

# 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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December is

## SACK THE PULPIT

to restock the church pantry.



- Any dry cereal
- Pancake mix/syrup
  - Soups
  - Peanut butter
  - Jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned potatoes
  - Canned fruit
- Treet/Spam—canned meat
  - Vienna sausages
  - Applesauce
- Macaroni and cheese



Please leave items on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.



**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  
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Keith & Peggy Cowdery are staying in  
 Cleveland following Keith's surgery so  
 that he can receive therapy.  
 They hope to be home this week.

**Please keep our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Keith Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie  
 Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Anna Barnes, Gert Barnes (Jo Langler's aunt), Naomi Bowen (Dave Wadlington's  
 grandmother) Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Lindsey Campbell (Friend of  
 Nygard's), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's step-father), Max Cowdery (Keith's  
 brother), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah  
 Inman's brother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Alice Hale, Wanda Hammett (Patty  
 Sayre's friend), Joann Haddox (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, Denver  
 Haught (Debbie Tallman's father), John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynolds  
 neice), Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan  
 Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Elaine Vincent (Margaret  
 Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay  
 Stanley's aunt)

**Please call the office and add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.**

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We extend our sympathy to Clyde and Ruth Yoho and family in  
 the passing of their daughter, Theda Ramsey. Her service was  
 held Tuesday at Kime's Funeral Home.

Also, to Breck Hesselrode and family in the passing of his  
 grandmother. Her service was held Wednesday in Missouri.



## Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Chris & Debbie Tallman**
- ♥ Thanks to Chris and Debbie Tallman for helping me get home last Sunday.  
 Thanks to Don Nesselroad for cleaning off snow and to Dwain, Bill and Delbert  
 for their concern. Wonderful church family. Love, **Peggy Dearth**
- ♥ Thank you to Don Dougherty for maintaining our church sign message.

# Church News & Announcements

## **MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS**

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

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

## **LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

The ladies holiday luncheon will be Tuesday, December 17 at the Parkersburg Country Club located at 4910 First Avenue in Vienna. (Turn down 51st Street), Arrival time: 11:00AM or after. Eating Time: 11:45AM Buffet Style: Baked steak, stuffed chicken breast, tossed salad, pasta salad, twice baked potato, vegetable medley, rolls, coffee/tea, assorted desserts. Adults: \$17.26, children 11 years of age and under \$8.78. Price includes gratuity. No sales tax. If you make a reservation you will be required to pay as the Country Club charges per reservation made. Please make checks payable to: Gala Miller. Sign up sheet in the foyer. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange for those who want to participate after the luncheon.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMER 18 SPECIAL STUDY**

Wednesday evening, December 18, we will have a combined class for all ages, 6th grade and up, in the auditorium. Brother Mark Daughety from the Barlow-Vincent congregation will be addressing the subject of the dangers of the Internet. Brother Daughety is a teacher at Warren High School and works with their IT program. He is also the father of teenaged children and a deacon at Barlow-Vincent. He along with his wife, Mary adapted the lessons in our "through the Bible" curriculum. He has spoken on this subject in other assemblies of children, their parents and grandparents. It is essential that we be aware of the dangers not only for our young people, but we too are exposed to on the Internet. Dana encourages everyone to attend.

## **PARENTS DAY OUT**

There will be a Parents Day Out on Saturday, December 21 from 2:00-6:00. We will be making pizza. Please bring snacks and beverages. All ages welcome!

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at Shoney's Saturday, December 28 at 8:30. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “One more Degree”

Samuel Walker wrote a book entitled *212 Degrees*. In the book he discusses the difference made by just one degree of additional effort. Walker writes: “At 211 degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees it boils. And with the boiling water comes steam. And with steam you can power a train. One degree.” He continues “Applying one extra degree of temperature to water means the difference between something that is simply very hot and something that generates enough force to power a machine—a beautifully uncomplicated metaphor that ideally should feed our every endeavor, consistently pushing us to make the extra effort in every task, action and effort that we undertake.”

That is certainly a very thought-provoking illustration! We often look at the enormity of a task and become discouraged before we even begin. We fail to see that even the greatest accomplishments are achieved “one step at a time.” We all put forth some effort in the matters of life that are most important to us. When we think of everything that could be done—we feel ashamed—like we have failed. But just consider the principle of “one more degree.” We could all do just a “little more” than we are doing. The difference of that little more - that one degree—might bring some real power to our endeavors.

For example, if you are not spending time reading God's word like you should—start reading and meditating on just one passage a day. If you don't pray for others on a regular basis—jot names down as you think of them and pray for them by name once each day. If you don't encourage others as you could, chose one person who needs to know that you care and send them a card—a different person each week. If you are not inviting others to attend church services with you, ask just one person to come.

