

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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56TH ANNUAL OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP SERIES

April 6-9



Brochures are available in the foyers.

We will have a shortened service this evening so our members can attend the OVU Lectureship opening session. Brother Harold Shank will be the Keynote speaker at 7:00PM.

The elders would like to encourage everyone to attend and make this Camden Avenue night at the Lectureship.

We also encourage everyone to attend the lectureship sessions.

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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
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
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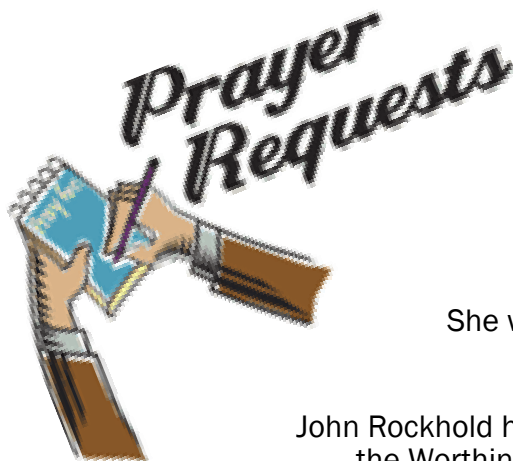


Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for each card and gift for my birthday; I enjoyed them all. Having brothers and sisters in Christ is a great blessing to me. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. **Ted Miller**
- ♥ Thank you for the get-well cards, birthday cards, and all the prayers. We appreciate each and every one. Keep the prayers coming, **Bob and Lillie Fox**

Many thanks to anyone who supported 2014 Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon. Additional thanks to those who made a special donation to honor LaMoyne Sweeney. Your consideration made this a very successful event.

Love in Christ, Ruth Ann Gibbs



Camden Clark Hospital

Mary Edwards (Room 317)

She would enjoy cards. No visits, please.

John Rockhold has been moved from 5W to 8W at the Worthington Care and Rehab. Center. He enjoys cards and visits.

Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Valeria Sprout, Jim VanCamp

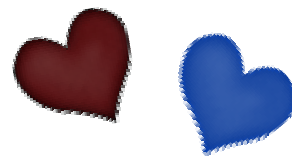
Prayers requested for family and friends:

Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's father), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Kim England (Ann Knott's brother-in-law), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tammy Hatfield, Janet Heron (Neighbor of Dearll and Carol Vincent), Josh Kupfner (Dearll & Carol Vincent's grandson), Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Bev Rine, 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), 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a VBS planning meeting this evening at 5:00 in Room 109.



TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES SHOWCASE

Everyone is encouraged to view the students projects at the LLL showcase next Sunday at 4:30 in the MP Room.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner, 6:20 short devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

BABY SHOWER

There will be a shower for Brandon and Calle Sheppard's baby girl Saturday, April 19 at 1:00 in the MP Room. They are registered at Babies R Us.

GOLDEN AGERS LONGABERGER TRIP

Our Golden Agers will be going to Dresden, OH to the home of the Longaberger baskets Tuesday, April 22. Leaving here at 8:00AM, breakfast at Denny's, returning around 5:00-6:00PM. Please sign the sheet if you plan to go.

LADIES GARDEN TEA

Ladies, It's "Tea Time" again! April 26 at 12:00 in the MP Room. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is available. Please register by April 20.

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 details.

NEW VISITATION KICK-OFF

The Elders and Deacons pair off to visit every home in the congregation.

Deacons will be calling you to set up a visit. Please participate in this new program.

Thank you,
The Elders



THE NAILS OF THE CROSS

John tells us that Christ had the “print of the nails” in His hands (John 20:25). Matthew tells us that the mob on the hill of Calvary challenged Christ to “come down from the cross” (27:40). What was it that held Christ to the cross?

It Was Not The Nails That Held Him On The Cross. He had the power to remove the nails. He could have called “more than twelve legions of angels” to remove Him from the cross (Matthew 26:53). He who could still the storm, feed the multitude, and raise the dead, could have removed the nails. That crowd could not have killed Christ if He had not wished to do his Father’s will. “Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down myself. . .” (John 10:17,18).

