

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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**I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13

(Let your light shine.)

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

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Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
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Rob Hoover
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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, Leonard Haid, 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), Wirt Cook, 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), Jason Varner (Friend of Alisha Hershman), 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.

Tammy Hatfield is doing well and has finished chemotherapy. Her cancer is in remission.

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We extend our sympathy to Ron Holleron and family in the passing of our sister, Zandra Holleron. She passed Friday, April 22. Her service was held Wednesday.

Please remember Ron in your prayers at this difficult time. Also, Todd and Jody and their families.



- ♥ Thank you for all the special things you have done for us in the loss of my mother. The visits, cards, plants, calls, prayers and the dinner after the funeral service we are so blessed to be apart of Camden Ave. Church. **Don and Sheri Gaston**
- ♥ Thank you for our nice cards and gifts for our anniversary. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**

REQUESTED PRAYER

Woody Wagoner requested prayers at the Little Hocking gospel meeting this week. We are thankful for his commitment to be a better servant. Continue to pray for him and let's do what we can to encourage him.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES RECOGNITION

Everyone is encouraged to the LLL recognition this evening after services in the MP Room. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

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

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next Monday, May 12 in the MP Room at 5:30 for a bring your-own-brown bag-dinner. At 6:00 we will be going out to invite neighbors to Camden Avenue. This will be the last MNFTM for this season.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday ladies class will meet next week at 7:00 at Love and Care. The LLL girls will be conducting the singing and devotional. All ladies are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch Sunday, May 18 in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

GOLDEN AGERS ANNUAL AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Ager trip to the Amish country will be Thursday, May 22. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to go.

LADS TO LEADERS TRIP REPORT

LLL trip reports are available on the counter in the foyer.

EVERETT SAMS APPOINTED AS AN ELDER

We want to commend brother Everett Sams who was appointed as one of the Elders for the Wildwood Church of Christ in Wildwood, Florida this past Sunday. Everett and Ruth were such an important part of the congregation here for so many years. We know that they will be a blessing to the Lord's work in their current home in Florida.

Daily Bible Reading



May 4—Luke 21:25-38, 1 Sa 25-26
May 5—Luke 22:1-23, 1 Sa 27-29
May 6—Luke 22:24-53, 1 Sa 30-31
May 7—Luke 22:54-71, 2 Sa 1-3
May 8—Luke 23:1-25, 2 Sa 4-6
May 9—Luke 23:26-56, 2 Sa 7-10
May 10—Luke 24:1-12, 2 Sa 11-12
May 11—Luke 24:13-35, 2 Sa 13-14

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Address!



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DANA'S DIRECTION

"Making a joyful noise unto the Lord"

My father was notorious for his inability to "carry a tune in a bucket" (his words). One time when I was growing up, a man who was well known in the church for conducting singing workshops came to our congregation. On the first night he boasted that he had never met anyone that he could not teach to sing. After working with my dad he changed his claim, "In all my years of instruction I **have only met one man I couldn't teach to sing.**" But he went on to add that of all the people he had worked with, my father may have been the one whose singing was most pleasing to God who said, "**make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you people.**" (Psalm 100:1)

I have no doubt that we are following the New Testament pattern for music in worship. God has been very specific in His instruction for the music He wants us to offer Him as worship. **God said sing.** "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19) "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 heart to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16) "I will **sing** with the spirit and I will also **sing** with the understanding." (I Corinthians 14:15)

We would rightfully argue that the use of instrumental music in our worship to God is not authorized. Worship is to be in spirit. The only melody that concerns God is the one that comes from our hearts. A mechanical instrument cannot praise God or teach and admonish Christians. Only we can do that—by singing. We express what is in our hearts by offering Him the "sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." (Hebrews 13:15) "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." (Psalm 11:2)

All that being said, I have but one question: Why is it that so many Christians don't sing? We wouldn't even consider adding instrumental music to our worship—that would be disobedient to God! Is it not disobedience to God when we ignore His command to sing?

Christians have told me through the years, "I cannot sing." "I don't have a good voice." "I'm embarrassed to sing." God never said we have to sing well—He said sing from the heart. To Him that is singing well! And as far as our singing is concerned, as with every other aspect of worship, it is for God.

You would also be amazed at the importance of each one singing when it comes to the encouragement that it brings to other Christians. There were times, when we had been away, that when we been returned people would say to my dad, "I missed hearing your singing." Dad never hesitated to sing out! It was never the quality of his voice that encouraged others—it was the quality of his heart. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."



GOD IS SO GOOD: (Romans 2:4-11)

“Or do you _____ the riches of His _____, forbearance and _____, not knowing that the _____ of God leads you to _____” (Rom. 2:4).

THE NATURE OF GOD’S GOODNESS:

God is _____ and God is good. God shows His goodness by _____ our physical needs. “Look at the _____ of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father _____ them. Are you not of more _____ than they?” (Matt. 6:26)

God shows His goodness by making this world a place to _____. “Every good _____, every perfect _____ is from above, and comes down from the _____ of lights” (James 1:17). “God who gives us _____ things to _____” (I Timothy 6:17)

God shows His goodness by blessing _____ men. “That you may be the sons of your _____ in heaven, for He makes His _____ to rise on the evil...and sends rain on the _____ and the _____”(Matthew 5:44-45).

God’s _____ blessings meet the needs of our _____. God’s spiritual blessings are _____ to all. “The _____ of God which brings _____ has appeared to _____ men” (Titus 2:11).

God is good in His dealing with sinful man. “For the riches of His _____ and longsuffering” (Romans 2:4). Forbearance is _____ in avenging wrath. “The Lord is not _____ concerning His promises... but is _____ toward us, not willing that any should _____, but that all should come to _____” (II Peter 3:9)

THE PURPOSE OF GOD’S GOODNESS:

God’s goodness should lead us to _____. “Not knowing that the goodness of _____ leads you to _____” (Romans 2:4).

