

# 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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## **Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night**

Tomorrow evening at 6:00

MP Room

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food  
items and attendance.

Please bring games.

### Elders:

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

### Deacons:

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  
304.483.3546

### Associate

### Minister:

Paul Nygard  
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### Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp

### Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Lindsey Campbell (Friend of Nygard's), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's step-father), Ryan & Rose Conger (Friends of Joni Rouse), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Lone Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Kim England (Ann Knott's brother-in-law), Bob Enoch, John Guilfooy (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), 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), Ruby Heston, Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), John Lowther, Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Bev Rlne, 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), Pat Willey (Friend of Mary Daniel), Linda Wires, Sandy Yoho

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

## THANK YOU NOTES



♥ Thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers for my birthday. I appreciate them. **Paul Inman**

♥ Thanks so much for all the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciate all of them. Love, **Donna McConnell**

♥ It's always good to receive cards. Thanks for thinking of me on my birthday. **Marion Goldsmith**

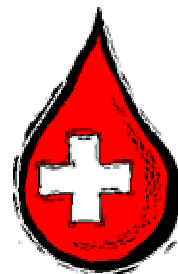


Thank you to Gwen Johnson for baking the communion bread last month.

Thanks to **Betty Lamb, Linda Camp, Karen Life, Sallie Hinzman, Barry Hupp and Jo Goldsmith** for your help.

Thanks to **Emma Hershman and Aunt Patty Dawson** for the delicious cookies.

The Blood Drive was a success! 40 pints collected...best drive for several years. **Red Cross and Marion Goldsmith**



# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REQUESTED PRAYERS

We rejoice that Kaelyn Alexander requested prayers Sunday morning, Her address is 1718 Washington Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26104. Telephone: 304.615.3847. She is in Care Group 4. We welcome her and her family with us.

## MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

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

## CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION DEADLINE TODAY

It is time to subscribe or renew your subscription to the *Christian Woman* magazine. The cost is \$15.98. Checks need to be made payable to Robin Anthony and given to her today

## GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER AND GAME NIGHT TOMORROW EVENING

The Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night has been rescheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:00. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance. Please bring games.

## LADIES LUNCH

The Ladies "brown bag" lunch will be this Thursday, February 20 at noon in the MP Room.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's breakfast will be Saturday, February 22 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

## BABY SHOWER

There will be a shower for Woody and Tabetha Wagoner's baby Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00PM. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Babies R Us. (Tabetha is confined to bed rest and will not be able to attend services much until after the baby is born.)

## DANA'S NEW, IMPROVED, RECHEDULED "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY DINNER

Dana's new, improved, rescheduled "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Thursday, February 27 at 6:00. New sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## OVU STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The Bowl-A-Thon is scheduled for March 22 from 1:00-4:00PM at Emerson Lanes. \$3.25 per games, includes shoes. See Teresa Wade for details.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

February 16—Mat 27:27-56, Le 9-10  
February 17—Mat 27:57-66, Le 11-12  
February 18—Mat 28, Le 13  
February 19—Mark 1:1-28, Le 14-15  
February 20—Mark 1:29-45, Le 16-17  
February 21—Mark 2, Le 18-19  
February 22—Mark 3:1-19, Le 20-22  
February 23—Mark 3:20-35, Le 23

Happy Birthday, **Mildred Gault**.  
Her birthday was February 11.

Happy Anniversary to  
**Russ and Patty Alton**.  
Their anniversary was  
February 14!

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “The Privilege of Worship”

During my first year in college, we were joined mid-year by a young man who had come directly from Vietnam to the freshman dorm at Harding College. He was a few years older and many years more mature than we. We were in awe of his experiences and wondered why he would choose the very sheltered life of a Christian college.

It soon became obvious that Dennis was willing to use his impressive authority to get us in line. He absolutely refused to allow any of the boys on his wing to miss worship services. He would bang on every door on Sunday morning and tell those who were sleeping in to “get out of that sack.” He would do the same thing on Sunday evenings and before mid-week Bible study on Wednesday nights. After a while, some of the boys began to challenge him. They wondered why it was so important to be at every service – even those times when they had stayed up too late or had an important test to study for?