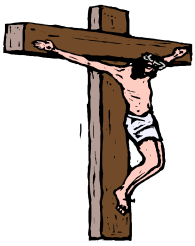
The Father’s Will And Wish Held Him On The Cross. In the garden Jesus prayed and said, “O, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Matthew 26:39). It was the will of God that His son become the “propitiation,” that is the atoning sacrifice, for our sins (1 John 2:2). The Savior’s love and our sins held Christ to the tree.

God’s Eternal Purpose Held Christ To The Cross. Jesus dies to purchase the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28) The church is the institution through which the eternal purpose of God is to be made known to the world (Ephesians 3:10-11). Without Christ’s death, God’s purpose for the world would have been aborted. Thus His love for God and man held Him to the cross and not the nails.

The Joy Set Before Christ Held Him To The Cross. The “author and finisher of our faith” disregarded His suffering and “for the joy set before him endured the cross despising the shame” (Hebrews 12:2). The angry mob’s mocking at the cross was ignored by Christ because of the “joy set before Him.”

Neither the lack of power nor the nails held Jesus to the cross. His resignation to the will of God and His love for the souls of mankind bound Him to the tree on which He died. Our love for God and His Son should cause us to remain faithful in the kingdom of God despite the mockings of all who would have us depart from the path of duty.

By: G. K. Wallace (deceased)
Gospel Advocate, September 27, 1973



Looking down from the Cross: (Matthew 27:22-34)

Jesus was thinking of what He suffered: Then the soldiers of the _____ took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around him. And they _____ him and put a _____ robe on him. When they had twisted a crown of _____, they put it on his _____, and a _____ in his right hand. And they bowed the knee before him and _____ him, saying "Hail, _____ of the Jews". Then they _____ on him, took the reed and _____ him on the head... and led him away to be _____. (Matthew 27:27-31)

Jesus was thinking of why the suffering must be done. "Father, if this _____ cannot pass from me unless I _____ it. Your _____ be done." (Matt. 26:42) "Greater _____ has no man than this, than to lay down his _____ for his friends." (John 15:13)

Jesus was thinking of his eternal triumph. "And I will put enmity between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your _____, and you shall bruise His _____." (Gen. 3:15) "Who for the joy that was set before Him, _____ the cross, despising the _____ and has sat down at the _____ hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus was thinking of the cost of man's redemption. "This is my blood... shed for _____ for the _____ of sins" (Matthew 26:28). "Knowing you were not redeemed with _____ things like silver or gold.... but with the precious _____ of Christ, as of a _____ without _____ and without spot" (I Peter 1:18-19). About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice... "My _____, My God, why have You _____ Me?" (Matthew 27:46) "Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, _____ up His _____. And behold the _____ of them temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth _____, and the _____ were spit, and the _____ were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were _____." (Matthew 27:50-52) "Now when the _____ and those who were _____ Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they _____ greatly, saying "Truly this was the _____ of _____." (Matthew 27:54).

Do you understand the Cross? "Greater _____ has no one than this, than to lay _____ one's life for his _____. You are my _____ if you do whatever I _____ you." John 15:13-14)



Next week our group will be off to Louisville. Most of our preparations are complete and we are all excited to spend time with our youth as they show all of the hard work they have done. We all enjoy this time as a group. We get away from our daily activities and focus on our children. This gives us the opportunity to recognize the effort and growth each one of our kids has made. As I recognize our kids each week in this space there is another group I would like to thank. This is the list of adult coordinators we have. There is not enough space to recognize each one of them. For each activity that I have listed over the past weeks an adult is working with our children. With out this support our children would miss out on this wonderful time to grow into Christian leaders. Thank you to all of our adult coordinators.

Thank You
Todd Kirk

Hayden Moser

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Debate
Know the Books - Gold
Speech

Brenden Smith

Good Samaritan - Bronze
Song Leading - Winner's Circle

Karlee Sove!

