

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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TIS THE SEASON

As the season draws close when we think of others,
let us not let this season end, but continue it through the year.
And may the following prayer guide us in His work:

“Lord, let me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way.
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you
Must needs be done for others.
And when my work on earth is done,
And when my new work in heaven's begun;
May I forget the crown I've won
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yea others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others
That I may live like thee.”

Selected

DON'T FORGET OUR SACK THE PULPIT!

Elders:

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

Deacons:

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Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Tammy Kerns and family in the passing of her father, Glenn Jones.

He passed away Monday morning.

His funeral service was held Wednesday in Pennsboro. We also extend our sympathy to Kathleen Albright in the passing of her brother, Robert Saultz. He passed away Thursday morning in Margate, FL.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob and Lillie Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jo Langler, Ted and Rebecca Miller, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Butch & Madonna Smith, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Ronnie Dye (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Don Gault (Mildred Gault's son), Betty Morris, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

You may call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.



THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Karen and I want to thank you for all the kindness shown at the passing of our mom, Gypsy Newberry. Your visits to the funeral home meant so much to our families! The roses were absolutely gorgeous and the food you prepared was wonderful! You are truly God's Soldiers! We love you! **The families of Karen Shaw and Bonnie Kibble**
- ♥ The birthday cards were beautiful and much appreciated. Thank you for the gifts, food and flowers. **Bonnie Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for wonderful birthday cards. They really made our day. **Debby and Mary Nesselroad**
- ♥ Thank you for the nice cards and encouraging words for my birthday. **Carol Vincent**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO BONNIE SAMS FOR BAKING THE COMMUNION BREAD THIS MONTH.



BILL HOFMANN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Bill Hofmann, former member at Camden Avenue will be celebrating his 80th birthday today. Everyone is invited to a come and go reception at the Lubeck Civic Center from 1:00-4:00.

POTTER'S CHILDRENS HOME COIN BANKS

A representative from Potter's Children Home will be here today to collect the coin banks. Please return them to the church office.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to the Smuckers and Rubbermaid Stores near Wooster, OH this Thursday, leaving at 8:00AM. We will be stopping in the Amish country and eating at the Amish Door. \$30.00 each, includes fuel costs and dinner.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday evening ladies class will meet next week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

COLLEGE DINNER

Everyone is invited to the college dinner December 12 at 5:45 in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks and holiday desserts.

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet December 14 at noon at the Parkersburg Country Club. The cost will be \$16.00 each and includes the buffet and dessert. There will be an optional \$5.00 gift exchange, if you would participate

DISTASTER RELIEF FUNDS

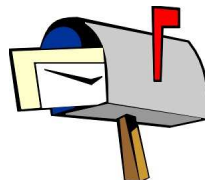
If you would like to contribute to the disaster relief from Hurricane Sandy, please see one of the elders.



Daily Bible Reading

- December 2 - 1 Peter 5, Eze 38-39
- December 3 - 2 Peter 1, Eze 40-41
- December 4 - 2 Peter 2, Eze 42-44
- December 5 - 2 Peter 3, Eze 45-46
- December 6 - 1 John 1, Eze 47-48
- December 7 - 1 John 2, Dan 1-2
- December 8 - 1 John 3, Dan 3-4
- December 9 - 1 John 4, Dan 5-6

NEW ADDRESS



Gene and Norma Cooper
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Watch
"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"
Sunday mornings at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC
December 9
WHAT GRACE TEACHES



DANA'S DIRECTION

Looking in the Mirror

Will Rogers was one of the most loved American humorists of the 20th Century. It is not coincidental that he was famous for saying “I never met a man I didn’t like.” I have found during my years of dealing with people, that it is the same ones who always seem to be upset, angry with, and have their feelings hurt by other people. There are other people I have known for years that I have never known to be “out of sorts” about anything. Is there a major difference in the way people are treated – or could it be that the difference is in their outlook and treatment of others? The Bible clearly tells us that the way we treat others will be reflected in the way we are treated by others. ***Jesus gave this as our directive for life: “whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.” (Matthew 7:12)***

We want others to be interested in us. I have heard Christians who sounded like David when he lamented, “Nobody cared for my soul.” I once visited two women in the church on the same day, both of whom had been members for many years and had been sick for a similar amount of time. One of them went on and on about the calls, the cards, the visits and other acts of kindness that she had received since being shut in. The other griped and complained about the failings of her brethren. The difference? Each was reaping as she had sown. The one who was remembered in her illness had lived a life of compassionate care for others. The one who complained that she was neglected, never showed much concern about others. Some complain that they have few friends, even in the church – others seem to be loved by all. Why? There is a way to assure that others will be interested in you: You get interested in others! The surest way to have a friend is to be a friend. (Proverbs 18:24)

We want others to look for the best in us. We do not appreciate those who are always looking for something about us to find fault with or criticize. But, if we would have others be kind in their judgments of us, we must be kind in our judgments of them. Jesus tells us that “with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Matthew 7:2) Since the attitude others have toward us is a reflection of the attitude we have toward them, it would behoove us to think the best. Paul wrote “whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are of good report, if there is anything praiseworthy – think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

We want others to appreciate us. Serving others is God’s will for us. But doing so is much more rewarding when that work is appreciated and that appreciation is expressed. Jesus was both disappointed and hurt when of the ten lepers he cured, only one returned to say “Thank you,” and give glory to God. Christ’s response was “Were there not ten cleansed? But, where are the nine?” (Luke 17:17) Let’s not forget the Lord’s rule in the matter. If we want others to appreciate us, we must appreciate them. We must never overlook a kindness shown to us or fail to express our thankfulness for it. It is amazing how people respond! Jesus said “Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38)

We need to take this command seriously. Remember that what we receive from others is usually just a mirrored reflection of the conduct we have shown toward them.

