

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Tuesday

Golden Agers trip to Dresden, Ohio
(Details on page 3)

Wednesday

7:00PM Bible Study for all ages

Thursday

6:30PM Study of I and II Peter

Friday

Transportation will leave at 5:30 for the sing at the Sand Hill Road congregation in Point Pleasant

Saturday

- Men's Breakfast at 8:30 at Golden Corral
- Ladies Garden Tea at 12:00 in MP Room
- 6th-12th Grade Devotional at Ron and Peggy Riddle's farm

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
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Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Sam Armstead (Member at Pataskla congregation), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tammy Hatfield, Janet Heron (Neighbor of Dearll and Carol Vincent), Doreen Kupfner, Josh Kupfner (Dearll & Carol Vincent's grandson), SikarinLambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Bev Rine, Darrell Sams (Ray's brother), Karen Newberry Shaw, Tracy Sheppard (Niece of Gwen Lucas), Mary Sims (Billie Coe's aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Shirley Sutton (Margaret Dawkins' sister), Vicky Truman (Michael Hupp's sister-in-law), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Pat Willey (Friend of Mary Daniel), Sandy Yoho

Please call the office to add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ We wish to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during my surgery and recovery. Those who called, visited, sent cards, offered encouragement, offered help, and those who came to the hospital the morning of my surgery, and especially for all the prayers offered on my behalf. Thank you all!!! May God bless you!!! With love, **Keith and Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thanks for all the cards and prayers from all you precious people. I'll see you soon. Love, **Valeria Sprout**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you very much for the birthday cards and gifts for my 13th birthday. **Patrick Davis**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kasen Isaac Inman arrived April 11 at 7:04PM weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 20 1/2 inches to proud parents, Kyle and Sarah Inman. Proud big brother, Clifton and big sister, Kenzie will be glad to tell you about their baby brother. Congratulations to grandparents, Stan and Debi Inman.





NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S MEETING

The Men's meeting will be today at 5:00. Bible Busters has been cancelled for today.

GOLDEN AGERS DRESDEN TRIP PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting after services this evening in Room 109 for those planning to go on the Golden Agers trip to Dresden, Ohio this Tuesday.

GOLDEN AGERS LONGABERGER TRIP

Our Golden Agers will be going to Dresden, OH Tuesday, April 22. Leaving at 8:00AM, breakfast at Denny's, and returning around 5:00-6:00PM. There will be a \$5.00 fuel fee. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The sign-up sheet is on the counter for the Men's breakfast at Golden Corral April 26 at 8:30.

LADIES GARDEN TEA—APRIL 26th—12:00 NOON

Time is fast approaching for the Ladies Garden Tea "Seeds of Kindness" on **Saturday**, April 26 12:00. Lunch, laughter and love will be shared as we spend a couple hours together. Please sign sheet if you plan on attending!

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner, 6:20 short devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

SENIOR SAINT DAY

The Senior Saint Day will be Tuesday, April 29 at the Dewey Avenue congregation from 10:00-12:00. We will be providing transportation. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. (Senior Saint Day will be held here next year.)

BABY SHOWER

There will be a shower for Kody and Chelsea Inman's baby girl Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at Babies R Us and Wal-Mart.

CD'S AVAILABLE

CD's are available on the counter of our Gospel Meeting with Brother Jay Lockhart.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDY NEWBERRY AND FAMILY!

Congratulations to Andy Newberry, son of our Brother Jack Newberry, who was recently appointed an Elder at the Biltmore congregation in Asheville, NC.



Caring for People—A Most Important Job

“No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.”
Good proverb and good practice! We are often long on knowledge and short on compassion; correct on doctrine, offensive in nature!

We would do well to remember Jesus did not die for buses, budgets, and buildings; not for carpets, cooling, and committees. He died for people.

Here are some common sense rules in working with people:

Speak to people! There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at people! Smiling is the international language. It takes 72 muscles to frown but only 14 to smile. And it pays dividends!

Call people by name! The sweetest music to anyone’s ears is the sound of their own name. “*Greet friends by name*” (3 John 14).

Be friendly! The best way to have a friend is to be a friend. Jesus was a “*friend of sinners*” (Luke 7:34)

Don’t put strings on your love! None of this, “I’ll love you if . . .” Jesus loves “because” and “in spite of.”

Be genuinely interested in people! It’s easy to treat people as if they are really worth something if you remember THEY ARE!

Be considerate of the feelings of others! The Golden Rule applies: “*Do unto others as you would have them do to you*” (Luke 6:31)

Be thoughtful of other’s opinions! There may be three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow’s, and the right side!

Be alert and give service! The “servants” and the “givers” are the ones on the way to “greatness” (Matthew 20:26). Jesus came to serve (Matthew 20:28).

In our effort to be doctrinally right, organizationally right, and ministry rich, let’s not forget that we work with people—the most precious commodity in the world. Handle with care...Handle with prayer!

For
God
so
loved
the world
that he gave his only begotten
son so that whosoever believeth
in him
shall
not
perish
but
have
eternal
life
John 3:16

Paul Nygard will be preaching today in Dana's absence. Dana is at the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention in Louisville, KY. Our group is to return this evening.

Sealed With the Spirit

~Paul Nygard

Consider for a moment Ephesians 1.13, “In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

What does it mean when Paul says that we are *sealed* with the Holy Spirit of Promise? When I think of a seal the idea of keeping food fresh comes to mind or perhaps it is some sort of gasket used in plumbing or in cars. Surely this is not what the great apostle is meaning, so what does it mean to be sealed with the Spirit? The Bible provides us with several answers that require just a little time and effort to understand.