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading/Study - Silver
Debate
Good Samaritan - Gold

Jordan Kirk

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl team
Debate
GIFTS III
Good Samaritan - Platinum
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise - Winner's Circle
Year Round Songs of Praise - Gold
Group Banner
Keepers: Sewing, Ironing, Laundry

Emily Williamson

GIFTS III

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.

The convention will be April 18-20 in Louisville, KY.



In a recent meeting there were discussions about the yearly planning and goal sessions. One section was entitled **“Where we specifically need your help”**. This section involved ways that YOU can be included. Some of the items are common sense for some people (**faithful attendance** or **give as you have prospered**). None of the items are difficult. This article lists the items that need attention.

Invite friends and neighbors to church.

Individual involvement in at least one church program.

Attend Monday Night for the Master.

Attend planned church activities with your family.

Attend bible classes and encourage your children to attend proper classes.

Parents increase personal involvement with youth activities.

None of the eight items listed are unattainable. Most can be taken care of every week with little to no effort being extended. The others aren't difficult but are extremely beneficial to you and your family.

We extend the challenge to each of you to plan to accomplish the items on this list. Once you can check it off your list you can see that it is something that you enjoy and will want to continue each and every time that you can.

Respectfully submitted by the Deacons

Via email from Doug Hershman

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

“The devil made me do it.” That isn't just a line made famous by comedian Flip Wilson. It is also a popular excuse that many people use when they are confronted with their own sinful conduct. It makes for a good punch line, but it is a lousy excuse.

The devil doesn't make you do anything! Your heart does. (And we aren't talking about the blood-pumping muscle in your chest; we are referring to your inner spirit.) And your heart doesn't get any better on its own. A “heart transplant” is required if you are going to enjoy “real life”. Your sinful heart must be replaced with a heart filled with God's love.

Don't blame others for your bad conduct not even the Devil. You and you alone are responsible for what you think and what you do.

As Paul said to the Colossians, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15)

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, April 13

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Ethan Ash

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bob Smith

Close—Jon Hescht

6:00 PM—Don Gaston

Close—Barry Mills

SCRIPTURE

AM—Breck Hesselrode

PM—David Mullins

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Ron Riddle

Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Mike Bayer
2—Wes Cochran
4—Pam Bayer

PM

1. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
2. Doug & Shannan Hinzman
3. Bill Pralley & Bill Mills
4. Walter Morgan & Richard Cozad
5. Pat & Kim Barclay
6. Jim & Charlotte Galloway



Area Spring Gospel Meetings

April 6—9

Hopewell congregation

Speaker: Ryan Currey

April 6—10

Pike Church of Christ

Speaker: Dave Newberry

April 6—11

Pennsboro congregation

Speaker: Steve Stevens

April 13—16

Central Church of Christ—Clarksburg

Speaker: Robert "Bob" Vincent

26th Annual Golden Ages Day

April 12

New Concord OH Church of Christ

"Gifts from God"

Speakers: Harry & Arlene Summers

We will provide transportation if enough sign up.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Ladies Inspiration Day

April 12

Pursley Church of Christ

Speaker: Sally Shank

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Facts and Figures

March 30, 2014

AM Service.....265

Bible Study.....217

PM Service.....223

Wednesday.....247

Contribution.....\$6781.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2

Daily Bible Reading

April 6—Luke 8:1-18, Jos 10-12

April 7—Luke 8:19-39, Jos 13-14

April 8—Luke 8:40-56, Jos 15-16

April 9—Luke 9:1-27, Jos 17-18

April 10—Luke 9:28-45, Jos 19-20

April 11—Luke 9:46-62, Jos 21-22

April 12—Luke 10:1-20, Jos 23-24

April 13—Luke 10:21-42, Jud 1-2

OVU Student Pick-Up

Sunday, April 6

Scott Johnson, Doug Hershman

Wednesday, April 9

Mike Bayer

Sunday, April 13

Ted Miller, Barry Mills

Wednesday, April 16

Kyle Inman

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

April 13

LOVING GOD TOTALLY

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at
6:15 for the sing at the
Harmar Hill, OH congregation.