Make Me a Servant: (John 13:1-17)

“Do you know what I have done to you? You call me _____ and _____, and you say well, for so I am. If I then your _____ and _____ have _____ your feet, you also ought to wash one _____ feet. For I have given you an _____, that you should _____ as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a _____ is not above his _____; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you _____ these things, _____ are you if you _____ them.” (John 13:13-17)

How did God come into this world?

He became a _____.

He chose a _____ birth.

He conquered men with _____.

He came, not to be _____, but to _____.

“Who being in the form of _____, did not considerate robbery to be _____ With God, but made Himself of no _____, taking the form of a _____.” (Philippians 2:6-8)

Everything Jesus did – He did for us.

By becoming a man, He _____ with us.

By coming as God, He _____ us.

By coming as God and man, He _____.



When Jesus washed His disciple's feet:

What did He know about Himself?

What did He know about His disciples?

What did Jesus demonstrate by this one act of service?

He showed the _____ that God places on each of us.

He showed that love is an _____ not an _____.

He showed that the way to _____ is by _____.

What did Jesus want us to learn from this lesson?

“I have given you an _____, that you should _____ as I have done to you.” (John 13:17)

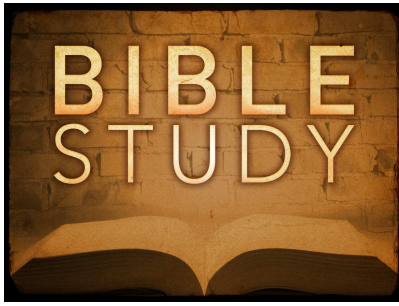
What are the results of living a life of service?

Your fellowman will _____ you.

God will be _____.

God will _____ us up.

We will find true _____.



It is Time to Get Excited about Bible Class.

~ P Nygard

This is certainly a busy time of year for our families. This holiday season will be packed with school concerts, shopping, food of all types, visiting family, and many church activities.

Just take a look at the weekend of December 14th – 16th for example. There is scheduled a ladies lunch, family night activities, breakfast with Santa, the *Pearls* class, bible class help for teachers, a youth devotional, an elders meeting and a men's meeting. WOW! We are doing a lot and it is great. It can also be stressful just a week and half before Christmas.

Bible Class Teachers

Parents

Our Lads-to-Leaders Coaches

And our Youth Leaders.

We have some great new books in the teacher's workroom specifically chosen to go along with our new study starting in January that can benefit all of us.

One of them is called *Quick Studies BC*. This resource will help strengthen your Bible class as well as provide some really simple, but fun activities for our youth group. Check it out.

Kids love hands-on activities! Parents and teachers, are you looking for something neat to do with the kids? Here is an idea book for you: *Genesis for Kids – science experiments*. It's always great to take something simple and easy to help strengthen our children's faith.



Youth Section

6th-12th Grade Devo. 12/9

The 6th-12th grade devo. will be held next Sunday, December 9 after evening services in the MP Room, hosted by Scott & Gwen Johnson.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 12/15

Details to follow.

K-12th Grade Devo. 12/15

Dustin Hughes will host a devo. December 15 at 6:00PM for the K-12th grade at his home.

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.



For every hill I've had to climb,
 For every stone that bruised my feet,
 For all the blood and sweat and grime,
 For blinding storms and burning heat,
 My heart sings a grateful song,
 These were the things that made me strong!
 For all the heartaches and the tears,
 For all the anguish and the pain,
 For gloomy days and fruitful years,
 And for the hopes that live in vain,
 I do give thanks, for now I know
 These were the things that helped me grow!
 'Tis not the softer things of life
 Which stimulate man's will to strive,
 But bleak adversity and strife
 Do most to keep man's will alive.
 O'er rose-strewn paths the weaklings creep,
 But brave hearts dare to climb the steep!

Borrowed

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The grandfather replied, "Well let me think a minute."

I was born before:

Television, polio shots, frozen foods, contact lens, credit cards, Burger King, clothes dryers, instant coffee, air conditioners, dishwashers . . .

He continued, "When I was a boy,
Ice cream cones and Pepsi were a nickel. A nickel would buy enough stamps to mail a letter and two postcards."

Now you might think that this grandpa was a **VERY OLD** man. If so, you might be in shock! Because this man is me and I am **ONLY** 70 Years old!

James had it right when he wrote, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14) With all these changes in the world, never forget the one constant - God loves you and He always will!

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, December 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Bill Camp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson

PM - Don Dougherty

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - John Hall

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Dan Rich

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Davis

2 - Ray Sams

4 - Carolyn Davis

PM

1. Emma Hershman & Calais Nygard

2. Ron & Peggy Riddle

3. Russ Alton & Gary Alton

4. Ryan & Cheryl Logston

5. Don & Sheri Gaston

6. Barbara Cramlet & Sheila Deems



SACK THE PULPIT

We are in need of items to restock the church food pantry. The pantry is really low.

Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.

- . Any dry cereal
- . Pancake mix/syrup
 - . Soups
 - . Peanut butter
 - . Jelly
 - . Saltine crackers
- . Canned vegetables - carrots, potatoes
(We do not need green beans or corn.)
 - . Canned fruit
 - . Applesauce
- . Spaghetti sauce/pasta
- . Treet or Spam - canned meat
 - . Vienna sausages
 - . Tuna
 - . Gravy

Facts and Figures

November 25, 2012

AM Service.....308

Bible Study.....245

PM Service.....226

Wednesday.....236

Contribution.....\$6247.65

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....11

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....6

Placed Membership....26

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM

Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.