

# 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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**Our Golden Agers enjoyed a trip to Dresden,  
Ohio Tuesday.**

Thank you to Dwain Shears for organizing the event and  
Jim Galloway for driving the church bus.

A special thank you to Bill and Jane Pralley for the  
Longaberger basket.



Bonnie Sams received a signed basket at  
the Homestead.



Lenore Vaught and Martha Metz with the  
basket from the Pralleys.

**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  
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Congratulations to Cody and Kristi Hoover in the  
 birth of **Henley Warren Hoover**.

He arrived April 22 weighing 6.6 pounds, 20.5 inches.

We are happy for Edwin and Leah in the birth of  
 their little brother.

Proud grandparents are Stan and Debi Inman.

**THANK YOU . . .**

♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. **Bob Miller**

A special thank you to Joyce Wright for baking the communion  
 bread this month.

**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, Jim VanCamp

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Sam Armstead (Member at Pataskla congregation), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tammy Hatfield, Janet Heron (Neighbor of Dearll and Carol Vincent), Doreen Kupfner, Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Bev Rine, Justin Roberts (Past OVC President), 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.**

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening 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.

## **LOVE AND CARE SING**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

## **SENIOR SAINT DAY**

The Senior Saint Day at the Dewey Avenue congregation is Tuesday, April 29 10:00-12:00. We will be providing transportation. The 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.

## **POSTAL FOOD DRIVE**

The annual Postal Food Drive will be Saturday, May 10. Volunteers are needed. The sheet is on the counter.

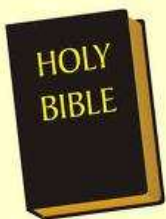
## **CD'S AVAILABLE**

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

## **COUPONS**

Please remember to leave coupons in the library for the exchange. Feel free to take any that you can use.

### **Daily Bible Reading**



April 27—Luke 18:1-17, I Sa 10-12  
April 28—Luke 18:18-43, I Sa 13-14  
April 29—Luke 19:1-27, I Sa 15-16  
April 30—Luke 19:28-48, I Sa 17  
May 1—Luke 20:1-26, I Sa 18-19  
May 2—Luke 20:27-47, I Sa 20-22  
May 3—Luke 21:1-24, I Sa 23-24  
May 4—Luke 21:25-38, I Sa 25-26

### **OVU Student Pick-Up**

**Sunday, April 27**  
Doug Hershman, Mike Bayer

**Wednesday, April 30**  
Barry Mills



# What Kind Of Hearts Do We Need?



**Hearts not hardened by sin:** “But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13).

**Hearts prepared to seek and to do God’s Word:** “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments” (Ezra 7:10).

**Hearts that are wise:** “So teach *us* to number *our* days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

**Hearts that are upright:** “Do good, O Lord, unto *those that be good*, and to *them that are upright* in their hearts” (Psalm 125:4).

**Hearts that do not think evil:** “And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?” (Matthew 9:4)

**Hearts willing to forgive:** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses” (Matthew 18:35).

**Hearts filled with God’s Word:** “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11), “And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts” (Mark 4:15).

**Hearts filled with love:** “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Romans 5:5).

**Hearts filled with Christ:** “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love” (Ephesians 3:17).

**Hearts kept by peace:** “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

**Hearts filled with grace:** “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).

**Hearts that are purified:** “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:8).

# “Are You Ready?” (Acts 24:22-27)

“After some days, when \_\_\_\_\_ came with his wife \_\_\_\_\_, who was \_\_\_\_\_, he sent for \_\_\_\_\_ and heard him concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. Now as he reasoned about \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ to come, Felix was \_\_\_\_\_ and answered, ‘Go away now; when I have a \_\_\_\_\_ time I will call for you.’” (Acts 24:24-26)

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ of Judea. His wife \_\_\_\_\_ was granddaughter to \_\_\_\_\_ the Great. Felix thought, by not releasing Paul, he might \_\_\_\_\_ money from him.

The “most \_\_\_\_\_ question” is of one day \_\_\_\_\_ before God to give an \_\_\_\_\_ of the way I have lived.” (Daniel Webster)

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a common \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ preaching. “Many shall say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not \_\_\_\_\_ in your name, cast out \_\_\_\_\_ in your name, and done many \_\_\_\_\_ in your name? Then I will declare to them, ‘I never \_\_\_\_\_ you; \_\_\_\_\_ from me, you who practice \_\_\_\_\_.’” (Matt. 7:21-23)

The Judgment will \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. “Truly, these times of \_\_\_\_\_ God overlooked, but now \_\_\_\_\_ all men everywhere to \_\_\_\_\_, because he has appointed a \_\_\_\_\_ on which he will \_\_\_\_\_ - the world in righteousness by the man whom he has \_\_\_\_\_. He has given \_\_\_\_\_ of this to all by \_\_\_\_\_ him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)

Judgment will take place on a \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_. “It is \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men once to \_\_\_\_\_ and then the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Heb. 9:27)

When this will be is \_\_\_\_\_ to man. “But of that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no one knows, not even the \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven, nor the \_\_\_\_\_, but only the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Mark 13:32) The Judgment will be \_\_\_\_\_. “And I saw the dead, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ stand before God.” (Rev. 20:12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Christ will be the \_\_\_\_\_. “We must all \_\_\_\_\_ before the judgment seat of \_\_\_\_\_, that each one may \_\_\_\_\_ the things \_\_\_\_\_ in the body whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Cor. 5:10)

The \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. “The \_\_\_\_\_ that I have \_\_\_\_\_, the same shall \_\_\_\_\_ him in the last day.” (John 12:48) The book of our \_\_\_\_\_ includes our \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 2:5-6), our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 12:36), our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 2:16). The \_\_\_\_\_ book of \_\_\_\_\_. “And anyone not found \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ was cast into the \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.” (Rev. 20:15)

Are you \_\_\_\_\_? On your own, the answer is \_\_\_\_\_. We all stand before God \_\_\_\_\_. “We have all sinned and \_\_\_\_\_ short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (Rom. 3:23). To be ready we must be in \_\_\_\_\_. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ and walk \_\_\_\_\_.



