

# 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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## NEW YEAR'S EVENING GET TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to celebrate the New Year  
Tuesday evening, December 31 at Mineral Wells School at  
7:00PM.

We will have singing and a devotional at 8:30PM.

Bring games and sports equipment.  
Also, snacks, desserts and beverages.  
We will be collecting money for pizza.

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1 SERVICE

Please join us this Wednesday evening at 7:00 for a singing and  
prayer service.

**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  
 Jeff Taberner  
 David Wadlington

**Minister:**

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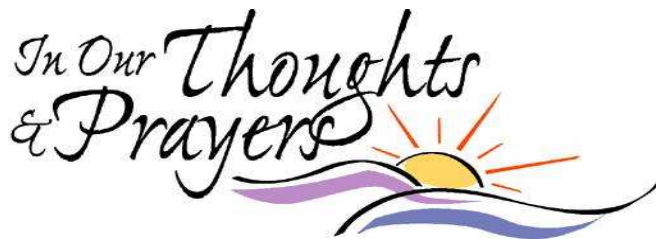
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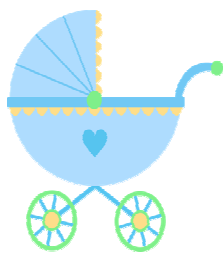
**Please keep our church family in your prayers.**

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), Lone Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Wanda Hammett (Patty Sayre's friend), Joann Haddox (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, Denver Haught (Debbie Tallman's father), Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynold's neice), Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Carol Scott (Friend of Cassie Hennen), 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), Sandy Yoho

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



**Congratulations to Walter and Marilee Morgan in the birth of their fourth great grandchild.**

**William Layton was born last Sunday, December 22 to Joseph and Angela Layton.**

**They reside in Cincinnati, OH.**

**Thanks . . .**

♥ I want to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards that I received on my birthday—and that we received for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated. **Cindy Slingluff and Dana**

♥ Thanks to everyone that brought homemade goodies to the office...Colleen Ash, Tammy Kerns, and Keith & Eloise Smith.



### **CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING**

There will be a Care Group leaders meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER**

Everyone is invited to a get-together at the Mineral Wells School on New Year's evening.

Starting at 7:00PM. Eating around 7:00 with a devotional and singing at 8:30.

Please bring money to contribute to pizza. Bring snacks, beverages and desserts.

Bring games and sporting equipment. If you are musically talented, bring your instrument.

This get-together is for all ages.

### **CHANGE IN WEDNESDAY 11:00 SERVICES FOR 1/1/14**

The 11:00 Wednesday service for January 1 will be cancelled. We will have a singing and prayer service at 7:00PM. (Songleaders: See Dana or Jim Galloway if you would like to lead a song.)

### **HARDING UNIVERSITY CHORUS**

The Harding University Chorus will be performing at the Grand Central congregation Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited.

### **AREA WIDE SERVICE**

The area-wide service will be held here Sunday, January 12 at 2:30 and is being hosted by the Mineral Wells congregation.

### **DANA'S ANNUAL "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER**

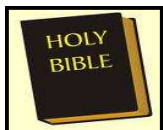
Everyone is invited to Dana's annual "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.

### **LOVE & CARE SERVICE**

Care Group 1 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 30 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services.

### **HOLIDAY CARDS**

Please check the tables at the rear of the auditorium for your holiday cards.



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

December 29—Rev 20, Zec 9-11  
December 30—Rev 21, Zec 12-14  
December 31—Rev 22, Mal 1-4  
January 1—Mat 1, Ge 1-2  
January 2—Mat 2, Ge 3-5  
January 3—Mat 3, Ge 6-7  
January 4—Mat 4, Ge 8-10  
January 5—Mat 5:1-20, Ge 11-12



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.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## THE CHRISTIAN'S GROWTH FORMULA

Most of us realize that growth is a gradual, daily process. Through daily exercise, the weak can become strong. Even recovery from illness is usually marked by noticeable, daily improvement. What we often fail to realize is that our Christian life should also be one of daily strengthening, healing and growth. Paul said, *"Though our outward man is perishing, our inward man is renewed day by day."* (II Cor. 5:16)

Spiritual growth does not come about without effort. Nor does one become mature overnight. But there are spiritual exercises that will strengthen us and draw us closer to Christ. If we *"meditate on these things and give ourselves entirely to them...our progress will become evident to all."* (I Tim. 4:15) Make the following practices a part of your life, and you'll be amazed at how much you will grow.

**TALK TO GOD EVERY DAY.** Paul said, *"continue steadfastly in prayer"* (Rom. 12:12). We must not think of prayer as something that detracts from our efforts—rather as something which strengthens them. A harried businessman said, "I have so much to do today I can't possibly accomplish what I must without spending at least an hour in prayer." When we *"pray without ceasing,"* we are never alone. Our life becomes a joint-venture with God. *"In everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God."* (Phil. 4:16)

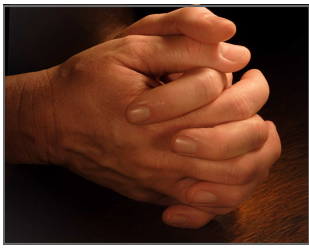
**LET GOD TALK TO YOU EVERY DAY.** God, through His Spirit, has given us a written guide for life. The Word of God is profitable for teaching, correction and instruction in righteous living (II Tim. 3:16). Meditating on it will make us wiser than our enemies (Psalm 119:97), and show us the way of salvation. How we frustrate the Spirit when we fail to take seriously God's word.