God is also a God of wrath. “But to those who are _____ and do not _____ the truth - indignation and _____, tribulation and _____, on every soul of man who does _____” (Romans 2:8-9).

God draws us by His _____. This is how God created us. “Do not be overcome by _____, but overcome evil with _____” (Romans 12:21).

God’s goodness should _____ our lives. God promises “Eternal live to those who by patient _____ in doing good seek for _____, honor and _____ ... Glory, honor and _____ to everyone who works what is _____” (Romans 2:6-7,10).

Those who reject God’s goodness are _____ and _____. “Or do you _____ the riches of His _____?” They develop a _____ and impenitent heart. God’s judgment is not _____ - it is based upon our _____. “Are you _____ up for yourself _____, in the Day of _____, and _____ of the righteous judgment of God?” (Romans 2:5)

Welcome to Bible Class

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Today we turn attention once again to the Old Testament where we will take a look at Joshua. Everyone is encouraged to join us in discovering how the Israelites, under the leadership of Joshua, finally entered into the *promised land*. Our study will then take us through the period of the Judges and end with a look at the lives of both Ruth and the prophet Ezra.

For our Bible readers, the Summer Bible Class session has been arranged so each class covers two chapters in God's word. This should give the class plenty to discuss without getting overwhelmed. It also provides an easy to remember Bible reading schedule for everyone committed to reading ahead of the class.

Teachers, class preparation materials are on the table by the education bulletin board and in the teacher work room. Study materials have been added to many of the elementary through adult class teacher books. Please take a look at the schedule in the front of your book as many of the lessons provided cover more chapters than one class period can handle.

Everyone is invited to come and study God's word so that we may grow spiritually, in knowledge, and as a church. Will you join us?

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby (I Pet 2.2)

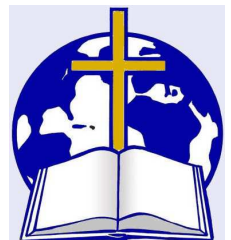
Submitted by P Nygard

FORT GAY, WV CONGREGATION

Help is still needed for the mission work at the Fort Gay, WV congregation July 16-23. We will distribute literature for their gospel meeting with Dana and Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 19. Teachers, craft workers, and helpers are needed.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

See Rick Stanley, Todd Kirk, or Bill Mills for more details.





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Youth Group

May 8

“Genesis 1 and Lessons from Space: The Cosmos” at 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 10

Formal Night
(Ages 13-19) Sunrise congregation
RSVP by May 4 (TODAY)
Details on youth bulletin board by office

May 16 and 17

Ladies Weekend
North End congregation
(See back page for details.)

Details on the youth bulletin board

SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE COUNTER.

One of the goals for our congregation in 2014 is to spend more time in fellowship with one another, and to get to know each other better

The elders have challenged each family to invite another member of the congregation into your home that has never been there before during 2014. To help keep this in front of us, we'll be setting up several “invite a Camden Avenue member or family into your home nights” throughout the remainder of 2014 when the church calendar is empty. The first will take place on May 31st. We encourage you to reach out to another member or family, invite them into your home and spend some time together in Christian fellowship.

Submitted by Brian Haught/Bill Mills

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



What do you have to give? Did you know that there is an art to gift giving? To select the perfect gift, you have to know what the recipient needs. You will also want to choose a gift that will be appreciated and have some long-lasting value.

These guidelines are useful for the usual gift-giving occasions, but they are also relevant in a spiritual context.

There is a gift of a spiritual nature that you can give to your family and to your friends. It is a consistent testimony of a life committed wholeheartedly to God. This is a gift they need, and will appreciate, because your example may draw them closer to God.

Just remember that an inheritance can improve the conveniences of life, but a “heritage” can improve the character of life. The writer of Psalms so eloquently said, “For you have heard my vows, O God. You have given me an inheritance reserved for those who fear your name. (Psalm 61:5)

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, May 11

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

SONG LEADER

AM—Breck Hesselrode
 PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Todd Kirk
 Close—Scott Johnson
 6:00 PM—Mike Wade
 Close—Len Haid

SCRIPTURE

AM—John Hall
 PM—Barry Mills

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jon Hescht
 PM—Kyle Inman
 Bill Lemley

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



May 16 and 17
MID OHIO VALLEY
Ladies Inspiration Day
 North End Church of Christ

Friday, May 16 is all about our young ladies

6:30PM-9:45PM Hannah Giselbach will be speaking on the topic
 of:

“SEEKING A MAN AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART”

Join us for a snack, fun, singing, prayer and of course INSPIRATION!

Saturday, May 17 is for everyone

9:00AM-2:00PM

Cindy Colley will speak twice:

“WHAT IS SUCCESS IN THE HEART OF A CHRISTIAN?”

and

“WHO IS SHE WHO FEARS THE LORD?”

A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

In addition to these inspiring messages the OVU Acappella Singers
 will perform on Saturday.

The Lawn Crew for this week
 is the Kirk Crew.



They include
 Delmas Carr,
 Bill Hoover,
 Todd Kirk and
 Cody Young.

Facts and Figures

April 27, 2014

AM Service.....309

Bible Study.....226

PM Service.....200

Wednesday.....242

Contribution.....\$7812.53

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2



Thank you to the ladies that made the
 Ladies Garden Tea a huge success.

A special THANKS to Jo Goldsmith for her
 hard work in organizing this event and
 Patty Sayre and Debby Nesselroad for
 their help.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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 11
 STAYING SAVED

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at
 6:15 for the sing at the
 Dewey Avenue congregation.