

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Back to School Prayer

By T. Nash (Copied)

Lord, I pray that you be with every child that is returning back to school this year. Protect them as they wait at the bus stop, ride the bus, travel by car, or walk to school. Keep them safe from dangers seen and unseen. Help our school crossing guards and bus drivers to remain attentive on their jobs.

Give our children favor with their teachers and help them pay attention in class. Let this be their best year yet for academics, sports, and fine arts.

Be with our children's teachers this year. Help them to teach in ways that each student can understand. Let them have reasonable expectations of our children and give them patience whenever their patience meter is running low. Bless the teachers with administrative support whenever needed.

Help our children to stand against peer pressure. Empower them to make decisions that will be pleasing in your sight. Surround them with good friends that are positive influences. Keep drugs and alcohol out of their reach. Help our children to keep their hormones in check, avoiding sex before marriage. Protect our children from bullies and those that mean them harm. Help them to work out their problems instead of fighting with each other.

And finally Lord, help us as parents to be even more supportive of our children this year. Strengthen our discernment. Let us know when something is going on with our children. Help us to keep them on track with their homework and study time. Help us to remember all of the subjects that we took many years ago so that we can be effective in helping our children complete their homework. Provide for us financially so that we can allow our children to go on field trips, buy school yearbooks and pictures, have appropriate clothing for the seasons, school supplies, or whatever else our children need to enhance their educational experience. Give us favor on our jobs so that we may be able to attend activities that our children may have during the work day. Remind us of the need to pray daily for our children.

In Jesus's Name,
Amen

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
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THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for remembering us with the beautiful cards on our 44th anniversary. Love, **Marion and Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you. All of the cards are beautiful. Thank you for remembering my birthday, In Christian love, **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the very beautiful birthday cards. I am blest to belong to the Camden Avenue church family. **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards I received on my birthday. They were beautiful and the comments, warmed my heart and encourage me very much. Thank you, **Ron Riddle**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone that donated school supplies and/or made a monetary donation, Thanks to those that helped assemble the bags. A special thanks to those that helped at the give-away Martha Metz, Myrtle Metz, Harold & Sally Shank, Dana Slingluff, Lenore Vaught, Kimberlee and Hannah.
Dwain Shears



Remember our church family in your prayers.

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

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsay Campbell, Gabbi Cook, 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.



BAPTISM

We rejoice that Monday evening Tera Steed was baptized into Christ by Dana Slingluff. She is the granddaughter of Linda Moncrief. Her address is 1603 Oak Street Parkersburg, WV 26101. Telephone: 304.488.4966. She will be in Care Group 2.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

We are planning to reach out to the incoming OVU students this fall. Included in our efforts will be to assist at **Move-In Day (August 24)** and the **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.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons are asked to meet next Sunday at 5:00.

LADIES LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to meet at Napoli's in Belpre Tuesday, August 20 at noon for lunch. Please sign the list on the counter if you plan to attend.

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.

BIRTHDAY CARD REQUEST

We received a card request for Clista Spaulding Farley. She will turn 97 years old on September 8. Her address is: Clista Farley, 439 Bull Mountain Road, Crum, WV 25669.

Our 27th annual Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 21.

Daily Bible Reading

August 18—Ro 10, Ps 44-47
August 19—Ro 11:1-21, Ps 48-51
August 20—Ro 11:22-36, Ps 52-56
August 21—Ro 12, Ps 57-61
August 22—Ro 13, Ps 62-66
August 23—Ro 14, Ps 67-69
August 24—Ro 15:1-21, Ps 70-72
August 25—Ro 15:22-33, Ps 73-74

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“Lessons Learned On The Farm”

(James 5:7)

When we grew up on the farm I learned that even though times were rough we still had plenty to eat and the work on the farm helped build our character. We had less than some of the other people in our area, but we didn't realize at that time that we had less materially than others. Our parent's faith sustained us during the difficult times and we enjoyed our time working together as a family.

