

# 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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Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship  
Lunch today in the MP Room after  
worship and Bible classes.

Care Group 1 will host this lunch and  
invites everyone.

**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  
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## Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for remembering me on my 90th birthday with beautiful cards, gifts, phone calls, and well wishes. You made a special birthday even more precious. Thank you, brothers and sisters. **Jo Florence**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Widows/Widowers dinner. Our residents enjoyed it very much as they do every year. They especially enjoy seeing the young people. So thank you again and we look forward to being with you again next year. **Residents and Staff of Love and Care Assisted Living**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards I received and the prayers as I traveled. I enjoyed my visit to Europe. **Macey Dean**
- ♥ Thank you for the pretty birthday cards and sweet words. **Carol Vincent**



### 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), Michael Casto (2 year old friend of Cody Young), 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), 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), Earl and Jean Vanosse (Hennen's neighbors), 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.**



### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

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

### **LADIES CLASS**

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

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

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

### **LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

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 and 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.

### **MEMBERS NAME LIST FOR HOLIDAY CARDS**

The lists of members for holiday cards are available in the foyers.

### **COUPONS**

Please bring your coupons to the library or give to Jo Langler for the exchange. Feel free to take any you can use.



Thank you to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk for decorating the bulletin boards for the winter season. They all look so nice!



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## "Judge Not"

A television ad showed a man busily fixing a spaghetti dinner. While he is chopping vegetables with a big knife the cat leaps to the counter knocking off the pot of tomato sauce that is simmering on the stove. As the man, knife still in hand, lifts the cat dripping with tomato sauce off the floor his wife walks in the door. What she saw appeared to be a crime scene! The caption admonished "Don't jump to conclusions."

Jesus said it this way *"Judge not that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother 'Let me remove the speck out of your eye; and look a plank is in your own eye?' Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye."* (Matthew 7:1-4)

God has excluded us from the judging business! The reason? We are not qualified or capable of fairly judging one another—for several reasons.

**FIRST**, because we seldom know all of the facts. Because we don't we can easily "jump to the wrong conclusion." A man having dinner with a pretty young woman in a restaurant "Set tongues a-wagging." Later it was learned that she was his sister! Someone has said "believe nothing that you hear and only half of what you see." **SECOND**, we can never know a man's heart. To impugn someone's motives is the essence of the kind of judgment that Jesus condemns. God, and God alone, knows one's intentions. **THIRD**, we are not really impartial. We all have prejudices. What we think about a person's actions is often determined by what we think of that person or those we view as "being like them." **FOURTH**, and most important, we have a full-time job making sure that our own lives are in order.

Does this mean there is never a time when we can and should determine if someone is doing wrong? Absolutely not! *"If your brother sins against you, rebuke him."* (Luke 17:3) *"If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one."* (Galatians 6:1) Brother Marshal Keeble used to say "God told us not to judge—but He did tell us to be fruit inspectors."

Jesus explained appropriate judgment in this way: *"Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment."* What is righteous judgment? Judgment that is based on God's standard (measure) not our own. Judgment that is made only after we first examine ourselves. Are we willing to be held to the same standard that we hold our brothers to? *"For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged."* *"For judgment is without mercy to the one who shows mercy."* (James 1:13)

What did you think about (her, him, brother or sister . . .?) "Excuse me, I have this stick in my eye that really needs tending to!"

# God Loves Me! (Romans 5:6-11)



## Introduction: Love is of God.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ is of \_\_\_\_\_ ” (I John 4:7) “God is \_\_\_\_\_ ” (I John 4:8).

The gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ that God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

“Behold what manner of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (I John 3:4). “That we may be able to comprehend... what is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ which passes knowledge” (Ephesians 3:18-19)

**God loved us when there was nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about us!**

“For when we were still without \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for the \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 5:6). “When we were \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 5:10)

**Unconditional love is to love simply because one \_\_\_\_\_ to.**

**God demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_.**

“But God \_\_\_\_\_ His own love toward us, in that while we were \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us” (Romans 5:8). “He loved us and sent His \_\_\_\_\_ to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins” (I John 4:10).

“Having been justified by His \_\_\_\_\_ we shall be saved from \_\_\_\_\_ through Him. We were \_\_\_\_\_ to God through the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Son” (Romans 5:9-10).

**God loves us with a love that refused to \_\_\_\_\_ up.**

“Love \_\_\_\_\_ all thing, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things. Love never \_\_\_\_\_” (I Cor. 13:7). “Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion of the son of her womb? Surely they \_\_\_\_\_ forget, but I will not \_\_\_\_\_ you” (Isaiah 49:15)

“Nothing shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:37-39)

**God’s Love makes a \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.**

“But we also \_\_\_\_\_ in God through Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom we now have received the \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 5:11).

