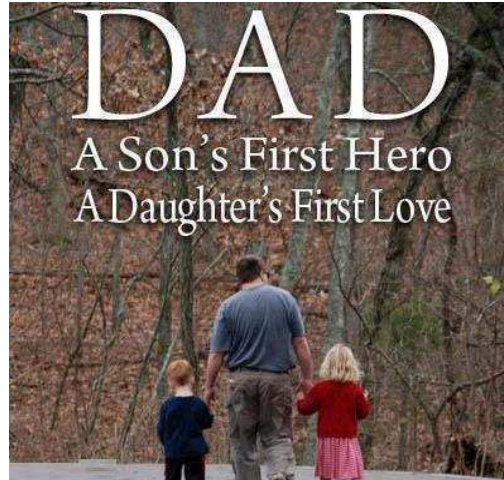


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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MY FATHER IS A CHRISTIAN

My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.
Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.
I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.

Copied

Elders:

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

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 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
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**Everything
 to Christ in
 prayer**

Remember our church family in your prayers:

Mary Ann Barclay, Lee Edwards, Bob and Lillie Fox, Marion Goldsmith, Zandra Holleron, Sharon Midkiff (broke her ankle), Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patricia Blackman (Family friend to Mary Daniel), Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), John Huxley (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), Donna Ludwig, Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

You may call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.

Camden Clark Hospital

Ed Porter (TC 12)

St. Joseph's

.Marion Goldsmith (Room 405)

Jim VanCamp (Room 425)



We extend our sympathy to the family of Jean Buckley. She passed away February 15.

Her funeral was Tuesday at Kimes Funeral Home.

Thank You Note

♥ The Family of Jean Buckley sends thanks to all for the flowers, visits, cards, and prayers at our Mom's passing. A special thanks to all those that helped with the food and dinner after the funeral service. Mom loved her Church Family. We appreciate all that you have done.
Belinda, Karen, and David

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet today at 5:00.

BASEBALL MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone interested in the baseball trip August 9, Cleveland vs. Los Angeles. See Rick Stanley for details.

LOVE & CARE SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00.

STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 2 at the Pike Street Lanes from 1:00-4:00. \$3.25 per game, shoes are included at no charge. For more information, see Teresa Wade.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a come and go 90th birthday celebration for Virginia McCutcheon Wednesday, March 6 from 2:00-4:00 at the Cedar Grove Personal Care facility. (This will also be a 71st birthday celebration for Gary Herridge.)

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER

Dana and Cindy Slingluff invite everyone to the annual I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY dinner at Western Sizzlin' Thursday, March 7 at 6:00. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

LADIES LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday, March 19 at noon.

LAWN CARE CREW

If you would be willing to help on the lawn crew, please see Dwain Shears.

Estate Planning Service at Ohio Valley University

Over 70% of Americans die without a will. Most Americans spend less than two hours planning what will happen with their finances after their death. The vast majority take more time to plan summer vacations than to prepare their estate. Without preplanning, the government decides how an individual's funds are handled at death.

OVU recently secured the services of a Christian estate planner to help Christians plan their end of life finances.

The Christian estate planners are available to assist Christians in making sure their estate continues to support the concerns they cared about in this life. Call Harold Shank (304.452.2842) or Keith Stotts (304.488.1219) for more information.

The initial consultation is free.

Daily Bible Reading

February 24 - Mk 4:1-25, Le 24-25
February 25 - Mk 4:26-41, Le 26
February 26 - Mk 5:1-20, Le 27
February 27 - Mk 5:21-43, Nu 1-2
February 28 - Mk 6:1-29, Nu 3-4
March 1 - Mk 6:30-56, Nu 5-6
March 2 - Mk 7:1-23, Nu 7
March 3 - Mk 7:24-37, Nu 8

COUPONS

Please leave coupons in the library or give to Jo Langler. Feel free to take any that you can use.

Pantry Items Needed. . .

Our church pantry is getting low on the following items:

Jelly, applesauce, evaporated milk, canned carrots, gravy, and pasta

Items may be left in the library.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Overcoming the Worry Habit

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus addresses the habit of worry. "Therefore, I say to you do not worry." (Matthew 6:25) That's pretty plain isn't it? Paul states just as emphatically in Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious in nothing." God doesn't want us to worry less, or keep our worry under control—He wants us to stop it! In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus gives at least five reasons why a Christian should not worry—at all!