On the farm I learned that somebody has to do the work. Each of us kids had certain chores that we had to do every day. Some of these chores like feeding the pigs were less than desirable. One of the hardest was getting up before school and milking our jersey cow. Yet that milk was very good and someone had to do it.

In the Lord's cause there is so much work to be done. A great amount of the Lord's work is done behind the scenes. Visiting the sick, sending an encouraging card, saying a kind word, preparing to teach a Bible class, taking food to a shut-in, and preparing food for a bereaved family are just a few wonderful deeds of service.

We are to serve others out of love. In Galatians 5:13 a portion of that verse says, **“but through love service one another.”** Let's enjoy working for the Lord. Truly the Lord didn't burden us with work, He blessed us with it.

By: Paul Hickerson

We sorrow at the loss last week of a fine Christian brother and servant of the Lord, Paul Hickerson. Paul served for many years as an elder in the church, first at Harmar Hill in Marietta, then at McConnelsville.

He touched many of our lives through his work with Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida).

I knew Paul for many years. I have several articles which he wrote that were printed in church bulletins. This article truly reflects who Paul was.

Our special sympathies are extended to his son, Joel Hickerson, wife Stephanie and their children, who have been attending at Camden Avenue.

~Dana



Giving Words

(II Corinthians 9:6-15)

1) Giving is a _____. “Now concerning the _____ for the saints, as I have given _____ to the churches of Galatia, so you _____ do also: On the _____ day of the week, let _____ one of you lay something aside, _____ up as he may _____, that there be no collection when I come.” (I Corinthians 16:1-2)

2) Giving is a _____. **Giving is not just for the wealthy – none of us are _____ from the command to give.** “For I bear witness that according to their _____, yes and _____ their ability, they were freely willing. Imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the _____ and the _____ of ministering to the saints.” (II Corinthians 8: 3-4)

3) Giving is a _____. “It is more _____ to give than to _____.” (Acts 20:35) “See that you _____ in this _____ also” (II Cor. 8:7). **God want to bless us in return.** “Give and it shall be _____ unto you: good _____, pressed down, _____ together, and running _____ will be put into your bosom.” (Luke 6:38) “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and _____ Me now in this... If I will not _____ for you the _____ of heaven and _____ out for you a _____ that there will not be room enough to _____ it.” (Malachi 3:10)

4) Giving is a _____. **To share in the _____ and _____ of Christianity.** “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and _____, in the breaking of bread and prayers.” (Acts 2:42) I thank My God... for you fellowship in the _____ from the first day until now.” (Phil.1:5)

5) Giving is the _____ of our _____. “Wherefore show to them and to the _____, the _____ of your _____.” (II Corinthians 8:24)

6) Giving is _____ for eternity. “But lay up for yourselves _____ in heaven... for where your _____ is, there your _____ will be also.” (Matthew 6:20-21) “Storing up for themselves a good _____ for the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life.” (I Timothy 6:19)

How Should We Give?

We should give _____. (I Corinthians 16:2)

We should give as we have _____. (II Corinthians 8:12-13)

We should give as we have _____ in our heart. (II Corinthians 9:7)

We should give _____. “He who sows _____ shall also _____ sparingly, he who sows _____ shall also reap bountifully.” (II Corinthians 9:6)

Service or Circus?



A man once stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his childhood was when he saw a tent going up. He thought it was a circus, but upon investigation he discovered it was a revival meeting. He further stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his adult life came when he saw several Christians putting up a tent. He thought it was a revival service, but upon further investigation discovered it was little more than a circus.

Have you noticed lately how reverence has given way to merriment, fear has given way to familiarity, congregational singing has given way to special performances, Bible teaching has given way to drama, and preaching the gospel has given way to after dinner speeches in the assemblies of the saints? Nearly anything and everything that brings applause, draws a crowd, increases the contribution, satisfies the young people, and has been "baptized", is thus sanctioned by some churches today.

However, is there not a sanctity and sacredness to worship that cannot be sacrificed on the altar of entertainment and cultural relevancy? I for one, believe there is.

