

Camden Avenue Church of Christ
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Blood Drive

1:00PM—6:00PM tomorrow in the MP Room

Sign-up sheets are on the counter.



School Supply Give-Away

Thursday, August 15 6:00PM—8:00PM

MP Room

Items may be left in the bin in the foyer by the parking lot today.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
 Scott Johnson
 Todd Kirk
 Paul Saunders
 Dwain Shears
 Keith Smith
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**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Ed Collins, Chelsea Doonan, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox,
 Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

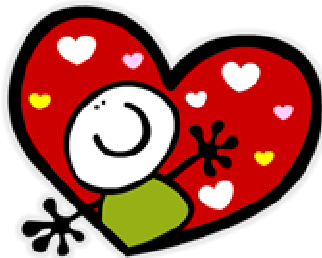
Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsay Campbell, Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Gayle Dulaney (Scott & Gwen's neighbor), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Alice Hale, Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, John Lowther, Donna Ludwig, Robert Metz, Betty Morris, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer List.

We extend our sympathy to Joel Hickerson and family in the passing of his father, Paul Hickerson. Funeral services were Friday in McConnelsville, OH.

Brother Hickerson was a former elder at the Harmar Hill congregation and presently served as an elder at the McConnelsville congregation.

He was also President of the board for Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

- ♥ Thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards and wishes. I enjoyed each and every one!!! Love and Hugs, **Cassie Hennen**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. **Scott Johnson**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and gifts. I really enjoyed my day. **Debi Inman**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the beautiful anniversary and birthday cards. It was fun to read each one. **Don and Brenda Dougherty**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and sweet notes for my 13th birthday. Love, **Hannah Shears**

- ♥ A special thank you to Debi Inman for preparing the communion bread last month.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

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

PARKERSBURG HALF MARATHON WATER STOP MEETING

Jimmy Galloway would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with those volunteering at our Parkersburg Half Marathon water stop August 17.

BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW

Our Blood Drive will be tomorrow in the MP Room from 1:00PM-6:00PM. Sign up sheets are on the counter.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

Items needed: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper. The give-away will be August 15 in the MP Room from 6:00PM-8:00PM. **ITEMS NEED TO BE LEFT IN THE BIN TODAY.**

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

OVU STUDENTS

We are planning to reach out to incoming OVU students this fall. Included in our efforts will be to help at **Move-In Day (August 24)**, **Student Expo. (August 26)**, other help is needed with **providing transportation** and **preparing food for college dinners**. Please see sign-up sheets on the counter.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

CARE GROUP LISTS/DIRECTORIES

Care Group lists are available in both foyers. Our new directories are now available. See Doug Hershman or Jeff Taberner for your copy.

WAGONER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Woody and Tabetha Wagoner's telephone number in the church directory should be 304.481.4206. Please update your directory.



Daily Bible Reading

August 11—Romans 4, Ps 18-21
August 12—Romans 5, Ps 22-24
August 13—Romans 6, Ps 25-29
August 14—Romans 7, Ps 30-33
August 15—Romans 8:1-17, Ps 34-36
August 16—Romans 8:18-39, Ps 37-38
August 17—Romans 9, Ps 39-43
August 18—Romans 10, Ps 44-47

CARD SHOWER

Tammy Hatfield is having serious health issues. She would enjoy receiving cards.

Cards may be sent to:

Tammy Hatfield
C/O Jim and Sue Hatfield
3273 Big Run South Road
Grove City, OH 43123



Please continue to remember her in your prayers.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Heed the Warning

A man from Mississippi, who had escaped with his life as his home was washed away by Hurricane Katrina, was explaining why he had not evacuated when he had the opportunity. "First of all," he said "there had been warnings before." On at least two other occasions during the past year, the people in his community had boarded up their homes and left. Nothing had happened. "Secondly," he thought, "if a hurricane does hit, it will hit somewhere else." "Third," he figured, "whatever happens I will be O.K. I have always been able to take care of myself."

The destruction of such a powerful storm is inescapable. The only advantage that science has been able to provide over the past hundred years is early forecasting and warning. If it were not for this early warning, many more would have died. But for those who did not heed the warning—it was of no value.