1. Worry is unnecessary. A study on worry, made some years ago at the University of Minnesota, concluded that 40% of the things people worry about never happen. Another 30% were things that were past and could not be changed; 22% were petty and meaningless. Worry is a tremendous waste of energy and emotion. Worry is unnecessary because "your heavenly Father knows." (Matthew 6:32)

2. Worry is unkind. You show the attitude that you have toward God in the things that you worry about. Jesus gives two illustrations that show the care that God gives to the things He created—He feeds the birds of the air (Matthew 6:26), He clothes the lilies of the field (Matthew 6:28-30). Then He asks, "Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26) Isn't it cruel to think of God that He doesn't care?

3. Worry accomplishes nothing. Someone has said that worry is like a rocking chair—it keeps you busy, but it gets you nowhere. That is so true. No need has ever been met, no problem has ever been resolved by worry. Jesus said "which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:27)

4. Worry is bad for you. Medical research has proven that stress kills. Anxiety places a constant strain upon the nervous and vascular system. In 1963, a Christian physician by the name of Dr. S.I. McMillen wrote a book entitled, *None of These Diseases*. In it he stated "Emotional stress can cause high blood pressure, toxic goiter, migraine headaches, arthritis, stroke, heart trouble, ulcers, and other serious diseases too numerous to mention." The expression "he worried himself sick," has basis in reality.

5. Worry shows a lack of faith. Jesus' conclusion about worry: "O you of little faith." It is only natural that Godless people ("the Gentiles," Matthew 6:32) should worry. They believe that they are on their own in this world. If they can't provide for themselves, they are in trouble. But the Christian should realize that our "heavenly Father knows" what we need, and has promised to provide. The Christian who habitually worries is saying "I don't trust God."

So how can we stop this negative and crippling habit? Jesus has also told us how worry can be overcome:

1. Worry is defeated by faith. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." (John 14:1) The main component in faith is trust. It is not enough just to believe that God exists, we must surrender our lives to Him and then trust in His care.

2. The access to God's help is prayer. Paul said, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6) God wants to help. (Hebrews 4:16) The key to overcoming worry is to "let go and let God." Casting all of your cares on Him, for He cares for you." (I Peter 5:7)

3. The key to living a worry-free life; take one day at a time. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:34)

Harold Shank will be speaking to us this evening in Dana's absence.
Dana is attending a lectureship in Tennessee.

Let not your heart be troubled:

(John 14:1-6)



“Let not your _____ be troubled; you _____ in God, believe also in Me. In My _____ house are many mansions; if it were _____ so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a place for you. And if I _____ and prepare a place for you, I will _____ again and _____ you to Myself; that where I am, there _____ may be also. And where I go you know, and the _____ you know.” (John 14:1-4)

Faith is the _____ for a troubled heart. God will not let us down. “For I am persuaded that neither _____ nor life, nor _____ nor principalities nor _____, nor things _____ nor things to come, nor height or _____, nor any created thing, shall be able to _____ us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

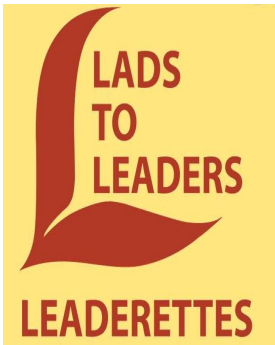
Reasons to “take heart” when our hearts are troubled:

#1) Our situation is only _____. We can endure nearly anything – realizing that this life will soon be over. “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be _____ with the _____ which shall be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18)

#2) When this life is over - _____. “in My Father’s house are many _____.” (John 14:2) **Jesus was homesick for heaven.** “There will be no more _____, nor _____, nor crying. There shall be no more _____, for the former things have _____ away.” (Rev. 21:4)

#3) We have the _____ of salvation. Jesus assured “And where I go you _____, and the _____ you know.” (John 14:4) “I am the _____, the _____ and the life. No one comes to the Father _____ by Me.” (John 14:6) “Go and make _____ of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, _____ them to _____ all things I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

#4) We are not _____. **Jesus promised** “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another _____, that He may abide with you forever – the _____ of truth.” (John 14:16) “And lo, _____ will be with you _____, even to the end of the world.” (Matthew 28:20)



The youth group is hard at work preparing for the convention in Louisville. There are many activities finishing up. We would appreciate any encouragement that is given as they continue their hard work. The work that they are doing is helping them grow into the Church of tomorrow.

We want to share with you more vents the youth are participating in. They deserve to be recognized for ALL their hard work!