He told us that before he had been in the service, he had the same attitude, but, he said “you cannot image what it is like to be laying in the mud, in the heat of battle, realizing that it was Sunday. I would think about my family and my home congregation – knowing they would be in church. I would say a prayer and sing a song to myself. I began to realize what a privilege it is to join with other Christians in worshipping God. I promised God, that if I survived, I would never willingly miss another assembly of the church.”

It is difficult to understand why so many of us take the privilege of joining with other Christians to worship for granted. We will allow any personal preference or inconvenience to interfere with our appointment with the Lord. A person who is indifferent about worshipping God can always find an excuse to stay away. But you will never find justification in scripture for neglecting (forsaking Hebrews 10:15) the assembling of ourselves together to worship God.

In the days of Nehemiah, the children of Israel had been without the privilege of worshipping for so long, they made a covenant and took an oath saying, “*We will not forsake the house of our God.*” (Nehemiah 10:39) The Shunammite woman rode a donkey every Sabbath to hear God’s prophet at Carmel, though her husband objected. (II Kings 4:23) In Daniel’s day, the children of God ran to and fro “*to increase knowledge,*” and learn more about God (Daniel 12:4) Jesus and his disciples were committed to the scheduled times for worshipping God. (Mark 1:21; Luke 4:16) The Ethiopian Eunuch traveled more than a thousand miles from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to worship. (Acts 8:27)

Jesus has told us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) When Jesus instituted His supper, he told us that He would “eat it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29) We are told that all of heaven surrounds God’s throne to worship Him and that the incense that goes before Him is “the prayers of the saints.” (Revelation 5:8) We should be in awe of the privilege God gives us to worship Him! What could possibly be more important? Think about this the next time you chose “whether or not” you will meet with the saints who have assembled to worship God, serve Him, and seek His will. What would you do if this privilege was taken away?

# Prayers of the Church (Acts 12:5-17)



The first church was a \_\_\_\_\_ church. “And they continued \_\_\_\_\_ in the apostles’ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and the breaking of bread and in the \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 2:42). “And we will give ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4).

**The crisis at Jerusalem – how did the church respond?** “Peter was therefore kept in prison, but \_\_\_\_\_ was offered to God for him by the \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 12:5).

**We must pray with \_\_\_\_\_.** “But in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6). “Therefore, let us come \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace that we may obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and find grace to \_\_\_\_\_ in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). **The prayers of the church were \_\_\_\_\_, fervent, \_\_\_\_\_!** “The \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of a \_\_\_\_\_ man avails much” (James 5:16).

We must pray in \_\_\_\_\_. “And all things \_\_\_\_\_ you ask \_\_\_\_\_, believing, you will \_\_\_\_\_”(Matthew 21:22). **God answered \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.** “I have seen your tears; surely I will \_\_\_\_\_ you....And I will add to your days \_\_\_\_\_ years” (II Kings 20:1-6). **Hezekiah asked for a \_\_\_\_\_.** “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go \_\_\_\_\_ ten degrees” (II Kings 20:10).

**God’s \_\_\_\_\_ power.** “Now to Him who is \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, above all that we \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20). “\_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to you, \_\_\_\_\_ and you will \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and it will be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you” (Matthew 7:7).

**We must be prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ to our prayers.** “When they opened the door and saw him (Peter) they were \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 12:16). **We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ what we pray for.** God may answer our prayer \_\_\_\_\_ than we anticipated.

\_\_\_\_\_ are the only thing that can \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ when we pray.

# You Know You Are Changing When...

P Nygard

The realization that you are changing physically hits you when the scale confirms what you already knew, that you're rounding out. Beyond that, you slow down, grey up, and that power nap turns into simply 'turning in' early. It's all part of growing older.

You find yourself growing temperamentally when your teenage daughter's musical preferences begin to grow on you. You may have never seen it coming, yet a grin crosses her shocked face after you ask, "Did Imagine Dragons or Fall Out Boy make that song?" Don't worry, you don't have to give up your Phil Collins or Rod Stewart to still be cool.

You know you are changing spiritually when the simple truth of the Gospel of Christ begins to lose its appeal; when *thus says the Lord* has been replaced with the next new worship fad and liberalism becomes preferable to following the straight and narrow path of Jesus, thus taking you captive while you hardly seem to be aware of it.

Some changes in our life are natural. Physical maturity, for example, is just a part of how God created us and like it or not, we are all changing. Some change is good and should be welcomed. A father needs to make special efforts to understand and love his daughters. Sure, we may complain about some of the music they listen to, but so did my parents to be honest. Our children understand that this is just part of the parent-teen relationship, but do they feel loved and protected when we talk to them about some of the lyrics and messages promoted in certain songs and types of music? They should.

Other changes are unnatural and become marks of spiritual decline in our lives and in the Church. A slow, general spiritual digression, has affected the Lord's church at large for many years. This kind of change destroys the distinctiveness of the Lord's church, corrupts the pulpit with fluffy sermons that tickle the ears and may go everywhere throughout the gospel, but say nothing to truly motivate the soul to move toward God; while allowing elderships to leave their true calling of shepherding God's children in favor of remaining aloof and separated through maintaining a secular board room culture. These types of changes are resulting in a wide-spread spiritual slumber among God's children and ought not to be so!

Friends, Christians, brethren...let's work to awaken the zeal and fire kindled in our hearts for God. Let us all pledge to learn more of God's will for our lives and live it. May we strive to give our children the best chance to get to heaven we can by teaching them and showing them how to live a godly life. Give your neighbor the chance to know God by offering the righteousness and goodness of the Lord through your own hand.

Yes, physical changes are going to happen in your life, that's the way it is. However, when it comes to spiritual change, will you move away from God, move toward God, or remain still doing nothing? The choice is up to you. Choose wisely.

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. (1Pe 2:1-3)





## Area Wide Teen Devotionals

### TOPIC: HEROES

February 17—Hopewell

February 24—North End

March 3—Mineral Wells

Please plan to join us Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30.

Transportation will leave here at 6:30.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter. Indicate if you will need a ride.

### Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

One day as Abraham Lincoln was leaving church, he was asked what he thought of the minister's sermon.

Lincoln said, "The minister had a strong voice and good delivery, but he forgot the most important part of a sermon. He forgot to ask us to do something great!"

Sometimes it is the preacher who forgets; sometimes it is the listener. But we all need reminding. Great preaching does not deal in the petty and the trivial. God does not merely call on us to be nice, or polite, or congenial. The call is to discipleship, sacrifice, and obedience to Him and service. The call is global/the implications are eternal, the stakes are nothing less than the souls of men and women.

Yes—just like Abraham Lincoln we need to demand that our preacher call us to something great! He should have love in his heart, but fire in his belly! And when he does, understand his call for what it is! When you hear the voice of God through the scriptures, you are being called upon to do something great!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.





Our Gospel Meeting March 9-12  
with Brother Jay Lockhart.

### FORT GAY MISSION TRIP

Volunteers are needed at the Fort Gay congregation  
July 16-23 with a door knocking effort, youth  
activities, and a Gospel Meeting with Dana. The  
sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Todd Kirk for  
details.



### Valet Parking Service

February 16 and 19—Chris Tallman,  
Donovan Walton

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

February 23 and 26—Herb Wright, Dwain Shears

### College Student Pick-Up

Sunday, February 16—Josh Barclay, Ted Miller

Wednesday, February 19—Scott Johnson

Sunday, February 23—Barry Mills, Scott Johnson



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 TOPICS

February 23  
BE WISE

### Friday Night Sing



The sing will be held at  
Hopewell this week at  
7:00.

### Opportunities To Serve Sunday, February 23

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - John Life  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Keith Smith

#### SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht  
PM—Dana Slingluff

#### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jeff Taberner  
Close—Jimmy Galloway  
6:00 PM—Delmas Carr  
Close—Brandon Sheppard

#### SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Lemley  
PM—Dustin Hughes

#### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Chris Tallman  
PM—Bill Merrill  
Brian Knotts

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

#### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1—Dwain Shears  
2—Donovan Walton  
4—Kimberlee Shears

#### PM

1. Ryan Hesselrode & Ashley Nygard
2. Richard & Lorna Marshall
3. Todd & Annette Kirk
4. Bob & Gala Miller
5. Herb & Joyce Wright
6. Mike & Teresa Wade

### Facts and Figures

February 9, 2014

AM Service.....300

Bible Study.....190

PM Service.....192

Wednesday.....226

Contribution.....\$6205.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

#### Wednesday

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