None of these efforts call upon us for any great commitment or sacrifice. All of them are just a “notch above” all of the good works that we are already doing. But doing these things consistently will raise the temperature of our Christian service by at least a degree! If we could all increase our efforts in this way just think of what could happen! Add up these additional degrees and we will begin producing enough steam to power our congregation to greater growth and influence than ever before.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of “going the extra mile.” The principle is really the same. We all need to think about how each of us can increase our efforts by just one degree. The results could be amazing.



# Except You Repent

(2 Corinthians 7:8-11)

"For \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow produces \_\_\_\_\_ leading to \_\_\_\_\_, not to be \_\_\_\_\_; but the sorrow of the \_\_\_\_\_ produces \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Cor. 7:8-11).

God demands \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus preached a message of \_\_\_\_\_. "From that time, Jesus began to \_\_\_\_\_ and to say \_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom of heaven is at \_\_\_\_\_" (Matt. 4:17). "And that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of sins should be preached in His name to all \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 24:46-47).

Misconceptions about repentance: Repentance simply means to be \_\_\_\_\_. Repentance simply means to \_\_\_\_\_. "Now I rejoice, not that you were made \_\_\_\_\_, but that your \_\_\_\_\_ led to \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Corinthians 7:9).

Three steps of repentance in succession: 1) \_\_\_\_\_. 2) \_\_\_\_\_. 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Worldly sorrow is focused on \_\_\_\_\_. Godly sorrow is focused on \_\_\_\_\_. Godly sorrow produces regret but leads to \_\_\_\_\_. Worldly sorrow produces regret but leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ leads men to repentance. It begins with God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us. "For when we were without \_\_\_\_\_, in due time Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6). "But God \_\_\_\_\_ His own \_\_\_\_\_ for us, in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_ Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "For when we were \_\_\_\_\_ we were \_\_\_\_\_ to God through the death of His son" (Romans 5:10).

The Gospel produces \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow. "When they heard this, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, and said... Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

Godly \_\_\_\_\_ leads men to \_\_\_\_\_. "Or do you \_\_\_\_\_ the riches of His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and longsuffering? Not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 2:4).

We need to face the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel. I am a \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_! God \_\_\_\_\_ me! Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for me! I must \_\_\_\_\_ for Him! "Repent, and let everyone of you be \_\_\_\_\_ ... for the \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins" (Acts 2:38)

True repentance results in \_\_\_\_\_. Paul stated the following" "What \_\_\_\_\_. What vehement \_\_\_\_\_. What \_\_\_\_\_. What \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Cor. 7:11-12)

Did you repent? "Except you \_\_\_\_\_, you shall all likewise \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 13:3)

# Words To Live By

~Paul Nygard

From time to time I have had the privilege of looking through a 'preacher's Bible'. I am referring to that Bible which has been used by a preacher for many years. They are often easy to pick out among others. One of the first things you might notice is the duck-tape holding the cover together or the rubber bands around the outside to keep notes, bookmarks, and even pages from falling out. Speaking of pages, they are stained along the edges from many years of fingers seeking knowledge of God. You will not hear the crinkle of a 'new Bible' here.

This Bible has circles and arrows pointing out one verse from another. Some places are underlined and others highlighted. CIA code breakers would have a hard time figuring out the pattern of how verses are marked and referenced. Greek words are scattered everywhere. So many notes can be found in the margins that you might think a whole book could be written from them alone. In fact, some have; Wayne Jackson wrote a book titled *Notes from the Margin of My Bible*.

Thumbing through a Bible such as this is humbling. It becomes a diary and testament to one man's love for his God. The weight and responsibility of a teacher of God's word can be felt within the lovingly worn pages. I asked once, "how do you decide what verses to highlight? Are they just special to you or do you have some other pattern?" You see, I was interested so I too could have an impressive looking Bible. How foolish, how selfish of me.

This kind, older preacher smiled and then chuckled. He went over to his desk and pulled out a stack of index cards three or four inches thick. They too were stained with age and use. He explained that when he was a young preacher his friend and mentor told him to begin memorizing scripture. "You'll ne-er regret et", he mimicked. The handwritten cards helped him memorize and keep scripture fixed in his mind. Only then would he highlight them in his Bible. I swallowed a lump in my throat as I flipped the pages. There was not a single opening without verses highlighted in one color or another, some in colored pencil, others in marker. Here in my hands was a lifetime spent following in the footsteps of the savior. My eyes tear up just contemplating the sacrifices he must have made through the years and the number of souls that will one day be in heaven due to one man's humble dedication to God.

