

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



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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
Linda Gray
CCMC 403
Judy Hupp
CCMC 312

Dot Haught
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
Chris Tallman
Joyce Wright

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)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler)
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)
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)
Kevin Reynolds (Jenny Reynold's brother)
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)
Roberta Sommerville (Cindy Huxley)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- ♥ Linda Gray is in Camden Clark, room 510. Please, no visitors at this time.
- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's dad) had surgery on Sunday to repair a broken hip. He is at Camden Clark, room 403.
- ♥ Dot Haught is now home following surgery for her fractured ankle.

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.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL — Thursday, May 16, the Golden Agers will visit 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING — The next Friday Night Sing will be this Friday, May 17, at Sunrush church of Christ in Chillicothe, OH, beginning at 7:00

MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL — The May Fellowship Meal has been moved to the next Sunday, May 19, following morning Bible class. Care Group 2 will be hosting.

MEN'S MEETING — Next Sunday, May 19 at 4:30 in the multi-purpose room.

YOUT DEVO — Next Sunday, May 19 after evening worship.

SUMMER SERIES — Our Summer Series will begin June 5. The theme will be "Evangelism Stories." There is a flier in the front lobby with dates and topics throughout the summer.

VBS — Our VBS will be June 9-12. The theme is "Names of Jesus." In the front foyer, is a sign-up sheet for helpers and fliers to give to friends and family.

VBS COOKIE DONATIONS — Cookies and Kool-Aid Jammers are needed for VBS. They can be homemade or store-bought. See Amanda Cochran if you have any questions.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC — The annual Church Picnic will be on August 10.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Scott Farley in his passing. He was the minister at Salem church of Christ and co-editor of the Mountain Messenger.



Services were held Friday in Salem, WV. Monday, May 13, there will be visitation at 12:00 and Service at 2:00 at O'Dell Funeral Home in Montgomery.

FALL GOSPEL MEETING — September 13-15 Kirk Brothers will be with us for our Fall Gospel Meeting.

CHURCH CAMP — This year, The Eldership will be giving each student a 50% camp scholarship to the church camp of their choice. There will be no limit on the number of weeks this scholarship can be used.

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

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CURRY CONNECTION

What to Do About Disunity in the Church?

It would have been a cool spring night for prayer and also a quiet one because the others were asleep. Despite the quiet and the cool night air, Jesus, in deep anxiety, was sweating drops like blood. He returned to those who slumbered and said, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation...” (Matt 26:41 NKJV). Moments before His betrayal, Jesus was still deeply concerned for His disciples and encouraged them to remain watchful. A study of Jesus’ final words leading up to His sacrifice reveals some of His deepest concerns.

As Jesus said, we are to be watchful. More specifically, we are to remain watchful for our adversary, the devil (1 Pet 5:8). The devil is always at work to cause issues with the bride of Christ, His church. If we are watchful, as Jesus has encouraged us to be, we can head off the devil and resist him much more easily. Across the brotherhood, I have noticed that in some areas, strife and dissension have been allowed to brew: strife within the congregation or even strife between whole congregations of the Lord’s church. God forbid those of us who wear the name of Christ to continue to live in this sin.

What is the cause of this evil? Those who are watchful have noticed that there is a lack of Christian unity. Jesus, before His arrest according to the Gospel According to John, prayed to the Father for unity to continue between His disciples and those who would later hear their inspired teachings, like us. “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:20-21, emp. mine).

We come to believe in the Lord by hearing the word (Rom 10:17), and as the Scripture proclaims, it is also through the word we are made one. Godly unity only exists through the word of God. We are to be unified in truth, which is the word of God (John 17:17). We cannot be unified based on our feelings. We cannot be unified based on our opinions. We cannot be unified based on our personal desires. As Christians, we follow the teachings given in Scripture alone. The Scripture says we are to be unified based on the authority of Jesus Christ. “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Cor 1:10, emp. mine).

When brethren are unified based on Scripture alone, you will not see the strife, contention, gossip, and every evil thing that disunity fuels. Thanks to pride and being unskilled in the word, we can see these evil things in the church (1 Cor 3:1-4; Jas 3:13-18). When we turn our back on Scripture or fail to remain in the Good Book, then we are giving up the one major thing that binds us together: the Word. Jesus is the word (John 1:14), and we are to be firmly rooted in Him (Col 2:6-7).