# Soul Food

~Paul Nygard



Any true southerner can tell you that while *soul food* is southern food, not all southern cooking is *soul*. To me, there is definitely comfort to be found in cornbread smothered in beans with ham-hock or pulled pork on johnnycakes with a side of mustard greens and don't forget a tall glass of sweet iced tea. Throw in a bowl of homemade gumbo and I'll be your friend for life.

I have a feeling that I may regret thinking about *soul food* at ten in the morning, yet I am reminded by my rumbling stomach that it is not the only thing that requires nourishment. Our spirit must also be fed if it is to grow and remain strong.

The apostle Peter encourages us to, "*desire the pure milk of the word so that you may grow thereby.*" (1 Pet 2.2) He's right you know. Only when we drink in the wisdom and knowledge of God through His word can our spirit grow to be more Christ like.

Advertisements constantly bombard our senses with the promised benefits of "power" foods. You can enjoy everything from weight loss and stress relief to brain and muscle builders if you just eat our diet. How about we focus on something powerful enough to save a life from eternal suffering? Paul says, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation...*" (Rom 1.16)

Jesus chastised Satan when He said, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*" (Mt 4.4) We routinely labor to make sure we have our favorite foods in the pantry, investing a good bit of our time and money to the effort. Do we give the same or even greater dedication to our spiritual necessities which impact our lives dearly? Our Lord plainly said that if all we are doing is feeding our bodies, then we are dead men. Talk about an eye opener.

While talking with a Samaritan woman, Jesus spoke about giving her "*living water.*" (Jn 4.10) He tells her, "*Whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*" (Jn 4.13)

Consider this. If you ever struggled with obesity and there was a simple food that would help you get healthy if you just ate it every day, would you do so? If depression or anxiety could be a thing of the past with a daily glass of juice, would you drink? If cancer would retreat in the face of a simple nightly snack, would you keep a stockpile of it? We all know the answers. Why then do so many people throw their lives away by allowing sin to feed bloated pride or the world to drag us into hopelessness? Why is the simple, freely offered cure for a slowly dying life left untouched? Jesus said to His disciples, "*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.*" (Jn 7.63-64). Don't let your spirit starve and wither to die. Feed it with the living word of God. Feed it!



### May 8

“Genesis 1 and Lessons from Space: The Cosmos”

Elite Center, Registration 6:00

Program 7:00-9:00

(Flyer on youth bulletin board)

### May 10

5th Grade and under

4:30 PM

Location to be announced

### May 16 and 17

Ladies Weekend

North End congregation

This is designed for young ladies, but all ages can attend.

Details on the youth bulletin board

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE COUNTER.



### Today

Deacon's meeting 5:00

### Monday

MNFTM 5:45/Love & Care sing at 7:00

### Tuesday

Senior Saint Day at Dewey Avenue congregation

### Wednesday

7:00PM Bible Study

### Thursday

6:30PM I & II Peter Study

### Friday

Friday night sing at Sunrise congregation

### Saturday

Inman Baby Shower in MP Room at 2:00

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Justice should be blind with respect to person, money and position, but “Lady Justice” would be better served if she would remove her blindfold when it comes to the true “Standard of Justice” - the Word of God.

The Supreme Court of our land recently ruled that DOMA, “The Defense of Marriage Act,” which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages was unconstitutional.

But, to a large extent, those of us who profess faith in Jesus Christ have to accept some of the blame. We have compromised. We have followed the piper. We have attended their movies, listened to their music, and quietly and submissively allowed the world to set our standards.

It is high time for the people of God to become more vocal and distinct. As the liberal left moves farther and farther away from God, Christians need to respond. We need to be distinct and vocal for the sake of those who will listen to reason. Christians need to point them to Jesus, and show them a better way.

As Paul said, “Fight the good fight of faith” (I Timothy 6:12)

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





## 28th Bible Bowl will be held here Saturday, September 13, 2014.

**Topic:** The Books of Ruth Esther, Jonah and Malachi

(1st–6th grade will only cover the books of Ruth, Esther and Jonah.)

## Local Gospel Meetings/Events

### 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.

## Friday Night Sing



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

## 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

May 4  
SALVATION IN CHRIST

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 4

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Ron Riddle  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

### SONG LEADER

AM—Ethan Ash  
PM—Evan Fleak

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Gary Herridge  
Close—Kevin Cochran  
6:00 PM—Ethan Ash  
Close—Russ Alton

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Don Gaston  
PM—Ira Kimes

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Rick Stanley  
PM—Dwain Shears  
Joel Hickerson

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears Crew.



They include Bob Armstrong, Mike Bayer, David Mullins, Alex Saunders and Dwain Shears.

## Facts and Figures

April 20, 2014

AM Service.....331  
Bible Study.....210  
PM Service.....224  
Wednesday.....232  
Contribution.....\$6127.00

### 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