I have fondly recalled all of that to hopefully encourage you in this; teachers, preachers, dads, moms, Christians, we all grow weary from time to time. Life presents us with trials that will test our faith. Sometimes we just seem to run into a case of writer's block that lasts longer than we hoped, and other times we are afraid to become more for God than who we are now. During those times, might I suggest, if you can, look at an old duck-taped, rubber-banded, circled, arrowed, and edge darkened 'preacher's Bible' and consider that God has blessed us with a great gift...His word, direction, and love, all waiting for us to simply reach out and accept it. You just may be awed at how humbling and inspiring it can be.

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and  
rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

(Jer 15:16)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it  
day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For  
then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

(Jos 1:8)

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the  
path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of  
the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf  
also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psa 1:1-3)





## Valet Parking

We will begin offering a valet service. Valet parking will be available at every service, including Sunday morning and evening and both Wednesday services.

Anyone that would like to take advantage of this, please see Dwain Shears.

### Attendants for Sunday, December 15

Jimmy Galloway, Dwain Shears

### Wednesday, December 18

Chris Tallman



If it weren't for the optimist,  
The pessimist would never know  
How happy he wasn't.

The man who criticizes you for the way  
you do a good work, places himself  
under a solemn obligation to do that  
work in a better way!

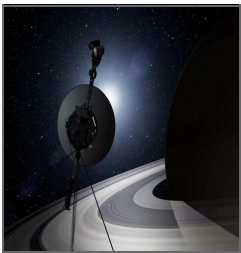
No room is more spacious than the room  
for improvement of ourselves.

"As the church builds Christian families,  
Christian families will build the church."

Bulletin Digest

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



In 1977, the United States launched a rocket into space. On board was a small craft called Voyager I, a probe that was jettisoned into space to explore the planets. After Voyager finished sending back photos and data from the Planet Jupiter and its neighbors, it didn't stop working. It just kept going!

Today 36 years later, that tiny vehicle is still going—traveling at a speed of 38,000 miles per hour. And it is over 11 billion miles from the sun!

But it's absolutely puny when compared to what God has done! It would be like hearing someone brag to the architect of the Empire State Building that he had traveled to the 2nd floor! We have barely scratched the surface of the vastness of God's creation. Every small step by mankind should continue to put us in absolute awe of God's power and creativity.

After all, He made all of the starts of heaven! Exploring the universe is amazing. But exploring the God who made it all—that is beyond amazing!

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, December 22

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman**

### SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life  
PM—Dana Slingluff

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Hoover  
Close—Clyde Yoho  
6:00 PM—Jon Hescht  
Close—Dustin Hughes

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Mike Fleak  
PM—Barry Mills  
**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Don Gaston  
PM—Russ Alton  
Cody Hoover

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk

### DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Bill Lemley  
2—Chris Tallman  
4—Mary Lemley

### PM

1. Kyle & Sarah Inman
2. Bill & Sherry Hoover
3. Dave & Carla Wadlington
4. Paul & Nancy Inman
5. Betty Lamb & Mary Daniel
6. Dennis & Sandy Keller

## Facts and Figures

December 8, 2013  
AM Service.....278  
Bible Study.....214  
PM Service.....162  
Wednesday.....195  
Contribution.....\$6477.00  
**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013**  
Baptisms.....8  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....9  
Placed Membership...22

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM



## Daily Bible Reading

December 15—Rev 3, Hos 12-14  
December 16—Rev 4-5, Joel 1-3  
December 17—Rev 6, Amos 1-5  
December 18—Rev 7, Amos 6-9  
December 19—Rev 8, Obadiah  
December 20—Rev 9, Jonah 1-4  
December 21—Rev 10-11, Micah 1-4  
December 22—Rev 12, Micah 5-7

## Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

December 22  
**BECAUSE OF JESUS**



## College Student Pick-Up Schedule

December 15—Ted Miller, Josh Barclay

December 18—Dana Slingluff



## The Power Of Can't

Words have meanings/and words have power. The Old Testament writer tells us that, *"the power of life and death are in the tongue."* Think about the power of that little statement, "I can't." It cripples and destroys opportunities. It robs us of growth and kills initiative. Once we convince ourselves that we cannot do something, and then be assured we will not be able to do it. That little statement keeps us from knowing what we truly can and cannot do. What might be done is killed before it is even attempted.

I cannot teach a Bible Class, I cannot lead a prayer, cannot teach others what they must do to be saved, and the list goes on and on of the things that cannot be done. It would be wonderful to hear, "I will try." Then after the effort has been extended I could better determine what I can or cannot do.

Some people have more faith in their doubts than they have in their Lord. Paul said, *"I can do all things through Christ."* When I was young I didn't believe I could deliver a lesson in front of a class. I had a teacher that convinced me that I could, and now I cannot hardly shut-up.

Until you try you just don't know if you can.