (2) Teens

Often, people start with things of personal interest and then move on to other topics. The bible has the answers for life here and leading into eternity.

Have you considered how this tool can be used not only in outreach and evangelism but also in your own personal spiritual growth? Why not commit to calling daily as your daily devotional and share with others how this is blessing you?

Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us work together to keep this work effective.

The numbers were almost double in February over January. At Camden, we mailed over 3000 into the community. Also, with Hopewell mailing their area in January, that was a big increase. You could advertise this in your bulletin and webpage or on Facebook. Let me know if you need graphics. Also, you could have the list on your site. Look at the new website www.biblecall.net. This shows up well on the cell phone, and you can send a link to your friends to lessons that have blessed you. The word of god is the power of god to salvation.

Keep leaflets on you and mention it to your friends. If you have any questions, call or email David Epler at djepler@hotmail.com, cell (616) 554-0990, house (304) 834-1935.

April

- 20 Alkire Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 9:00 4
"Deeper: A Study of the Life of the Apostle Peter"
Speaker: Brooke Pate
- 20 National Road Ladies' Inspiration Day - 8:30 9
"Unexpected Blessings"
Speaker: Debbie Wallace
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship 11
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
"Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ"
- 26 Helping, Healing, Humor Mental Health Workshop 16
-28 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

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

Serving in Worship

April 7, 2024

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Young Men

Scripture

AM - Edwin Hoover

PM - Young Men

Prayer

9:30 AM - Conner Curry

Close - Jimmy Galloway

6:00 PM - Young Men

Close - Young Men

Communion

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Bill Hoover

Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Terry Hofmann

Wed - Rick Stanley (4/10)

Announcements - Todd Kirk

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Ron Riddle



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr 7: Jos 1-3 & Psa 98

SOTW: Joshua

Apr 8: Jos 4-6 & Psa 99

Bible Land Passages: Passage 9

Apr 9: Jos 7-9 & Psa 100

Apr 10: Jos 10-12 & Psa 101

Apr 11: Jos 13-15 & Psa 102

Apr 12: Jos 16-18 & Psa 103

Bible Land Passages: Passage 8

Apr 13: Jos 19-21 & Psa 104

Apr 14: Jos 22-24 & Psa 105

Friday Night Sings

April 5, 2024

Norval Park

845 Arch Street
Zanesville, OH
43713

April 19, 2024

Sissonville

7007 Sissonville Dr.
Charleston, WV
25320

April 26, 2024

South Logan

13816 Walhonding Ave.
Logan, OH 43138

TELL YOUR Story

Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, April 27, 2024



Camden Avenue
church of Christ
1 Corinthians 15:58



Facts and Figures

March 24, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 191

Sunday Bible Class 178

Sunday PM Worship 188

Wednesday Bible Class

Contribution \$7,605

Membership 2024

Baptisms 1

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 7, 2024

"I Know I Am Loved"



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.