The whole message of the Bible is one of warning. Because of our sins—man is alienated from God. Sin will be punished. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) God has always warned people before He punished them. In the days of Noah, God saw that "the wickedness of man was great in the earth." For 120 years while the ark was being prepared, God, through Noah, warned the people to repent or they would perish. When the city of Nineveh had become so evil that God was determined to destroy it, He sent the prophet Jonah to sound the warning, "*Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.*" In this incidence the people repented of their wickedness, and God spared them. Because of Israel's sin of rejecting Jesus, the warning was given that Jerusalem would be destroyed. Jesus warned that when they saw the signs that He had predicted, that "*those who were in Judea should flee to the mountains.*" (Matthew 24:16)

And yet, in spite of all of the warnings, man's nature has not changed. We still follow after the ways of a world that is following after Satan. (Ephesians 2:1-3) The warning has been sounded: **"truly the times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, by raising Him from the dead."** (Acts 17:30-31)

The warning that has been given is the message of the gospel. The "good news" is that man can be saved. First, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. Second, God has given us a way to respond to His grace. If we believe in the one He sent to save us. . . "*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God*" (Acts 8:37) If we repent (turn from) of our sins. . . "*for unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*" (Luke 13:3) And if we are baptized we will be saved "*he that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned*" (Mark 16:16).

The warning has been issued. Jesus is coming again to judge the world. Unlike His previous warnings, God has told us that there will be no "last minute warning." "*Watch therefore, or you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. Therefore, be you also ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.*" (Matthew 24: 42, 44)

God doesn't want any of us to perish. (II Peter 3:9) He has sounded the warning. He has patiently delayed His coming so that we might repent and be prepared when He comes. **Will you heed the warning?**

Beware – Lest You Fall

(Hebrews 3:7-15)



Warnings to the Hebrew Christians:

It is possible, by neglecting the _____ to fall away. “Therefore we must give the more earnest _____ to the things we have _____, lest we _____ away.” (Heb. 2:1)

It is possible, to lose our _____ if _____ hardens our heart and we _____. “Beware, _____, lest there be in any of you an _____ heart of _____ in _____ from the living God.” (Hebrews. 3:12)

Things Learned from this warning:

1) It is _____ for Christians to _____ away. “We are the house of the Lord _____ we _____ the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope _____ to the _____.” (Heb. 3:6)

2) A believer can become an _____. “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an _____ heart of _____.” (Heb. 3:12) There are Christians who _____ away through _____ - there are Christians who _____ to leave (rebel).

What must we do? Exhort one another!

“But _____ one another _____, while it is called ‘Today’ lest any of you be _____ through the _____ of sin.” (Heb. 3:13) “Now we _____ you, brethren, _____ those who are _____, comfort the _____, uphold the _____, be _____ with all.” (I Thessalonians 5:14)

Whose responsibility is it – Ours! “Brethren, if a man is _____ in any _____, you who are spiritual _____ such a one, in a spirit of _____, considering yourself, lest you also be _____.” (Galatians 6:1)

Why we faithfully assemble. “Let us _____ one another in order to stir up _____ and good _____, not _____ the assembling of _____ together...but _____ one another, and so much more as you see the _____ approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

We can learn from the tragic loss of the Jews in the wilderness: “Now all these things happened to them as _____ and they were _____ for our _____, upon whom the _____ of the _____ have come. Therefore let him who thinks he _____ take heed, lest he _____.” (I Corinthians 10:11-12)



Oz, The Great and Powerful

~Paul Nygard

Every now and then, our family likes to rent a show for a movie night. Recently, we watched *Oz, The Great and Powerful*. As movies go, it was OK. It told the story of how the wizard and the wicked witches of the land of Oz came to be.

One particular aspect of the movie that did intrigue me was the story of Theodora, who would eventually become the 'wicked witch of the west'. You see, when Theodora meets Oscar Zoroaster she falls in love with him. Oz is the first person to ever freely give her a gift or to dance with her. His kindness toward her warms her heart, causing her faith in him to grow.

Unfortunately, Oscar's affection toward Theodora is nothing more than a show that he puts on for every pretty face he sees. Oz's true love is for himself and his desire is to become a 'great and powerful' man. Money, power, and prestige are the most wonderful things in life to this scam artist.

When Theodora discovers that Oz's affections toward her are meaningless, her heart is broken. She desperately grasps for anything that will take the pain and anguish she is feeling away. In true Disney movie form, her sister presents her with an apple, which has a spell placed upon it that will cure her broken heart, and boy does it. Not only does it take away the pain of a broken heart, but it shrivels her heart up until there is nothing left inside but wickedness.

Now, I know this is a movie, but there is something very real about the effects that following after things of this world have on the heart. When our mind is set on the size of our bank account, the next big promotion, or how popular we are with people, then our heart becomes callous and hardened to matters of the spirit which are important to God. The apostle Paul says it this way,

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

(Rom 8.5-6)

What kinds of things does your heart desire? Do you place more importance on the things of the world, or on the things of God? If God, then do your actions reflect the conviction of your heart for all to see? If not, why not? Think about it.

