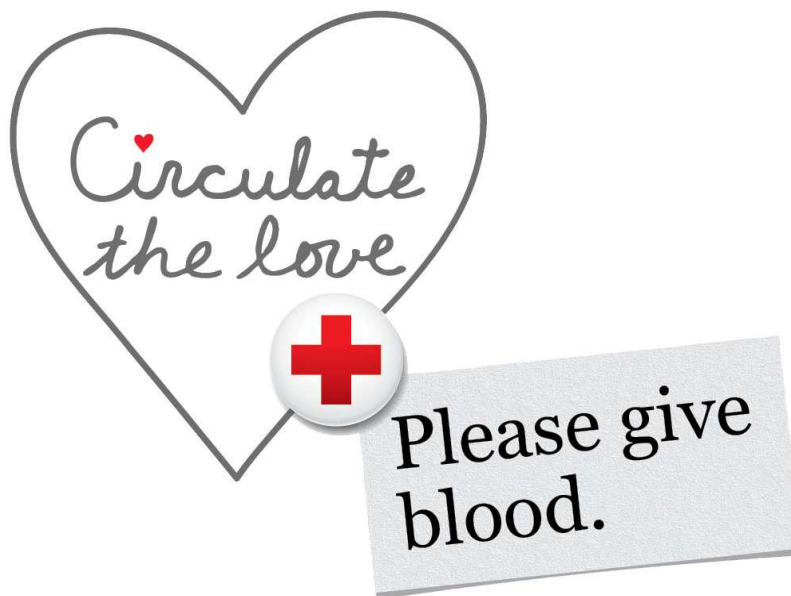


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

Volume 47, Number 5 - February 2, 2014



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 10 in the MP Room
from 1:00—6:00PM.



The sign-up sheet is on the counter.



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
 304.483.3546

Associate**Minister:**

Paul Nygard
 304.966.6842

**Camden Avenue
 Church of Christ**

2900 Camden Avenue
 Parkersburg, WV
 26101

Office: 304.428.0504
Fax: 304.428.0505

E-mail: camdencoc@
 cascable.net

Website:

Camdenavenue
 churchofchrist.com

**St. Joseph's Hospital**

John Rockhold (Room TC 353)

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, 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, Michelle Goldsmith, 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), 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), Linda Wires, Sandy Yoho

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

Cotton Sayre recently suffered a fall resulting in surgery to his wrist.

Cotton and Patty Sayre
 C/O Dale Dotson

#83 Midlane Place, Land Yacht Harbour
 Melbourne, FL 32934

**Thank You Notes . . .**

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They were all really nice and I appreciate them. **Keith Smith**
- ♥ I want to thank my Christian friend for the beautiful card and gift for Christmas and the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. I sure enjoy them all. May God bless you all. This keeps me going. **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ Our family wishes to thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and the meal that was prepared during Dale's recent illness and passing. Your kindness will forever be remembered. **Sherry and the C. Dale Wilcox family**



CYC UPDATE

Your CYC money needs to be given to Paul Saunders today.

YOUTH SUPER BOWL GET-TOGETHER

There will be a Super Bowl Get-Together for our youth at the Moser's home this evening after services. Directions are with the sign-up sheet on the counter.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER AND GAME NIGHT

The annual Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets for food items and attendance are on the counter. Remember to bring games.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LADIES LUNCH

The Ladies Lunch will be in the MP Room Thursday, February 13 at noon. Bring a "brown bag" lunch and a Valentine's Day card to exchange.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING SCHEDULES

The 2014 Friday Night sing schedules are available in the foyers. The first sing will be February 14 at the 6th and Washington congregation.

FORT GAY MISSION TRIP

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

CD'S AVAILABLE

CD's are available on the counter of the Friday Night sing held here November 15 and the area-wide service January 12.

MID-WESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME

Mid-Western Children's Home is in need of house parents. They can be reached at 513.877.2141 or www.mid-western.org.

LLL

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.



The Sky Isn't Falling

By Steve Higginbotham
(2008)

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University. The Christian Higher Education Foundation, representing colleges and universities affiliated with Churches of Christ, commissioned Dr. Flavil Yeakley to study the post-high school years of our young people related to their spiritual growth.

Dr. Yeakley presented several interesting facts that I wish to share with you. Not only did he share information about our young people, but about churches of Christ in general. Here are some of the statistics that he shared:

- Churches of Christ constitute the **12th** largest religious group in America.
- Churches of Christ are the **6th** fastest growing church in America.
- Churches of Christ rank **4th** in the nation in total number of congregations.
- Churches of Christ rank **5th** in the nation in number of counties in which there is a congregation.
- Churches of Christ rank **1st** in the nation in distribution of congregations.
- Churches of Christ rank **1st** in the nation in weekly attendance among its membership.

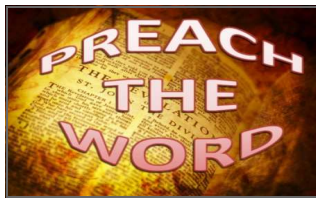
That's a far cry from the gloom and doom propaganda that some have been preaching. So much for the talk that we must embrace certain innovations if we want to grow and remain relevant.