We are the church that Jesus built, “...the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim 3:15). Let us never become lazy and slip away from leaning on the word of God for all our authority in religion. Nor become ashamed of the gospel. There is no unity in anything else. Let there be no divisions among us, and let us be perfectly joined together by the authority of Jesus Christ. So, what are we to do about disunity in the church? The answer is to address the problem by going back to the Bible.

SERMON NOTES

A Mother's Hope

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:1, 8-9

Speaker: Doug Wells

The words of King Lemuel, the _____ which his mother _____ him:
Open your _____ for the _____, In the _____ of all who are _____ to _____.
Open your _____, judge righteously, And _____ the _____ of the _____ and _____.
Proverbs 31:1, 8-9 (NKJV)

- 1: For those with children: what is the BIGGEST dream you have for your child?
- 2: What are some of the hopes and dreams that happen before a baby is born?
- 3: In your own words, what was the heart of King Lemuel's mother's hope for her son?
(Proverbs 31:8-9)
- 4: Do you think Lemuel lived out that hope? Why or why not?
- 5: What are some ways that our behavior toward the opposite sex can derail a mother's hope for us?
- 6: What about Lemuel's mother's dream would be damaged if he chose to drink?
- 7: Write a positive statement of hope for the life of someone you help influence.
- 8: My hope for you is that you follow Jesus and share His love with all you know. Are you living out my hope for you?

PM Sermon: Shame, the Fever that Leads to the Cure

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:38-39

Speaker: DJ Curry

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

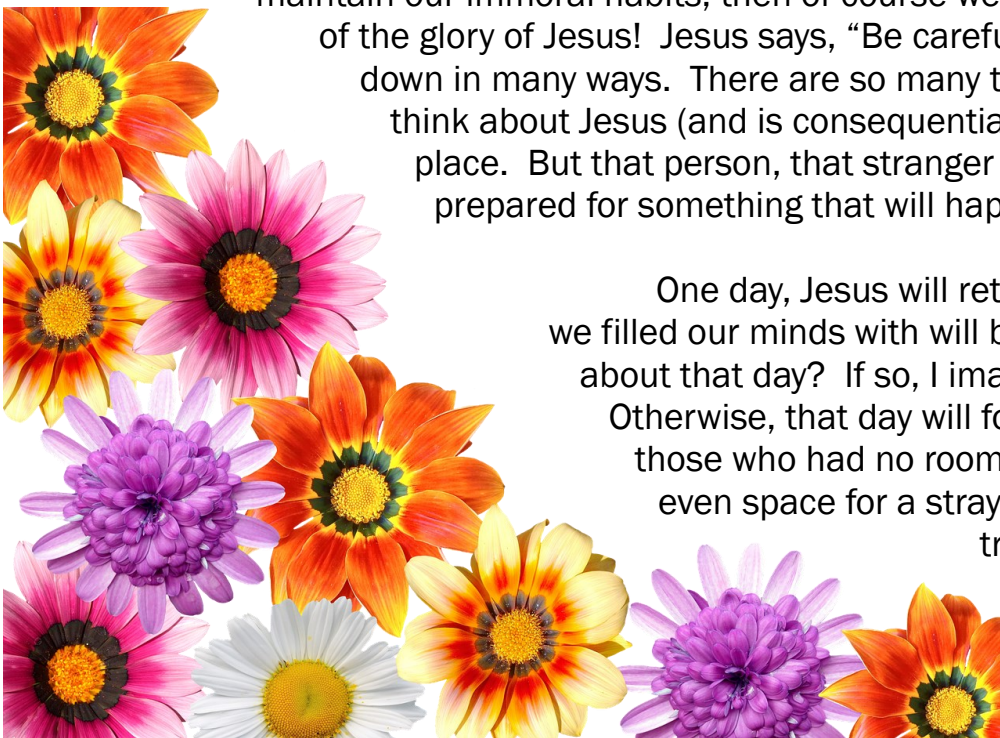
Carefully Free

Let's say someone is shopping near you at the supermarket, and they are clearly and abundantly happy. I'm not sure how you know that . . . maybe they're whistling while they shop. Maybe they don't have the same "I really wish I didn't have to do this right now" frown everyone else has. Instead, there's a twinkle in their eye, and they smile and say hello to people as they pass them in the aisle. Just as you're wondering what has got into this person, they say as you walk by, "Isn't Jesus wonderful?" Perhaps it was only half said to you, half to themselves – but now you have a clue as to what has brightened this person's day.

How about it? Would you say, as you go throughout your day, that Jesus is indeed wonderful? I think with a lot of people, a much more likely thought is that the whistler in the supermarket is very strange. Who really thinks about Jesus while they are shopping? Or anytime, really, other than perhaps during church? From the time we wake up until the time we go to bed, there are things that need to be done. On the rare occasion when there isn't something that needs to be done, there is something that we want to do. By the time we finish buying those groceries and watching our shows, it's well past time for bed. Instead of contemplating the beauty of Jesus our hearts dwell on the crushing weight of all we must do and want to do and can't do and won't have time to do and do but shouldn't do. Jesus warns against such things: "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and this day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap" (Luke 21:34).

My friends, too many of our hearts are not free. If you have no ability to contemplate the glorious love of Christ while you're picking up tonight's dinner at Kroger, then I fear you are a slave to lowly worldly concerns. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). If a sinful practice has led us to have most or even all of our attention on how we can best maintain our immoral habits, then of course we have no time in the day to think of the glory of Jesus! Jesus says, "Be careful." Our hearts can be weighed down in many ways. There are so many that someone who actually does think about Jesus (and is consequentially joyful) appears wildly out of place. But that person, that stranger here, is one of the few people prepared for something that will happen someday.

One day, Jesus will return, and all these worldly things we filled our minds with will be no more. Are you free to think about that day? If so, I imagine you're looking forward to it. Otherwise, that day will forcefully arrive in the lives of those who had no room in their schedule for Jesus. Not even space for a stray thought or two! But then the trap springs shut, and there is all the time in the world to think about what should have mattered. Be careful. Be free indeed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the foyers at the front and back of the auditorium.

May

- 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
- 19 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Host: Care Group 2
- 19 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 19 Youth Devo**
- 20 Monday Night for the Master - 6:00**
- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Sardis church of Christ



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



MINUTE OF MEDITATION

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



Not Made for This, But for This

I'm about 5'10 and 170 pounds. This really limits my professional football opportunities. Now, I could get angry and try to be a football player anyway, despite the reality that a real athlete accidentally running into me would send me to the hospital. OR, I could avoid that inevitable failure by seeking to be someone more in line with what God has given me.

A king named Uzziah once missed this lesson. One day, he went into the temple of the Lord and decided that he would burn incense because . . . well . . . he felt like it. But – that was a job that God had assigned priests to do, not kings. So, the priests said in 2 Chronicles 20:18, “It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord . . .” The king starts raging, and things go downhill from there.

But that's how it goes. Some are given one thing by God, others something different. We can humbly accept God's design and work within it, seeking to excel at who God made us to be, or we can be angry that we aren't something else. One way works much better than the other.

I am Doug Wells, and this is a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

May 19, 2024

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Korey Inman

Scripture

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Kasen Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Kaleb Cochran

Close - Keith Smith

Communion

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Connor Curry

Welcome Center

AM - Robin Anthony

PM - Teresa Wade

Wed - Jeff Taberner (5/22)

Announcements - Paul Inman

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Steve Gray



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

May 12: 2 Samuel 18-21 & Psalm 131

May 13: 2 Samuel 22-24 & Psalm 132

May 14: 1 Chr 21-24 & Psalm 133

May 15: 1 Chr 25-29 & Psalm 134

May 16: 1 Kings 1-4 & Psalm 135

[SOTW: 1 & 2 Kings](#)

May 17: Song of Sol. 1-4 & Psalm 136

[How to Read Poetic Literature](#)

May 18: Song of Sol. 5-8 & Psalm 137

May 19: 1 Kin 5-6 2 Chr 1-2 & Psa 138

Friday Night Sings

May 17, 2024

Sunrush

1597 Western Ave.
Chillicothe, OH 45601

June 14, 2024

Rio Grande

568 OH-325
Centerville, OH 45685

May 24, 2024

36th Street

610 36th Street
Vienna, WV 26101

June 21, 2024

Henderson

209 Walnut St.
Henderson, WV 25106

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

May 5, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 195

Sunday Bible Class 157

Sunday PM Worship 139

Wednesday Bible Class 163

Contribution \$8,418

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 19, 2024

"Till Death Do Us Part"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

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

November: Ecclesiastes

December: Song of Songs

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.