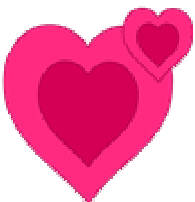
All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Day at the Little Hocking congregation.

Saturday, September 14

Registration 8:30, 9:00 with lunch at noon.

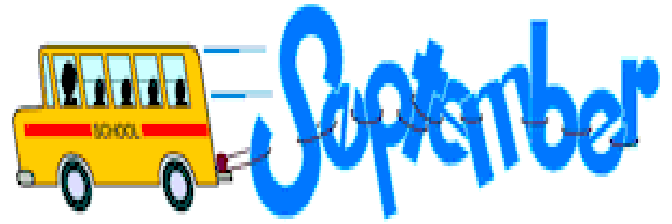
Theme: "Serve and Protect"

Speaker: Patty Sayre



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1—Lole Johnson, *Calvin & Jean Martin
September 2—Grayson Harper, Calais Nygard
September 4—*Paul & Barbara Saunders
September 5—Wilma Lewis, Harold Shank
September 6—Kylie Wadlington
September 8—*Kody & Chelsea Inman
September 9—Delmas Carr
September 10—Gloria Frazier, Zoe Merrill, *Keith & Peggy Cowdery
September 12—Bill Fleak
September 14—Sally Shank, Brenden Smith, *Steve & Holly Spout
September 15—*Andy & Deanna Hilliard
September 16—Patty Sayre
September 17—Jenny Reynolds
September 18—Ray Johnson, Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts
September 20—Valeria Sprout
September 21—Connie Hickman
September 22—Nancy Inman, Dave Wadlington
September 23—Jo Goldsmith
September 24—De Fleak, Sandy Keller, *Harvey & Mary Caplinger
September 25—Avery Goldsmith
September 26—Gilbert Hardman, Alisha Hershman, Chole McCloskey
September 27—Sean Plant
September 28—Carl Curtiss, *Allen & Billie Coe
September 29—Cheryl Logston
September 30—Naomi Carr



*Anniversary

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Our friend Tom Butterfield wrote the following:

I try not to miss a show—not even after all these years. I still love to listen in on Floyd, Andy, Bernie, Opie, and Aunt Bea and all the inhabitants that make up Mayberry. I have found more joy, comfort, relaxation and real-life guidance in that show than anything that is found on TV today.

The shelf life of this show is beyond belief. Why? I think because it is decent, clean and thoughtful! Full of every day messages and lessons we all need to learn (even today). When compared to the gruesome, gratuitous garbage on TV that floods our homes today, Mayberry is so far ahead in dignity and decency that the others will never catch up.

In this day of political corruption and ungodly behavior, it seems to me that Mayberry wouldn't be a bad place to be—at least a great place to visit in our minds. Pardon me for liking the plain, simple, uncomplicated things of life!

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, August 18

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ryan Gaston
Close—Brian Haught
6:00 PM—Paul Inman
Close—Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM—Ryan Logston
PM—Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dearll Vincent
PM—Josh Barclay
Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



TO SOAR AS EAGLES

The eagle is the national emblem of the United States. It is a big bird with broad wings and the eagle flies very high. And even their nests are high off the ground in inaccessible places. Isaiah compared the righteous person to the flight of an eagle. *“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles...”* (Isaiah 49:3).

We learn from this beautiful word picture. Man was not meant to live a low life of sin and to set his sights on the ground. Christianity gives loftiness to life. The height of sight seems to characterize the followers of Jesus *“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”* (Colossians 3:2). *“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal”* (Matthew 6:20). *“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:14).

Soaring high allows us to see things in perspective, to get a feel for the larger picture and to understand the really important issues of life. Let’s concentrate on the higher things. Do we look for the stars or the dirt? Let us *“mount up with wings as eagles.”*

Bulletin Digest

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Barclay crew.

They include
Josh Barclay,
Jon Hescht and
Kyle Inman.



Facts and Figures

August 4, 2013

AM Service.....279
Bible Study.....228
PM Service.....234
Wednesday.....227

Contribution\$7215.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....4
Placed Membership...13

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 5:30 for the sing
at the Norval Park
congregation in Zanesville,
Ohio.

Watch **“IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”**



each Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV, Dish
Channel 259, DIRECT
channel 364, and at
6:30AM on local cable
channel 4.