The Love of God is \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)

The Love of God is extremely \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 2:20)

**How should we \_\_\_\_\_ to the love of God?**

By \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (I John 4:19)

By keeping His \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:15)

# **Welcome To Bible Class**

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

You are encouraged to read ahead to help be ready for Bible class. Here is where we will be, and when.

**Sunday**, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>: Moses' Farewell, Song, and blessing (Deut 30).

**Wednesday**, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>: Review as needed. Individual teachers will determine the needs for their class discussion.

**Sunday**, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: Beginning on the fifteenth, teachers will begin topical discussions. Topics will be determined by class/student needs.

**Special Note.** There will be no class on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have congregational singing, prayer, and devotional on those evenings.

On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we have the honored privilege of welcoming Mark Daughety to Camden Avenue. Mark will present some much needed thoughts concerning the current state of technology and how it is being used by some for evil purposes. He will also help us to arm ourselves against such temptations. All sixth graders through adults are encouraged to gather in the auditorium on the 18<sup>th</sup> to listen to Mark.

### Note to teachers:

If you have not picked up your teacher books for next session and are planning to teach, they are on the table next to the education bulletin board. Also, please put your name on the teacher schedule even if you are on a 'typical rotation' with another teacher. I would like to finalize the schedule before December 15<sup>th</sup> so we can address any vacancies that may arise.

**Thank you** for your help and your time, both are invaluable to the souls of your students, and to the lord.

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

(2Ti 2:2)



# 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 area.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.

## Minute of Meditation      Heard on 910 AM WLTP



What if someone approached you and asked, “Are you Happy?” How would you answer? If you answered “yes” could you prove it? Is there sufficient evidence in your life to document your professed happiness? Do you normally wear a smile and enjoy laughter or does your face reflect a grouchy nature? Are you congenial with those you associate with daily or are you aloof and distant? Is your normal conversation uplifting and encouraging or do you always speak of gloom, doom, troubles and wrongs? Do you laugh and talk with your children and grandchildren or do you speak only reprimands? Do you get excited and enthused over good things or do you dwell on the things with which you disagree and become a chronic complainer? Are you content with your station in life or do you continually whine that life is forever mistreating you?

Genuine Christianity produces Genuine Happiness. When a person is walking in the light and truly striving to live by the principles of God he will “...love life and see good days” (1 Peter 3:10).

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 15

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman**

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Brian Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Kody Inman

Close—Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM—Jimmy Galloway

Close—Doug Hinzman

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Phil Deem

PM—Scott Johnson

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Gary Herridge

PM—Bob Smith

Daniel Nygard

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM Door** 1—Bill Mills

2—Jim Hughes

4—Sandy Hughes

### **PM**

1. Chris & Debbie Tallman

2. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

3. Len & Susan Haid

4. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

5. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

6. Jim & Sandy Hughes



January 1—Jim Merrill

January 3—Teri Cox, Ryan Gaston

January 7—Nancy Kimes

January 8—\*Doug & Shannan Hinzman

January 10—Cody Hoover, Lorna Marshall, Nicole Yoho

January 11—Jessica McKenzie

January 12—Lucille Hardman

January 14—Harvey Caplinger Jr., Bill Hoover, Bob Smith

January 15—David Houser, Sam Merrill, \*Van & Nancy Putnam

January 17—Gala Miller, \*Bill & De Fleak, \*Dearl & Carol Vincent

January 18—Merilee Morgan, Alivia Moser

January 19—Barry Mills, Keith Smith

January 23—\*Jim & Sue VanCamp

January 24—Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Ashley Nygard, Joyce Wright

January 26—Brittany Gray, Becky Inman

January 27—Michael Caplinger, Betty Lamb

January 28—Nathan Caplinger, Donna McConnell

January 30—Brandi Hescht, Cotton Sayre

January 31—Zandra Holleron

\*Anniversary

## Facts and Figures

December 1, 2013

AM Service.....337

Bible Study.....247

PM Service.....229

Wednesday.....259

Contribution.....\$12865.00

### 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

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.

## College Student Pick-Up Schedule

Dec. 8—Josh Barclay, Scott Johnson

Dec. 11—Barry Mills

Dec. 15—Ted Miller, Josh Barclay

Dec. 18—Dana Slingluff



## Daily Bible Reading

December 8—I John 3, Dan 3-4

December 9—I John 4, Dan 5-6

December 10—I John 5, Dan 7-9

December 11—2-3 John, Dan 10-12

December 12—Jude, Hos 1-3

December 13—Rev 1, Hos 4-7

December 14—Rev 2, Hos 8-11

December 15—Rev 3, Hos 12-14

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

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

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

December 15

THIS MIND IN YOU