**TELL SOMEONE ELSE ABOUT JESUS EVERY DAY.** We sometimes feel alienated from the rest of the world because of Christianity. That's unnecessary because it isn't true. The people you know and work with have the same questions and are confronted by the same trials as you. What you have found to benefit you will benefit them as well. Talking about Jesus should be as natural as talking about any other loved one or friend.

**DO A GOOD DEED FOR JESUS EVERY DAY.** Nothing gives one a greater sense of purpose and self-worth than helping others. As Jesus said, *"it is more blessed to give than it is to receive"* (Acts 20:35). The good that we do for others will bless us, benefit us, benefit the ones we help, and bring glory to God. (II Cor. 9:11-14).

**ENCOURAGE A FELLOW CHRISTIAN EVERY DAY.** We should realize that if we sometimes struggle in our efforts to live for Jesus, our brothers and sisters do as well. A word of kindness, support, or encouragement can mean so much. A card or a phone call, at the right time, can change someone's mood, make their day, even change the course of their life. *"Let us exhort one another daily"* (Heb. 3:13)

Try doing each of these every day and you'll be amazed at the growth you will experience in your Christian life.



# Before the Throne of God

(Hebrews 4:13-16)

"Seeing then that we have a great \_\_\_\_\_ who has passed through the heavens, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, let us hold fast our \_\_\_\_\_. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_, but was in all points \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_. Let us therefore come \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace, that we may obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and find grace to \_\_\_\_\_ in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**To \_\_\_\_\_ do we pray? We pray to \_\_\_\_\_!** "I saw the Lord sitting on a \_\_\_\_\_, high and \_\_\_\_\_ up" (Isaiah 6:1). **God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord are in \_\_\_\_\_ place, keeping watch on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_" (Proverbs 15:3)

**God knows \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_.** "There is not \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ from His sight, but all things are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him to Whom we must give \_\_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 4:13). "For God will bring every \_\_\_\_\_ into judgment, including every \_\_\_\_\_ thing, whether it is \_\_\_\_\_ or whether it is \_\_\_\_\_" (Eccle. 12:13)

**Through \_\_\_\_\_ do we pray? Our great \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus.** "For we do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ who cannot \_\_\_\_\_ with our weaknesses, but was in all points \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 4:15). "Therefore in all things He had to be made \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, that He might be a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ High Priest... to make \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people, that He Himself \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_, He is able to aid those who are being \_\_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 2:17-18)

**What we receive \_\_\_\_\_ God through \_\_\_\_\_.** "Let us come \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne of \_\_\_\_\_, that we may obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and find \_\_\_\_\_ to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). **We can come before God boldly because we are in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**When coming before the Throne of God... we must \_\_\_\_\_ our sin and \_\_\_\_\_.** God promises \_\_\_\_\_ to us. "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is \_\_\_\_\_ and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and \_\_\_\_\_ us from all \_\_\_\_\_" (1 John 1:9)

**God's Throne is a Throne of \_\_\_\_\_.** "Righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_ are the foundation of Your \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ go before Your \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 89:14). **God will \_\_\_\_\_ watch over us.** "God is \_\_\_\_\_ Who will not allow you to be \_\_\_\_\_ beyond what you are \_\_\_\_\_, but with that temptation, will also make the way of \_\_\_\_\_ that you may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). **He has given us His \_\_\_\_\_ to help in our struggle against \_\_\_\_\_.** "That God will strengthen you with \_\_\_\_\_, through His \_\_\_\_\_ in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). "Now to \_\_\_\_\_ Him who is able to do \_\_\_\_\_ abundantly above all that we \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20). "I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).



# **Welcome To Bible Class**

## **Together, We Can Know God Better.**

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Cradle Roll</b>		
<b>2 Year Olds</b>	Gwen Johnson	Annette Kirk
		Jo Goldsmith
<b>3 Year Olds</b>	Barbara Saunders	Amanda Cochran
		Patty Mullins
<b>4 &amp; 5 (Kinder)</b>	Jenny Ware	
	Connie Hickman	
<b>1st</b>	Pam Bayer	Barbara Saunders
	Rosemary Merrill	Kay Mills
<b>2nd - 3rd</b>		Julie Moser
		Steve Moser
<b>4th - 5th</b>		Cheryl Logston
		Carol Vincent
<b>6th - 8th</b>	Ron Riddle	Ethan Ash
	Josh Barclay	Paul Nygard
<b>9th - 12th</b>	Chris Mullins	Mike Bayer
	Paul Nygard	Scott Johnson
<b>Adult (Aud)</b>		
<b>Adult (109)</b>		
<b>Young Adult</b>		
<b>/ College</b>		
<b>Ladies</b>	No Sunday Class	Carrie Nygard
		Kelly Brown

On January fifth we will begin our study on Acts & I-II Thessalonians.

