

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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SACK THE PULPIT



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

- . 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

Items may be left on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.

Elders:

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 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
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Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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), Gabbi Cook, 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.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Bonnie Sams in the recent passing of her brother, Samuel Howard (Dick) Eaton. He passed away November 29 in Norfolk, Virginia.

We also extend our sympathy to Tim Proffitt and family in the passing of his mother, Kathleen Proffitt. Her funeral was held yesterday at the Sunset Funeral Home.



- ♥ I want to thank everyone for your prayers, thoughts, concerns during my recent illness. My problem: Dehydration! I am feeling better but keep me in your prayers. Thank you! Love, **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Don Nesselroad**
- ♥ A big thank you for all the cards, gifts, and greetings that made my 89th birthday a very wonderful event. **Jo Florence**
- ♥ From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your words of comfort, cards, visits, and the beautiful flowers. Most of all, thank you for your prayers and hugs. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. Sincerely, **The family of Glenn Jones**

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Mike, Kelly, Evan, and Malorie Fleak. They placed membership with us. They will be in Care Group 3.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

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

COLLEGE DINNER

There will be meeting this evening after services in Room 112 for anyone willing to help with the college dinner. Everyone is invited to the college dinner this Wednesday at 5:45 in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks and holiday desserts.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON VISITATION

Beginning this Wednesday, all those wishing to make visits to Love & Care, our older members and shut-ins, etc., are invited to share a quick lunch after our morning class and then go visiting together.

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet Friday, 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 like to participate

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

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

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the tables in the rear foyer for your holiday cards.

Daily Bible Reading

December 9 - 1 John 4, Dan 5-6
December 10 - 1 John 5, Dan 7-9
December 11 - 2 John 3 John, Dan 10-12
December 12 - Jude, Hos 1-3
December 13 - Rev 1, Hos 4-7
December 14 - Rev 2, Hos 8-11
December 15 - Rev 3, Hos 12-14
December 16 - Rev 4-5, Joel 1-3



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



UPCOMING TOPIC

December 16
JESUS THE MESSIAH

DANA'S DIRECTION

“Why study the Bible?”



One of the most common admonitions given to Christians is the need to study the Bible. I recently found a stack of my first sermon outlines from thirty years ago. Whatever the subject, point number three always seemed to be “Study God’s Word.” Not that that is bad! Actually, in most cases it should be point number 1! We are instructed to “search the scriptures” and to “study to show ourselves approved unto God.” In Acts 17:11 the Bereans are commended to us as noble because “they searched the Scriptures daily” to see if the things they were being taught were the truth.

Still, it seems as if many Christians have made no true commitment to Bible study. There was a time when members of the church were widely known for their Bible knowledge. Denominational proponents shied away from any discussion or debate that involved a member of the Church of Christ. Sadly, the general knowledge of the Bible, both by Christians as well as those in denominations has fallen off sharply. Even our Christian colleges are finding that kids raised in the church are basically ignorant about what the Bible teaches. They have been exposed only to the same watered-down curriculum that is popular in the churches and “youth groups” of their friends.

Maybe we have taken the wrong approach. Maybe, instead of telling people “God commands us to study the Bible,” we should be telling people all of the blessings that God wants to give us that can be realized only through the instruction of His word. Here are some of the benefits; the spiritual blessings that are promised to those who study and live by the Bible.

The word of God helps the young person to cleanse his way. God’s word, hidden in our hearts, will keep us from sin. (Psalm 119:9) Those who observe and do what God teaches in His word will prosper and succeed. (Joshua 1:8) God’s word makes us wiser than our enemies , gives us more understanding than our teachers or the ancients. (Psalm 119:97-104)

Those who hear the word of God and practice it will stand when the storms of life assail. (Matthew 7:24-25) Truth faith is found in hearing the word of God. (Romans 10:17) By the things that are written we know that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:31-32) Abiding in the word makes us one of Jesus’ true disciples. (John 8:31-32) By the word of God we know the truth and the truth will make us free. (John 8:32) Through the examples found in Scripture, we learn patience, receive comfort and have hope. (Romans 15:14) The word of God taken into our hearts will save our soul. (James 1:21)

