

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58



*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

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Recorded
information on many
Bible subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayer, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office. Names are rotated monthly unless there are new updates or otherwise indicated.

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Judy Hupp
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Mike Lucas
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters

Janet Plant
David Potts
Summer Rich
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Sarah Wilcoxon

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman
Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief

Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)
Helen May
(Verna Huber)

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Zach Adams (from Elizabeth)
Jason Barker (Charlene Donahue's g-son)
Sawyer Bennett (Tabetha Rich)
Linda Bowie (Van Sprague's mother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler)
Tessa Burrows (online prayer request)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
John Daggett (Aidan Klingler's granddad)
Julanne Deitrich (Debra Bonar's sister)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Becky England (Tabetha Rich's Aunt)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes')
Thomas Guerra (friend of Tabetha Rich)
Cathie Haught (Brian Haught's mom)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Pat Hoover (Sherry Hoover's sister)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Marilyn Miskcvish
Ronda Moats-Redman (Brenda Dougherty)
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)
Lewis Moyers (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)
Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)
Amanda Muncy (Dylan Muncy's mom)
Trish Nemsek (Patty Dawson's daughter)
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Elizabeth Scarbrough's family
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

Congratulations to Max
Rich for completing the
book of Proverbs for
Book of the Month!



Thank you for all the
birthday cards!

-Derrell Gumm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS — We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the nearest aisle.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING — The next Friday Night Sing will be this Friday, May 3 at Pennsboro church of Christ in Pennsboro, WV.

MONDAY NIGHT FOIR THE MASTER — The next MNFTM will be tomorrow, Monday, April 29. Dinner will begin at 6:00. It will be pasta night! There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL — Thursday, May 16 the Golden Agers will be visiting the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. The bus will leave at 7:45. There will be a tour of the capitol building at 9:30 and a visit to the West Virginia Culture Center at 10. There will be a \$5 bus fee plus the cost of lunch at the capitol building cafeteria.

VBS — Our VBS will be June 9-12. The Theme will be “Names of Jesus.” There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for helpers and fliers available to give to friends and family.

VBS SKITS — Actors are needed for VBS skits. If you can help, please see Doug Wells.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE — The postal food drive through the Post Office will be Saturday, May 11th. We are in need of volunteers to be here at the building to help sort, box, and lift those boxes of food during the day. If you can assist with this please see Jeff Taberner.

OHIO VALLEY TENT MEETING — Sunday, June 2 through Saturday, June 8 at 161 Huber Drive, Parkersburg, WV. Lectures will begin at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 each evening. There will be many different speakers and topics. Fliers are available in the front lobby.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- ♥ Dot Haught has a fractured ankle. She will be seeing an orthopedic doctor.
- ♥ We extend our deepest sympathy to Jo Langler in the passing of her aunt, Mary Langler. She was 100 years old and lived in Fremont, Michigan.
- ♥ Jo Langler had a couple of falls last Wednesday.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds is slowly beginning to show some improvement. She would appreciate continued prayers.
- ♥ Kevin Reynolds (Jenny Reynold's brother) was recently diagnosed again with spreading cancer.
- ♥ Ashley Sharp's (Paul Saunders' niece) husband passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for the Sharp/Saunders families.
- ♥ Dwight Sturm (former member, Phil Sturm's brother) passed away. His services were held on Monday.
- ♥ Chris Tallman's surgery went well.

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

We Care Ministry:

Red Team
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Mike & Teresa Wade

Blue Team
Chris & Terry Hofmann

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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CURRY CONNECTION

What Is Your Name Again?

Learning people's names has been very important to me. Although my memory is very limited, I still strive to call and learn everyone by their correct name. Have you ever accidentally called someone by the incorrect name? Of course, you have! This is something we all have done, and when you realize it, I always feel so embarrassed and troubled. Why is that? It is not just the fact that you were incorrect, but you do not want your mistake to hurt the one who heard your error.

As Christians, we should feel the same way about God's word. We should also desire to speak correctly. In fact, the Scripture encourages it. "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11 NKJV). In this passage, the word oracles, "λόγιον" in its original Greek, can also be translated as "an utterance (of God):—oracle." So Peter is encouraging us Christians that when we speak, let us speak as God speaks. This would mean we should avoid speaking or saying things God did not say or using our vocabulary in a way God did not. This incorrect way of speaking spreads disunity, strife, and confusion.

There are incorrect ways to use Scripture. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Paul instructs Timothy to rightly divide the word, and in doing so, he will be presenting himself approved to God. This also reveals that we can incorrectly divide the word. So, it is very possible to misinterpret the Scripture and then teach it. This has caused a great amount of error to be spread across the world. So to avoid this ourselves, let us mirror Jesus, "...Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak" (John 12:50). Jesus spoke just as Peter mentioned in 1 Peter 4:11, as the oracle of God. Jesus, as we should also do, did not usurp His authority over the Father by speaking incorrectly.