No question about it, the circus has come to town! But this is one circus I don't plan to attend.

"...If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts..." (Malachi 1:6).

Submitted by P. Nygard

Teacher Prayer

Dear Lord, bless these teachers mightily
as they seek to teach, enrich and guide
Your precious children.

Grant them abundant resources to do their job,
Intelligence, wisdom, sensitivity, kindness,
and the material things that make it possible
to turn some of these tender green plants
into the strong, stable trees that will lead our nation,
to transform some of these buds into brilliant flowers
that will bring light, color and happiness
to all who encounter them,
and to give every one of them the tools
to be creative, and productive and to develop
their own kind of success in the world.

Lord, wrap Your loving arms around these teachers
who give so much of themselves to grow our youth
into creative, responsible adults.

We pray that You will immerse them
in your boundless, transcendent love.

We pray that You will strengthen and soothe them
when they have given so much of themselves
that they need Your extra attention, Your extra care.

We love, respect and admire these teachers, Lord
and we pray that you will watch over them always—
these special people who hold our children
and our future in their hands.

Amen.

By J. Fuchs



We want to remember our school
teachers **Jimmy Galloway, Diana
Hesselrode, Sonya Hescht, Nancy
Inman, and Debbie Tallman.**

We also thank the staff that works
in the school system whether it's
the bus garage, nurse, cook, or
teachers assistants...**Bill Fleak,
Sheri Gaston, Linda Gray, Linda
Hall, Connie Hickman, Cody
Hoover, Paul Inman, Annette Kirk,
Kay Stanley, and Amy Young.**
(College—Dr. Harold Shank, Don
Gaston, and Stan Inman.)

T H A N K S for all you do!

**We pray that all the
students and staff will have
a great school year and will
always look to God.**

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Samuel Feldman is the world's most famous bread vandal. He did \$8000 worth of damage by going around "squeezing, smashing, and poking" bags of bread and packages of cookies for over three years. He was finally caught in the act and charged with criminal mischief.

But did you know that there are bread squeezers in any group, even the church!? Yes, there are some who seem to enjoy causing friction and irritating others; those who hold petty grudges, and those who are just general pot-stirrers. These bread squeezers flatten a congregation's morale, squeeze the worst side out of others, and pick and poke at everyone whose name comes into their cross-hairs.

Are you a bread squeezer? How well do you speak of other Christians? Are you moody? Do you lash out at others when you feel you have been wronged? Do you wear your feelings on your sleeve? If yes, then you are a bread squeezer?

The church is always in need of more encouraging, uplifting, positive, happy, and contented members. Don't squeeze the bread!

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 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM—Josh Barclay

PM—Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Mills

Close—Kody Inman

6:00 PM—Todd Kirk

Close—Rick Stanley

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dennis Keller

PM—Mike Fleak

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jimmy Galloway

PM—Dave Wadlington

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galoway

Thank You!

A special thanks to all who gave blood last Monday. We received credit for 32 pints out of the 28 people who gave. (Double reds get credit for 2 pints.) We were short of the goal of 38.

I want to thank Carrie, Linda, Betty, Kay, Annette, and JoAnn for working with the canteen. A special thanks to Emma and Alisha Hershman for making the homemade cookies.

Hope to see you all at the February Blood Drive.

Marion Goldsmith

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, Doug Hershman, and Dwain Shears.



Facts and Figures

August 11, 2013

AM Service.....300

Bible Study.....227

PM Service.....235

Wednesday.....225

Contribution\$5705.04

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....3

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

LADIES INSPIRTATION DAYS

Saturday, September 14

Little Hocking congregation

Registration 8:30

9:00 with lunch at noon.

Theme: "Serve and Protect"

Speaker: **Patty Sayre**

Saturday, September 28

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

Registration 9:00-9:30

Lunch will be provided by the Ambassadors of The Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

"Becoming A Woman After God's Heart"

Speaker: **Sally Shank**

Details on the bulletin boards in the both foyers.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:45 for the sing at the Pursley congregation.

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.