Another interesting tid-bit from Dr. Yeakley's research was that the greatest retention rate of young people following graduation from high school comes from congregations who are described as "middle of the road," whereas the worst retention rate of young people comes from congregations who are described as "much more liberal."

Friends, while we certainly have room for improvement, these statistics prove that we're doing some things right. While we need to be warned and sometimes criticized, we also need to be encouraged, strengthened, and patted on the back. Take a child from the time he is old enough to understand the words, and give him constant criticism. Tell him how he is no good, and how other children are better than him. Tell him that he is worthless, and that he has not and cannot achieve anything worthwhile. What impact do you think this would have on the self-image and productivity of that child?

Likewise, take a church, and for an extended period of time, do nothing but criticize it. Tell it how it is no good. Tell it how other "churches" are better than it. Tell it that it is irrelevant, legalistic, and graceless. Tell it that it cannot achieve anything worthwhile. Now what kind of impact do you think this would have on the self-image and productivity of that church? I would suggest the same.

These statistics aren't given so that you will have something about which to brag, but rather are given to encourage you to "keep your hands to the plow" and help you to realize that you are making a positive impact in the world.



Everywhere Preaching the Word

(Acts 8:1-4)

“At that time a great _____ arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all _____ throughout the regions of _____ and _____, except the _____”(Acts 8:1) “Therefore those who were _____ went everywhere _____ the _____”(Acts 8:4).

How is the size of the church described in these verses?

- Acts 1:15 _____
- Acts 2:41 _____
- Acts 4:1-4 _____
- Acts 5:12-14 _____
- Acts 6:1 _____

#1) It is not the _____ but the _____ that determines church growth.

#2) Evangelism is every Christian's _____. “Go and make _____ of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to _____ all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20).

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, _____ these to _____ men who will be able to _____ others also” (2 Tim. 2:2).

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal _____, a holy _____, His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the _____ of Him who has _____ you out of darkness into His marvelous _____” (1 Peter 2:9).

The church will die when evangelism becomes the special _____ of special _____ at special _____.

#3) As Christians we must _____ wherever we _____. Every Christian is a _____ somewhere to _____. “Who knows whether you have come into the _____ for such a _____ as this?” (Esther 4:14)

#4) Christians must go everywhere _____ the _____. People cannot be saved without the _____. “And _____ be ready to give an _____ to everyone who asks you a reason for the _____ that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).

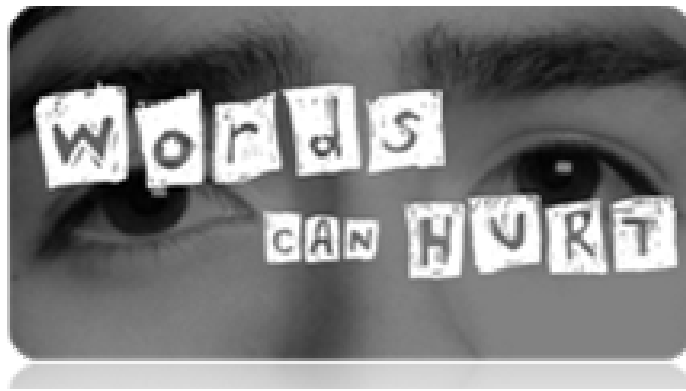
The Formula for successful Evangelism

Every _____

Every _____

Every _____

Telling _____ about _____!



“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.”

These words have been used many times by those being abused by name-callers and accusers as a defense against the hurt which accompanies such. The sad thing is, it really doesn't help. It hurts to be the subject of the cruelty of thoughtless people - no matter how many of these jingles and rhymes one might recite.

However, there is a way to deal with the hurt which will soften the pain some, or, at least help one to endure it. Permit me to suggest the following:

Consider that the name-caller has a problem and pity him. Add this person to your prayers. Jesus said; “Pray for them that despitefully use you,” (Matthew 5:44). Remember that Jesus was also the victim of name-calling (Luke 7:34). This makes him qualified to understand the hurt you suffer, (Hebrews 4:14-16). Remember that calling someone something doesn't make it so. Those who take name-callers seriously demonstrate that they have more confidence in the judgment of the name-caller than they do in themselves.

Don't sink to their level by retaliating or by taking your hurt out on someone else. Take a lesson from your own hurt and refrain from inflicting the same hurt on others.

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof,” (Proverbs 18:21). Words can cut very deeply, and scar a relationship severely; especially those words spoken unkindly in making “fun” of another human being. Let's be sure our words are uplifting and strengthening in nature, or keep silent.



Area Wide Teen Devotionals

TOPIC: HEROES

February 3—Lubeck (Abraham-Hero of Faith, Genesis 22:1-14)

February 10—Camden Avenue (Joseph, Hero that ran away, Genesis 39:1-23)

February 17—Hopewell (Samuel-Rejected hero, 1 Samuel 8:1-22)

February 24—North End (Caleb, Old hero with bold dream, