

# 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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## Our **Gospel Meeting** March 9—12 with Brother Jay Lockhart.

Invite you family and friends.

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### **Fort Gay, WV**

We need volunteers at the Fort Gay congregation July 16-23. We will distribute information to invite this community to Vacation Bible School and the Gospel Meeting with Dana.



Details are on page 6.

**Elders:**

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

**Deacons:**

Delmas Carr  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Brian Haught  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
 Kyle Inman  
 Scott Johnson  
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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, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Kim England (Ann Knott's brother-in-law), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tammy Hatfield, Bev Rlne, Karen Newberry Shaw, Tracy Sheppard (Neice of Gwen Lucas), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Shirley Sutton (Margaret Dawkins' sister), 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), Sandy Yoho

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

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We extend our sympathy to Margaret Dawkins in the passing of her sister, Pat Boso. She passed away Thursday. No arrangement information available at this printing.

Also, to Corrina Francis, Lorna Marshall and Dean Yoho in the passing of their brother-in-law, Emmer Braham.

Sheila Deems requested prayers as she deals with the loss of three family members recently.

## THANK YOU NOTES



♥ Thank everyone for the anniversary cards. They were woonnddeerrful!!

**Dennis and Sandy Keller**

♥ Thanks for the many birthday cards and gifts. Love to all, **Mildred Gault**

♥ Thanks to Herb and Joyce Wright for preparing food for the Golden Agers soup bean dinner. Thanks to all that attended and brought food.

# Church News & Announcements

## **REQUESTED PRAYERS**

Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother) requested prayers Sunday.

## **MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

Josh and Felicia Barclay have transferred their membership to the North End congregation.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

## **LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

## **BABY SHOWER**

There will be a shower for Woody and Tabettha 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 their baby is born.)

## **DANA'S NEW, IMPROVED, RESCHEDULED "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.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet March 3, 17 and 24. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food and attendance count. We will meet at 5:45 for dinner followed by a short devotional then receive our work assignments, including visits, work around the building, cards, etc.

## **GOSPEL MEETING**

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

## **LADS TO LEADERS**

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.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, TRENT!**

The Maryland Community Theatre Readers Choice Award for 2013, voted Trent Goldsmith first place for Best Musical Director of a production at the Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre. He is employed at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and enjoys performing and directing music at the theatre on weekends during the summer.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “HOW MUCH DO WE LOVE THE LOST”

Many excuses are made as to why the church is not growing; we say we are too busy or that others are not interested. But, I believe, the main reason the church is not growing as it should or even as it once did is because we simply do not love the lost as much as we should. How much should we love the lost?

1. **WE SHOULD LOVE THE LOST AS ALL HEAVEN DOES.** God loves the world. (John 3:16) Jesus died for sinners. (Romans 5:8) The Holy Spirit has given us the gospel which is the power of God to save the lost. Both He and the Bride invite those who are lost to come. (Rev. 22:17) The angels rejoice over one sinner who repents. Who loves the lost? All heaven does!
2. **WE SHOULD LOVE THE LOST AS THE EARLY CHURCH DID.** Just 30 years after Christ commanded the gospel to be taken into all the world, Paul said that it had been done! (Colossians 1:23) How did it happen? Not by the apostles alone. Not by the evangelists and elders alone. It took every member, going everywhere, preaching the word. (Acts 8:4)
3. **WE SHOULD LOVE THE LOST WITH SYMPATHY AND COMPASSION.** Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because it represented thousands of lost souls. Every day we come into contact with hundreds of people, but until we stop thinking of them only as neighbors and friends and begin to think of them as lost souls in need of salvation, we will never win them to Christ. How many tears are being shed, how many prayers are being offered out of concern for the lost?
4. **OUR LOVE FOR THE LOST MUST BE PERSONAL.** “Go ye” means “Go me!” There may not be much that you can do to win the lost but there is something. Every one of us can give a lesson tract to a friend or invite a neighbor to come with us to church.
5. **OUR LOVE FOR THE LOST MUST BE SACRIFICIAL.** Paul said he would give his soul for the salvation of his people if that were possible. What would we give? Is it worth an evening of our time? Perhaps some of the money we normally use for recreation or to purchase things we don't really need? Are we willing to risk not being in a particular social circle? Jesus sacrificed everything to purchase our salvation. What is the value of a soul?
6. **WE MUST LOVE THE LOST URGENTLY.** Time is running out. The same person you could have taught today may be listed in tomorrow's obituary. David once wrote “no man cares for my soul.” (Psalm 142:4) How tragic it will be to see those in judgment who we could have taught only to have them say “You never mentioned Him to me.”

**HOW MUCH DO WE LOVE THE LOST?**



# HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE: (Matthew 5:1-12)

"Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit, for theirs is the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven. Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the earth. Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness, for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall \_\_\_\_\_ God. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Blessed are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ sake, for theirs is the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven." (Matthew 5:3-10)

## THE WORLD'S VIEW OF WHERE HAPPINESS IS FOUND:

- Money and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - People and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A perfect set of \_\_\_\_\_.

## TRUE STATEMENTS ABOUT HAPPINESS:

- Happiness comes from knowing your \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Happiness comes when you \_\_\_\_\_ who you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Happiness comes when you make a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.
- Happiness is the result of being at peace with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE GREATEST COMMAND:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, all your \_\_\_\_\_, and all your \_\_\_\_\_. This is the first and great command. And, the second is like it, you shall \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_." (Matthew 22:37-39)

## HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE:

"Most men are about as happy as they \_\_\_\_\_ up their \_\_\_\_\_ to be" (Lincoln).  
"We cannot always choose our \_\_\_\_\_, but we can change our \_\_\_\_\_ toward them."

## TRUE PEACE IS FOUND ONLY IN \_\_\_\_\_.

## SEVEN STEPS TO HAPPINESS:

- Commit your life daily to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- Spend time each day in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Get rid of \_\_\_\_\_ daily.
- Spend time each day getting closer to \_\_\_\_\_ ones.
- Spend time each week in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians.
- Be involved in a daily \_\_\_\_\_ that brings \_\_\_\_\_ and accomplishes \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do something \_\_\_\_\_ for someone each \_\_\_\_\_.





## FORT GAY MISSION TRIP

We need volunteers to help with the Fort Gay Mission trip July 16-23. Fort Gay is 35 miles south of Huntington, WV. We will distribute literature to invite the community to Vacation Bible School to be held July 18 and the Gospel Meeting with Dana Slingluff July 20-23.

We plan to leave here at 9:00AM Wednesday, July 16, arriving at Fort Gay at Noon. We will distribute literature from 1:00PM-4:00PM then attend evening Bible study with the brethren there. We will distribute literature again Thursday, July 17 and Friday, July 18 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon and 1:00PM-4:00PM. We would welcome your commitment to any or all of these days. We especially need help Wednesday through Friday in preparation for Vacation Bible School.

We will hold VBS on Saturday, July 19 from 10:00AM-2:00PM with activities to follow. We need VBS teachers, helpers, craft workers, and people to help with activities.

This will be a wonderful way to spread the Gospel, encourage that congregation, and fulfill the Great Commission.

If you can help with this great work, please sign the sheet on the counter. If you have any questions, please see Rick Stanley, Todd Kirk, or Bill Mills.

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From time to time in my career I have had a supervisor say something to the effect of, "You need to move away from your comfort zone." What they were telling me is that in order to become better at my job, I needed to challenge myself in ways that would make me grow.

Is it any different for Christians? Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." (Mt 28.18) I wonder how nervous or even scared those men were once they realized just what Jesus was asking of them; yet they grew more with God than they ever could have without Him.

God has providentially provided us the opportunity to work with our brothers and sisters in Ft. Gay this summer. Will you consider stepping out of your comfort zone to help them bring the gospel of Christ to their community? One soul is worth more than the whole world (Mt 16.26). What is our time worth to God? How far can your spirit grow with His help? Think about it.

P Nygard





## Area Wide Teen Devotionals

February 24—North End

March 3—Mineral Wells

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

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

Transportation will leave here at 6:30.



Please pray for those attending the  
Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) in  
Gatlinburg, TN. They left Friday  
morning and are to return today.  
We thank those involved with this  
work.



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

The conference will be April 18-20 in  
Louisville, Kentucky.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A group of nine-year-olds were asked their opinions on the subject of death.

Levi said, "When you die, they bury you in the ground and your soul goes to heaven; but your body can't go to heaven because it'd be too crowded up there already."

Carly answered, "Only good people go to heaven. The other people go to where it's hot all the time like Florida."

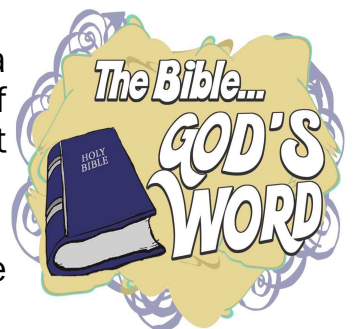
Alex replied, "Maybe I'll die someday, but I hope I don't die on my birthday because it's no fun to celebrate your birthday if you're dead."

Lizzy added, "When you die, you don't have to do homework in heaven, unless your teacher is there too."

Aren't the thought of our children so precious! But, death is a serious matter for all of us and we need to be prepared. As the writer of Hebrews so aptly put it, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

Read God's word; Study it and obey it! This is how we prepare!

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, March 2

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Bill Mills  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Leonard Haid

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode  
PM—Josh Barclay

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jon Hescht  
Close—Russ Alton  
6:00 PM—Kody Inman  
Close—Scott Johnson

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Doug Hershman  
PM—Jimmy Galloway

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Mike Fleak  
PM—Paul Inman  
Dan Rich

**PA SYSTEM**—Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM**  
1—Gary Herridge  
2—Delmas Carr  
4—Tammy Kerns

### **PM**

1. Ben Haught & David Mullins
2. Jennifer Thomas & Susan Anderson
3. Ron & Peggy Riddle
4. Don & Sheri Gaston
5. Jim & Sandy Hughes
6. Jim & Rose Merrill



## Daily Bible Reading

February 23—Mark 3:20-35, Leviticus 23  
February 24—Mark 4:1-25, Leviticus 24-25  
February 25—Mark 4:26-41, Leviticus 26  
February 26—Mark 5:1-20, Leviticus 27  
February 27—Mark 5:21-43, Numbers 1-2  
February 28—Mark 6:1-29, Numbers 3-4  
March 1—Mark 6:30-56, Numbers 5-6  
March 2—Mark 7:1-23, Numbers 7

## College Student Pick-Up

Sunday, February 23—Barry Mills, Scott Johnson

Wednesday 26, February — Kyle Inman

Sunday, March 2—Mike Bayer, Kyle Inman



## Facts and Figures

February 16, 2014

AM Service.....287  
Bible Study.....230  
PM Service.....182  
Wednesday.....230  
Contribution.....\$6604.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership.....2



## Valet Parking Service

February 23 and 26—Herb Wright, Dwain Shears

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

March 2 and 5—Herb Wright, Dwain Shears

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

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



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.

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
here Friday at 6:30 for  
the sing at the Mineral  
Wells congregation.