Just as we hope not to hurt someone with our mistaken use of vocabulary when we call someone by the wrong name, we can really harm someone's soul by speaking or teaching errors. This is to be a huge concern for everyone! Teachers are cautioned in Scripture to guard their tongues (James 3). So when it comes to how we speak, let us, as those before us during the Restoration Movement encouraged, "Where the Bible Speaks, We Speak; Where the Bible Is Silent. We Are Silent" and "Let us Do Bible Things in Bible Ways and Call Bible Things by Bible Names." These slogans are not Scripture, but as the Scripture has encouraged, these slogans express a Scriptural idea and avoid the corrupt use of vocabulary. Let us not hurt someone with our words by speaking not as oracles of God.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Heard on V96.9 and WVAM 98.1 FM, 107.9 FM, and AM 1450

The Unwavering Need for Jesus

Let's take a minute to consider our need for Jesus in our life. In a world filled with uncertainty and trials, one truth remains constant: our need for Jesus. John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5 NKJV).

No matter our accomplishments or strengths, we are utterly dependent on Christ for life and purpose. Without Him, we are like branches severed from the vine, withering away in spiritual emptiness. Recognizing our need for Jesus is the first step toward true transformation and fulfillment. Philippians 4:13 affirms, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Let's embrace our dependency on Jesus, surrendering our lives to Him completely. In His presence, we find hope, strength, and purpose beyond measure.

This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

Seeking Praise

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 27:2

Speaker: Doug Wells

“Let another man _____ you, and not your own _____ ; A _____ ,
and not your own _____.” Proverbs 27:2

1: Can you think of a time when you sought your own praise? If so, how did it go?

2: In the fictional scenario with the in-laws, why do I think I made a fool of myself?

A: I _____ my own praise.

B: I _____ my own praise.

C: I felt _____ without the praise.

3: Why is pride and arrogance sometimes counterintuitive (doesn't have the cause you expect)?

4: What would help our hearts be “filled to the measure”? (Ephesians 4:19)

5: What do I want you to know about your purpose this morning? (Ephesians 2:10)

6: What are some costs that come with speaking your own praise?

7: If you don't praise yourself, but you do something deserving of praise, what will others eventually do?

8: What can be revealed about a person when they do receive praise?

9: Who is the one who is approved? (2 Corinthians 10:18)

PM Sermon: “When You're Wrong”
Scripture Reading: Romans 3:23-24
Speaker: DJ Curry

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

They Are Your Life

There have been many fairy tales told of an object granting or sustaining life. Can you imagine how carefully something like that would be guarded if someone actually had such a thing? I can picture the magic flower being checked twenty times a day just to make sure it's safe. Or the one-of-a-kind stone always being kept in your pocket to make sure it will never be misplaced. That is the kind of care that makes sense for something that your very life is connected to. You're not going to neglect something if losing it means you die.

We don't live in a fairy tale, so I won't ask you where your magic life-giving rock is. But . . . I will ask you where your Bible is. Do you have one by your bed? Has it frequented the table by your favorite chair? Has it been on your phone? (Has it been on there as much as your social media?) We talk at church so much about the importance of reading the Word. I assure you that this isn't to give busy work. It's not to read something that is kind of interesting, but that's all. No, I ask you where your Bible is because of the power contained in those pages. As Moses once said: "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you – they are your life..." (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

These words were their life. Knowing that they carried them around at all times. They recited them at festivals. When the Israelites were wise, they used the words of life as a guide for faith and practice. If they followed them, they would "live long in the land" (32:47). At other times, they would fail to cherish the Word, even going to the point of burning passages they didn't like (see Jeremiah 36:23). Times like that were not blessed, they did not lead to life.

The Word that was life for the Israelites is still life for us. Do you really know what it is? The Bible is not just some book. It is not even just a good book. It is THE Good Book. The words in other books can inspire, but the words in the Word are your life! If we lived in a fairy tale story someone holding a Bible would guard it, treasure it, and keep coming back to it five, ten, even twenty times a day to be rejuvenated by its power. That life sustaining Holy Book would be at the middle of the plot for sure, and at the middle of the main character's life. This is not a fairy tale. In reality, the Word which gives life is often treated as mere idle words. And that, I fear, makes a big difference to the chance of happily ever after.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

28 **Traveling Youth Group - 4:00**
Rockport church of Christ

29 **Monday Night for the Master - 6:00**

May

5 **Lubeck Gospel Meeting**
-8 Speaker: Allen Webster
"A Series on Evangelism"

11 **Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Peace of Mind"
Speaker: CoCo Hardwick

9 **Spring Apologetics Lectures - 1:30-4:30**
North End church of Christ
Speaker: Phil Sanders
"Resurrection - Many Infallible Proofs"

16 **Golden Agers Trip to the State Capitol**
Bus will leave at 7:45
Cost: \$5 plus the cost of lunch