The scriptures make us wise unto salvation. (II Timothy 3:15) The word of God is the seed that when planted into a good and honest heart, produces the New Birth. (I Peter 2:3) The Scriptures allow us to see what is in our own heart. (Hebrews 4:12) They provide nourishment for spiritual growth. (I Peter 2:2) They make us mature and prepared for every work of Christian service. (II Timothy 3:16-17) Knowing what is written brings us joy (I John 1:4) and allows us to know that we are saved. (I John 5:13)

Those who do not love the truth enough to search for it, will end up believing a lie and lose their soul. (II Thessalonians 2:10) Why should we study the Bible? Jesus tell us why. **“He who rejects Me and does not receive My word, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”** (John 12:48)

Where are your Treasures?

(Matthew 6:19-24)



“Do not _____ for yourselves _____ on earth, where moth and rust _____ and where thieves break in and _____; but lay up for yourselves treasures in _____.... for where your _____ is, there your _____ will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

Material wealth is not _____. “Do not overwork to be _____. Will you set your eyes on that which is _____? For _____ certainly make themselves wing and _____ like an eagle toward heaven.” (Proverbs 23:4-5) **There is no way to _____ it _____ you.** “For we _____ nothing into this world, and it is _____ we can _____ nothing out.” (I Tim.6:7)

Money can be a _____ rather than a blessing. “For the _____ of money is the _____ of all kinds of _____.” (I Tim.6:10)

Materialism is _____. “Take heed and beware of _____, for one’s _____ does not consist in the _____ of things he _____.” (Luke 12:15) “Therefore, put to _____ your members which are on earth – covetousness which is _____.” (Colossians 3:5) **Jesus taught us to pray,** “Give us this _____ our _____ bread.” (Matthew 6:11)

We should lay up our treasures in _____. “But lay up for yourselves treasures in _____, where neither moth or rust _____ and where _____ do not break in and _____.” (Matthew 6:20)

All of heaven’s greatest blessings are in _____. “Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with every _____ blessing in the heavenly places in _____.” (Eph. 1:3)

No one can serve two _____. “No one can serve _____ master; for either he will _____ the one and _____ the other, or else he will be _____ to the one and _____ the other. You cannot serve God and _____.” (Matthew 6:24) “Command those who are _____ in this present age not to be _____, nor to trust in _____ riches but in the living _____, who gives us _____ all things to enjoy. Let them do _____, that they will be rich in good _____, ready to _____, willing to _____, storing up for themselves a good _____ for the time to come that they may lay hold on _____ life.” (I Timothy 6:16-19)

Our whole life is influenced by our _____ of a master. “For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also.... The _____ of the body is the eye. If your eye is _____, your whole body will be filled with _____.” (Matt.6:21-22)



Spiritual Lay-ups

~A thought from Jeremiah Tatum

You have seen it before. A player is all alone with the ball heading to the rim for a lay-up - they should make it. If they make it, no big deal. If they don't make it, it is replayed as a failure on the news. Lay-ups are supposed to be easy.

We have many lay-ups in life that we are supposed to make:

- Love for God, His Word, and His church
- Love and compassion for the human race
- Love in our homes and for our families
- Hard work
- Fair treatment of others
- Proper time management
- Proper priorities
- Patriotism and sacrifice

Our lay-ups speak volumes about our character and our long term goals. Many people are making investments that will provide little or no eternal returns. So please consider...

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes" - Deut. 11-18

"Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart." - Job 22:22

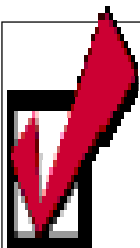
"The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near." - Prov. 10:14

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matt. 6:19-20.