Todd Kirk

Collin Wadlington

Art Says It—Photography
Group Scrapbook
Group Banner

Daniel Nygard

Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Parade of Winners

Madison Taberner

Art Says It—Photography
Art Says It—Poster
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading
GIFTS II
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise—Winner Circle
Year Round Songs of Praise
Group Banner

Andrew Williamson

Art Says It— Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It—Painting
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
Good Samaritan
Song Leading

Emma Hershman

Art Says It—Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It—Photography
Bulletin Board—Informative/Decorative
Bulletin Board—Teaching
Year Round Bulletin Board
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading
Centurion of Scripture
Know the Books
GIFTS II
Good Samaritan
Mass Media—Video Presentation
Mass Media—Power Point Presentation
PEARLS Test
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise
Year Round Songs of Praise
Speech—Winner Circle
Group Banner

Haylee Smith

Art Says It—Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Songs of Praise

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

The convention will be March 28-31 in Louisville, KY.



Monday Area Wide Devotionals

The area wide devos. are Mondays 7:00-8:30.
All youth and parents are invited.
Bring your Bible.

February 25 - Area wide youth (*Barlow Vincent*)
Leaving at **6:30**

March 4 - Area wide youth (*Camden Avenue*)

March 11— Area wide youth (*Dewey Avenue*)
Leaving at **6:00**

Please sign the sheet(s) on the counter and indicate if you need a ride or if you are meeting us there.

Youth calendars are available on the counter.



CARR-LLOYD RECEPTION

Delmas and Naomi Carr are hosting a reception for their daughter, Melissa and her husband, Scott Lloyd Saturday, March 9 from 2:00-4:00 in the MP Room.

Everyone is welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS!

TJ and Tiffany Lewis are the proud parents of a baby girl, Rylie Nichole. She was born Monday, February 18.

Proud great-grandmother is Lenore Vaught.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Down through human history, there have been some really bad deals made. For example, in the Louisiana Purchase, the United States acquired 828,000 square miles of land for approximately three cents an acre. While this was a great deal for our country, it was a horrible deal for the French who sold it.

In the 2007 NFL draft, Oakland had the first pick. In the same year, Portland had the first pick in the NBA draft. Both franchises spent millions to sign their respective selections. Yet after five years, neither multi-million dollar picks was playing. In hindsight, these were bad deals. However, they were not the worst deals ever made.

The worst deal ever made involves the soul! It involves trading your soul for the world. Jesus asked, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

The devil is trying to get us to trade our souls for the world. But I ask this question; why would we trade our souls for that which is passing away and for that which cannot be taken with us?

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 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Kevin Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Dave Wadlington

6:00 PM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Rob Hoover

PM - Jim Merrill

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Brian Haught

Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Davis
 2 - Ray Sams
 4 - Carolyn Davis

PM

1. Mike & Pam Bayer
2. John & Karen Life
3. Kristy Thomas & Tammy Kerns
4. Addie Miller & Sheila Deems
5. Betty Lamb & Martha Metz
6. Harvey & Mary Caplinger

Facts and Figures

February 17, 2013

AM Service.....279

Bible Study.....224

PM Service.....230

Wednesday.....234

Contribution\$6447.00

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



March Birthdays—Anniversaries

March 1—Norma Cooper

March 4—Gary Herridge, Paul Hoover

March 5—Haylee Smith, Cody Young

March 6—Gavin Hilliard, Kayla Inman, Virginia McCutcheon

March 7—Harvey Caplinger Sr.

March 11—Malorie Fleak, Garrie Miller

March 12—Penny Eddy

March 13—Allie Plant Moore

March 14—Jim Galloway

March 15—Mark Dean, Anthony Hilliard, Paul Saunders

March 16—Dennis Keller, *Bill & Kay Mills

March 18—Billie Coe

March 19—Felicia Barclay, Lee Edwards

March 21—Sheila Deems, Lillie Fox

March 22—Barbara Cramlet

March 26—Sherry Hoover, Ted Miller

March 27—*Stan & Debi Inman, *Leonard & Lee Ann Shears

March 28—Kathleen Albright, Jon Drake, Donovan Walton

March 29—Josh Barclay, Rob Hoover, Teresa Wade

March 31—Scott Smith, Norma Vaught

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office **before** Wednesday. The calendars will be available Wednesday.

Watch
"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S
WAY"

each Sunday morning at
7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

March 3
BUT HE LIED



Friday Night Sing

The sing scheduled for this week has been cancelled.

The next sing will be held at the Bridgeport congregation
March 8.

Transportation will leave here at 5:15.