17 **Fort Hill Men's Retreat**
-18 Speaker: Matthew Morine

BIBLE CALL REPORT - MARCH 2024

We had OVER 40 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in March. We had 229 Calls. March 4 had the most calls, with 21 calls. FIFTEEN times people listened to the same lesson again. ON THE NEW WEBSITE BIBLECALL.NET WE HAD 265 CONTACTS

Some of the most called topics were:

- (18) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (20) 111 Loneliness and What to Do About it.
- (23) 126 The Secret of Contentment
- (10) 756 Evidence of God: Scientific Foreknowledge
- (20) 755 Evidence of God: Fulfilled Prophecy
- (5) 757 Evidence of God: Design
- (6) 117 Strengthening our Faith
- (4) 312 How Do You Know You Have Been Saved
- (4) 406 Eight Causes of Divorce
- (5) 601 When or Where Did the New Testament Church Begin?
- (5) 609 Unity or A Return to The Original church?
- (6) 952 The Gift of Tongues

General Topics.

- (143) Self Improvement and Personal topics.
- (52) SALVATION
- (64) FAMILY LIFE
- (39) Bible Study / Worship
- (43) THE CHURCH
- (27) ETERNITY
- (51) EVIDENCES
- (2) TEENS
- (28) MORALITY- GENERAL INTEREST

Often, people start with topics of personal interest and then move on to other topics. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY.

Have you considered how this tool can be used not only in outreach and evangelism but your own personal spiritual growth? Why not commit to call daily as your daily devotional and share with others how this is blessing you. NOW FROM THE WEB SITE biblecall.net you can share from your Phone.

Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us work together to keep this work effective. The numbers were almost double in MARCH OVER FEBRUARY. At Camden, we mailed over 3000 into the community. PLEASE PUT THE NEW WEBSITE IN YOUR BULLETIN and webpage or Facebook. Let me know if you need graphics. Also, you could have the list on your site. LOOK AT THE NEW WEBSITE WWW.BIBLECALL.NET. THIS SHOWS UP WELL ON THE CELL PHONE AND YOU CAN SEND A LINK TO YOUR FRIENDS TO LESSONS THAT HAVE BLESSED YOU. THE WORD OF GOD IS THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION. KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS.

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June

1 End of School Year Ice Cream Social

2-8 Ohio Valley Tent Meeting
161 Huber Dr, Parkersburg, WV 26104

9-12 VBS - The Name of Jesus
Sign-up sheets for helpers are in the lobby

29 -3 The Flood Experience
Lectures and tours with Dr. Jeff Miller at key flood-relevant sites in Northern Arizona
Cost is \$599 (ages 5 & under free)

Serving in Worship

May 5, 2024

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Roy Halstead

Scripture

AM - Ken Barnes

PM - Doug Hershman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Korey Inman

Close - Steve Gray

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Todd Kirk

Communion

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Stan Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Tammy Kerns

Wed - Marion Goldsmith (5/8)

Announcements - Rick Stanley

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Chris Tallman



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan>

Apr 28: 1 Sam 21-24 Psa & 119:1-60

[Bible Land Passages: Passage 3](#)

Apr 29: 1 Sam 25-27; Ps 119:61-120

Apr 30: 1 Sam 28-31; Ps 119:121-176

May 1: 2 Samuel 1-4 & Psalm 120

May 2: 1 Chr 1-3 & Psalm 121

[SOTW: 1 & 2 Chronicles](#)

May 3: 1 Chronicles 4-5 & Psalm 122

May 4: 1 Chronicles 6-7 & Psalm 123

May 5: 1 Chronicles 8-10 & Psalm 124

Friday Night Sings

May 3, 2024

Pennsboro

205 E Penn Ave.

Pennsboro, WV 26415

May 10, 2024

Belle

111 Kanawha, Street

Belle, WV 25015

May 17, 2024

Sunrush

1597 Western Ave.

Chillicothe, OH 45601

April Needs

Care Group 1:

Cereal & Jelly

Care Group 2:

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Care Group 3:

Canned Vegetables

Care Group 4:

Pasta & Sauce

May Needs

Care Group 1:

Pasta Sauce/

Fruit Cocktail

Care Group 2:

Dry Cereal/Jelly

Care Group 3:

Canned Chicken/Noodles

Care Group 4:

Rice/Tomato Soup



Facts and Figures

April 21, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 221

Sunday Bible Class 191

Sunday PM Worship 153

Wednesday Bible Class 162

Contribution \$6,352

Membership 2024

Baptisms 2

Restored/Req. Prayer 0

Placed Membership 0

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

May 3, 2024

"Born in Sin?"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

April :

Job 1-21

May :

Job 22-42



2024: Wisdom Literature

June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41

July: Psalms (Book II) 42-72

August: Psalms (Book III) 73-89

Sep.: Psalms (Book IV) 90-106

Oct.: Psalms (Book V) 107-150

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.