Today would be a great day to begin reading ahead in the powerful word of God.

There are a few classes that do not yet have teachers. If you were planning on teaching, but have not put your name on the list, you are not too late. We will be working hard to fill of our congregation's needs.

Ladies, mark your calendars for the evening of January 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be the next *Ladies Night* here at the building.

Thank-you!!!

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the teachers that have tackled our study this fall. Exodus through Deuteronomy was no small task but we have all grown through your perseverance.

Our young people especially have been introduced to areas of scripture they have never touched before. That alone is worth all your hard work!

## Baking Communion Bread for 2014

# 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.

January—Gwen Johnson  
February—Sandy Hughes  
March—De Fleak  
April—Joyce Wright  
May—Lois Nulter/Lenore Vaught  
June—Mary Lemley  
July—Debi Inman  
August—Sallie and Sarah Hinzman  
September—Alisha and Emma Hershman  
October—Peggy Riddle  
November—Bonnie Sams  
December—Hannah Shears and Jordan Kirk

If you have any questions, please call the office.



### **Valet Service**

December 29 and January 1—Mike Bayer,  
Jeff Taberner

January 5 and 8—Jim Hughes, Herb Wright

Wednesday 11:00 Bible class—Chris Tallman,  
Herb Wright

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When he was removed from his now famous “spider hole” Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, declared, I am willing to Negotiate.” Well la te da...wasn’t that ‘noble’ of him to offer to negotiate! This man who heartlessly and mercilessly tortured and murdered thousands and thousands of people all of a sudden announces his willingness to negotiate! Surely he knew that the proverbial “jig was up” and he would have to pay for his heinous crimes. At that point, just saying “I am willing to negotiate” isn’t going to get the job done!

But what about the millions who are living their lives in rebellion to God, caring nothing at all differences between “right and wrong” or “good and evil”. What do you suppose will happen when our Lord Jesus comes again and the “books will be opened” and all will be judged by the things written in God’s Word? (Revelations 20:11-14)

Do you think this will be an appropriate time to cry out, “Oh God, I am willing to negotiate ?” I don’t think so! “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (II Corinthians 6:2)

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, January 5

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Bill Mills

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dearll Vincent

Close—Ron Holleron

6:00 PM—John Life

Close—Richard Cozad

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Jim Hinzman

PM—Steve Gray

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Kody Inman

PM—Leonard Haid

Doug Hinzman

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM**

1—Ron Riddle

2—Doug Hinzman

4—Peggy Riddle

**PM**

1. Emma Johnson & Calais Nygard

2. Jim & Sandy Hughes

3. Bill & Mary Lemley

4. Scott & Gwen Johnson

5. Dustin Hughes & Donovan Walton

6. Martha Metz & Lenore Vaught

## Facts and Figures

December 22, 2013

AM Service.....341

Bible Study.....249

PM Service.....248

Wednesday.....199

Contribution.....\$6461.00

### **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

## “MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY . . .”

Bible study is very important. We must know what the Bible teaches in order to obey God. We need to be very careful that we do not simply rely on someone else's knowledge for our own understanding. We need to know what the Bible teaches because one day we will be judged individually by it (John 12:48). Because of this fact, we, as a congregation of God's people, assemble together on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for Bible study.

However, there are members of the church, even some with children, who evidently do not see the need to study God's Word together. We must realize what we are saying to others by our example in not coming to Bible Study. To our brothers and sisters in Christ we are saying, “Fellowship with you is not important to me.” To the babe in Christ we are saying, “You don't really have to study the Bible to grow.” To the visitor we are saying, “There is not much interest in studying the Bible here.” To the Bible class teacher we are saying, “Your preparation for class means nothing to me.” To God we are saying, “I don't love You and Your Word enough to take two extra hours of my time each week to go to Bible Study.”

Sometime ago, I came across the following poem entitled, “Mary Had A Little Boy.” The author is unknown to me, but the poem teaches a powerful lesson. Please read it carefully and honestly and ask yourself “Have I been attending Bible study and worship as a true child of God should?” If you have not, make a change TODAY!

Mary had a little boy; His soul was white as snow.

He never went to Bible school 'cause Mary wouldn't go.

He never heard the stories of Christ to thrill his little mind.

While other children went to class, this child was left behind.

And as he grew from babe to youth, she saw to her dismay,

A soul that once was snowy white became a dingy gray.

Realizing he was lost, she tried to win him back;

But now the soul that once was white became an ugly black.

She even started going to church and Bible study too;

She begged the preacher, “Isn't there something you can do?”

The preacher tried, failed, and said, “We're just too far behind.

I tried to tell you years ago, but you would pay no mind.”

And so another soul is lost that once was white as snow;

Bible school would have helped him, but Mary wouldn't go.

This year is rapidly drawing to a close. End 2013 with a renewed commitment to be faithful to God in your life, love and loyalty. Begin 2014 determined to grow as a child of God!



Bob Vincent (Adapted)

Minister at the Tipp City congregation  
Son of Dearll & Carol Vincent