You are running down the court and the ball is in your hand. This is your moment. The team is depending on you. This is the most makeable shot you will ever take. It is a lay-up. It should be easy. It is a shot you cannot afford to miss.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." - Matthew 6:33

Submitted by Paul Nygard



Senior Holiday Outing

The Senior group is planning to travel to Cambridge, Ohio on Monday, December 17th to view the Charles Dickens Village and share dinner at Theo's Restaurant. We need to get a number this week if possible. Everyone is invited! Those who wish to drive their own vehicles are welcomed to follow along.

EVENTS THIS WEEK . . .

Sunday - Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room

Tuesday - 7:00PM Ladies class

Wednesday - 11:00AM and 7:00PM Bible studies

Friday - Ladies lunch at the Parkersburg Country Club at noon

Saturday - 9:00 Holiday Breakfast for the children and the K-12th grade devo. at the home of Dustin Hughes' at 6:00



6th-12th GRADE DEVO. THIS EVENING

The 6th-12th grade devo. will be this evening after services in the MP Room, hosted by Scott & Gwen Johnson. Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring chips, snacks and beverages.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN

The holiday breakfast for the children will be 9:00 this Saturday in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the foyer. (Remember a wrapped gift for your child.)

K-12th GRADE DEVO. 12/15

Dustin Hughes will host a K-12th grade devo. this Saturday at 6:00PM at his home. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Youth calendars are available on the counter in the foyer.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Fifteen-year-old Brandon Miller was sitting on the couch when his mother came running inside, screaming for everyone to get in the hallway immediately. A tornado was approaching their home!

Brandon and his dad grabbed the mattress off of Brandon's bed and the family huddled together under it in the hallway. Suddenly, Brandon noticed that the force of the wind began pulling his 14-year-old sister up into the air!

Brandon grabbed her around the middle of her body and hung on. When the tornado had passed, Brandon and his family crawled out from under the mattress - alive and well. Imbedded in the mattress that served to shield them from the storm were dozens of large, jagged pieces of wood and glass that could have seriously injured or fatally wounded the Miller family.

In a similar way, due to our wrong choices, we can find ourselves facing the deadly storm of sin and its punishment! But Jesus became our shield of protection and salvation if we obey his commandments. Let us learn to respond as quickly to the presence of sin in our lives as we would to the presence of a tornado!

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 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge
DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Leon Hupp
Close - Jeff Taberner
6:00 PM - Scott Johnson
Close - Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM - Chris Tallman
PM - Dennis Keller

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dave Wadlington
PM - Ron Riddle
Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Hoover
2 - Jim Hughes
4 - Sandy Hughes

PM

1. Steve & Linda Gray
2. Doug & Shannan Hinzman
3. Herb & Joyce Wright
4. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
5. Delmas & Naomi Carr
6. Chris & Debbie Tallman

Facts and Figures

December 2, 2012

AM Service.....343
Bible Study.....276
PM Service.....237
Wednesday.....225
Contribution.....\$9117.22

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....11
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....6
Placed Membership....30

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 - Jim Merrill

January 3 - Teri Cox, Ryan Gaston

January 7 - Nancy Kimes

January 10 - Cody Hoover, Lorna Marshall

January 11 - Jessica McKenzie

January 12 - Lucille Hardman

January 14 - Harvey Caplinger Jr., Bill Hoover, Bob
Smith

January 15 - David Houser, Sam Merrill, *Van & Nancy
Putnam

January 17 - Gala Miller, *Bill & De Fleak

January 18 - Merilee Morgan

January 19 - Barry Mills, Keith Smith

January 23 - *Jim & Sue VanCamp

January 24 - Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Ashley Nygard,
Joyce Wright

January 26 - Brittany Fleak

January 27 - Michael Caplinger, Betty Lamb

January 28 - Nathan Caplinger, Donna McConnell

January 30 - Brandi Hescht, Cotton Sayre

January 31 - Zandra Holleron

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Gabbi Cook

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(This is Matt Cook's parents' address where they are staying while Gabbi is being treated in Pittsburgh. Gabbi is the two year old daughter of Matt and Charla Cook.)

She would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement.