

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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Recorded
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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
Judy Hupp
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
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

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
Greg Kupfner (Bill Hoover's bro.-in-law)
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Marilyn Miskcovich
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)
Leroy Wilmoth (Naomi Carr's brother)
Danny Wilson (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law)

Sympathy

We extend our deepest condolences to Connie Hickman and her family in the passing of her mother, Janet Looney, and her brother, Richard Looney, both of whom passed away last week.

Our sympathies also go out to Darrell and Norma Vaught and their family in the death of their son-in-law, Daniel McPherson, last week.

Wonderful News!

We rejoice that Rocky Hester was baptized at the tent meeting at Valley Park in Hurricane this past week!

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.

MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL — The May Fellowship Meal will be this afternoon in the multi-purpose room after morning Bible classes. Everyone is invited!

MEN'S MEETING — This afternoon at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

YOUTH DEVO — Tonight following evening worship.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER — We will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 for taco night and service. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING — The next Friday Night Sing will be this Friday, May 24th, at 36th Street church of Christ beginning at 7:00

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — The last Traveling Youth Group of this school year is be next Sunday, May 26th at the Sardis church of Christ beginning at 6:00.

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.

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.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- ♥ Linda Gray is now home.
- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's dad) is now in Rockland Ridge, room 100.
- ♥ Judy Hupp is back in the hospital, room 314
- ♥ Jo Langler has been having more trouble walking. She requests your prayers for this and encouragement during this time.
- ♥ Greg Kupfner (Bill Hoover's brother-in-law) is having health trouble.
- ♥ Chris Stewart (Brandi Hescht's mom) has been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She will be having surgery on Tuesday.
- ♥ Leroy Wilmoth (Naomi Carr's brother) had heart surgery in Morgantown and is now doing 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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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Is God with Me?

There is a call of self-pity that has rung out throughout the ages: “Why me?” I believe this can be a really difficult question to answer. I would be enormously cautious in trying to answer this for anybody else. That being said, the answer to “Why me?” is sometimes: “Because you deserve it.” I know . . . I know . . . in our modern zero-accountability age, that is not an answer people enjoy hearing. But can we reflect on our own conduct fairly enough to see, if not the truth of this, at least the possibility? Why don't people want to spend time with me? Maybe stop being mean. Why won't this girl answer my calls after our date? Maybe don't chew with your mouth open. It's gross. Why am I not blessed? Maybe stop giving lesser things the worship due to God.

When Israel was being brutally oppressed by the Midianites, they were asking this age-old question. Why us? How could this be allowed to happen? They were so miserable that they finally cried out to the Lord. In response, the Bible says that “the angel of the Lord” came and appeared to a man named Gideon. This “angel” said, “The Lord is with you.” Here's how Gideon replied: “But sir . . . if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?” (Judges 6:13). Why am I hiding in a winepress if a miracle-working God is with me? The question isn't terribly unreasonable from his limited perspective. But the blunt answer is that Gideon and all the Israelites are cowering in closets because they deserve it. Part of God's call to Gideon is that he smashes his father's altar to Baal, a pagan god. After doing so, the whole town comes to his father's house and says: “Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it” (Judges 6:30). Before this Gideon had asked, “Why has this happened?” I would say the behavior of his town is a clue. They turned away from God to worship evil idols.

Our ability to disconnect our conduct from poor outcomes in life is sadly impressive. And so, throughout time, we cry out “why me?” That, however, is the wrong question to ask. After all, there might not even be an easily discernable answer to that question. Sometimes, it's you because you deserve it. Sometimes, it's you because this world is a fallen place filled with broken people. Rather than asking “why me?” I would encourage you to ask, “God, are you with me?” The answer to that doesn't generate self-pity like the other question. Instead, you will be filled with comfort and courage! Gideon was told, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior” (6:12). I think we are told the same if we turn our hearts to God. Turning away from those things that cost us our blessing, we may ask: “God, are you still with me?” God says yes. He says, as a child of God, nothing can separate me from His love (Romans 8:39). Why me? I don't deserve it. But, since God is love, why shouldn't I rise from my self-pity and worship Him with all my heart? I think I will.

SERMON NOTES

Beyond the Rules: A Study on Legalism

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:15

Speaker: DJ Curry

Sermon in a Sentence: Let us differentiate between genuine obedience to God and religious legalism, avoiding the mislabeling of faithful obedience as legalism.

“Be _____ to present yourself _____ to _____, a worker who does not need to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV).

I. Is it Wrong to Obey the Bible?

A. Biblical Mandate for Obedience

II. The Dangers of Legalism

A. Definition and Characteristics of Legalism

III. Correct Interpretation of Scripture

A. Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

B. The Importance of Context and Theme

IV. Practical Application: Living Out True Faith

A. Striving Against Sin

Call to Action: Study Scripture diligently to live approved by God as an unashamed servant.

Reflection Questions

1. How can I ensure my faithful obedience is of God and not legalism?
2. How can I rightly divide the word of truth in my Bible study?
3. Am I upholding biblical standards despite a society that may label me as intolerant?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for discernment in understanding and applying Scripture correctly.
2. Ask for a heart that seeks to obey God out of love and gratitude.
3. Pray for strength to stand firm in faith amidst modern challenges and criticisms.

Hear—Believe—Repent—Confess Faith in Jesus Christ—Be Baptized—Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: Fear of Man is A Snare

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:25

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

The Half-Truth Gospel

There is nothing like the truth. We have no such thing as a half-truth. The truth is simply the truth. If you change the truth, it becomes a lie. The truth is what it is, truth or not. You cannot change the truth or manipulate it in any way. If you did, the truth would not be the truth any longer. There is only one truth, and not telling the truth when you can or should be is telling a lie.

John, in his account of the gospel, talks a lot about truth. More than any other writing in the New Testament! This is some of what John had to say about the truth: Jesus is full of truth (John 1:14). The truth came from Jesus (John 1:17). He that does the truth comes to the light (John 3:21). We are to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23,24). We can know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:40). Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). We can be sanctified by the truth, which is the word of God (John 17:17). Why would we not want to share the truth or be part of it!

I have faith that the word of God will live forever because the Bible says so (Matt 24:35; 1 Pet 1:23-25). Sometimes, it has been thought that the word of God needs our protection by hiding it. I have seen some avoid speaking the truth on topics such as sexual immorality because they believe by doing so, the Bible will be banned. “For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth” (2 Cor 13:8 NKJV). The truth is stronger than all of us. God cannot be muzzled, and it is up to us whether we will be on the side of truth or not. Esther had to make this decision whether or not she would speak the truth at a difficult time. “For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esth 4:14). Life is short, and you have been given an opportunity in this lifetime. God chose to place you here and now for a reason (Acts 17:26). Use your opportunity well and let the truth come from you. Never cause God to have to send someone else in your stead.

Is it kind to lie? Some might argue that lying for someone’s good is an excuse to be ashamed of the gospel. Holding back the gospel is never for the better. Holding back the gospel is not the same as pretending to enjoy the burnt chicken dinner your loved one made for you. Holding back the gospel always results in hurting the other person. When you have the opportunity, it is unloving not to speak the truth of God’s word. “...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him...” (Eph 4:15 emp. mine). Notice this passage does not promote silence but “speaking.” It is an encouragement to say something with the right heart that desires growth in Christ. We do not want to cut each other down, but we build each other up with our words and encourage sanctification, which comes from truth.

There is nothing like the truth in the gospel; it is one of a kind (Gal 1:6-10), and there is no such thing as a half-truth gospel. Tell it in love with the right heart, and even if you become their enemy (Gal 4:16), at least you are not an enemy of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May

- 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**
- 20 Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6**
Lubeck church of Christ
- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Sardis church of Christ

June

- 1 End of School Year Ice Cream Social**
- 2 Summer Bible Class Quarter Begins**
- 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

Accidental Offense

Poor King Abimelech. He had very bad luck with women. He saw one he liked, he asked about her, and was told – the guy with her says he's her brother. So . . . all good! Abimelech sends his men to pick up this woman named Sarah too. . . get to know her better.

One problem . . . Sarah is married to Abraham, and God wasn't happy. He later appears to Abimelech in a dream before anything really unfortunate happens and tells him this whole Sarah thing is no bueno. Married women are off-limits. Abimelech basically replies: "Well, I didn't know!" Which is true; he didn't.

Sometimes, we offend people by accident. What do you do when that happens? Tell the other person to get over it? "I took your wife, so what?" seems unwise. Or do you try to smooth it over for the sake of peace? In Genesis 20:16, Abimelech gave Abraham a thousand pieces of silver to cover the offense against Sarah. He probably didn't have to – but afterward, they were all able to live in peace for a long time. I wonder why.

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

Serving in Worship

May 26, 2024

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Kyle Inman

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Brian Haught

Scripture

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Bill Hoover

Prayer

9:30 AM - Levi Wells

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Delmas Carr

Communion

AM - Cole Curry

PM - Dennis Keller

Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Rick Stanley

Wed - Stan Inman (5/29)

Announcements - Josh Hall

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Roy Halstead

Security - Ron Riddle



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

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

May 20: 1 Kin 7-8 2 Chr 3-4 & Psa 139

Praying People of the OT

May 21: 2 Chr 5-7 & Psalm 140

May 22: 1 Kin 9-11; 2 Chr 8-9; Psa 141

May 23: Ecc 1-4 & Psalm 142

SOTW: Ecc. & Song of Solomon

May 24: Ecc 5-8 & Psalm 143

May 25: Ecc 9-12 & Psalm 144

May 26: 1 Kin 12-14 & Psalm 145

Friday Night Sings

May 24, 2024

36th Street

610 36th Street
Vienna, WV 26101

June 21, 2024

Henderson

209 Walnut St.
Henderson, WV 25106

June 14, 2024

Rio Grande

568 OH-325
Centerville, OH 45685

June 28, 2024

South Main

7 Smith Street,
New Lexington, OH 43764

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 12, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 185

Sunday Bible Class 132

Sunday PM Worship 152

Wednesday Bible Class 169

Contribution \$ 6,470

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 26, 2024

"Devoted Christianity"



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.