Authenticity. A seal is often used to prove that something is authentic. In I Kings 21, Jezebel wrote letters in the king’s name and sealed them with his official mark to make the letters look genuine. Paul tells the Romans that anyone who does not have the Spirit of God living in them does not belong to God (Rom 8.9), in other words, they are not authentic Christians, approved by God. The Holy Spirit within us is God’s personal seal of our Christian authenticity.

Ownership. A seal was also used in the Bible to prove ownership. In Jeremiah 32.9-10, the prophet bought some land with seventeen shekels of silver. The deed was signed and then *sealed* by Jeremiah proving that he was the owner of the land. In a similar manner, God has paid the price in blood for the redemption of our soul (Eph 1.7). As a condition of our blood-bought salvation, God has sealed us with the Holy Spirit to prove that we are indeed His.

Security. Seals were also used for purposes of security. When Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den (Daniel 6.17), King Darius sealed the entrance with his own signet ring showing that only the king had the authority to open it. If God redeems a life with the blood of Christ and seals it with the Holy Spirit, who has the right then to break that seal? No one! Our promised inheritance then (Eph 1.11) is secure and safe, sealed by God.

Authority. A seal in the hands of the king’s trusted servant proved that the servant was acting with the authority of the king. You can read in Ester 3.10 about how Haman was given the signet ring of the king so that Haman could act on his ruler’s behalf. Once Haman’s treachery was made known, that same signet was given to Mordecai so he could wield the authority to correct the injustice that was done in the name of the king. As God’s children, God has given us the authority to speak in His name and conduct His affairs on earth (Mk 16.15-16). We in turn must act responsibly and in the best interest of God’s kingdom at all times.

From the beginning of time, we have been elected (chosen) to be sons in Christ, given the promise of redemption, and sealed with the Holy Spirit. We are owned by God, genuine in our faith, secure in His promises, and act on His behalf here on earth using His authority. It is an honor beyond measure that God has given us to be sealed with His Holy Spirit. Will you in turn honor God by walking in His ways today?



YOUTH EVENTS

6th–12th Grade Devotional

April 26 at Ron and Peggy Riddle's farm

Ladies Weekend

North End congregation

May 16 and 17

This is designed for young ladies, all ages can attend

Details on the youth bulletin board

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE COUNTER.

Our group will return today from the LLL convention in Louisville, KY. Please pray for their safe travels.



Love & Care, Inc.

Love and Care Assisted Living currently has private rooms available. If you or a loved one has been considering the need for assistance in your daily living, now might be the time to take a tour of the facility.

Here are just a few things we have to offer:

Room and board

Three balanced meals per day

Laundry service

Medication dispensed by Nurse or AMAP

Daily activity schedule

Church service and daily devotions

Christian environment

Assistance with bathing and hair care

24-hour security system

Plus much more

For more information and pricing call 304.863.8950.

Pamphlets are available on the counter.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A few years ago, the British Humanist Association began a "Bus Campaign" in which they printed the following message on the sides of British buses — "There's Probably No God. Now stop Worrying And Enjoy Life."

Well, there are many things I might say about this, but convincing one there is no God is not reason to stop worrying, but rather gives one reason to worry!

Without God, ethics and morals are independent and SELF-directed. "Right" and "Wrong" are determined in the mind of every individual. If there is no objective, God-given standard, then logically, one could do as he pleased.

Atheism provides no values, no code of ethics, and no standard by which to measure human conduct. What possible reason would anyone have to deny himself or herself gratification? Do we really want to live in that kind of world?

Contrary to the campaign slogan, we better START WORRYING if there is no God!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 27

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills
DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADER

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Cody Hoover
Close—Walter Morgan
6:00 PM—John Hall
Close—Doug Hershman

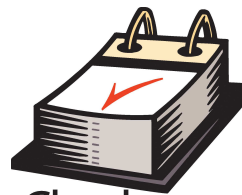
SCRIPTURE

AM—Todd Kirk
PM—Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Len Haid
PM—Delmas Carr
Glenn Snider

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



Check Your
Calendar

Local Congregations Events

April 20-23

North End congregation
Speaker: David Lipe

April 27-May 1

Little Hocking congregation
Speaker: Willie Franklin

April 27-May 2

Congregation in Salem, WV
Speaker: Ed Melott

April 29

Senior Saint Day
10:00-12:00

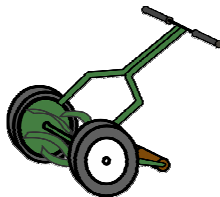
Dewey Avenue congregation
We will be providing transportation.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Your presence has been a blessing!

The Lawn Crew for this week
is the Inman Crew.

They include
Austin Hennen,
Greg Hennen, Jon
Hescht, and Kyle
Inman.



Facts and Figures

April 13, 2014

AM Service.....332
Bible Study.....238
PM Service.....243
Wednesday.....208
Contribution.....\$8463.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....1
Placed Membership.....2

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Daily Bible Reading

April 20—Luke 13:18-35, Jud 17-19
April 21—Luke 14:1-14, Jud 20-21
April 22—Luke 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2
April 23—Luke 15, Ruth 3-4
April 24—Luke 16, 1 Sam 1-3
April 25—Luke 17:1-19, 1 Sam 4-6
April 26—Luke 17:20-37, 1 Sa 7-9
April 27—Luke 18:1-17, 1 Sam 10-12

OVU Student Pick-Up

Sunday, April 20

Scott Johnson, Kyle Inman

Wednesday, April 23

Mike Bayer

Sunday, April 27

Doug Hershman, Mike Bayer

Wednesday, April 30

Barry Mills

Watch
**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S
WAY"**

Sunday mornings at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,
DIRECT channel 367, and
6:30AM on local cable channel 4.



UPCOMING TOPICS

April 27
DO YOU LOVE ME?

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
at 6:30 for the sing at the
Sunrise congregation.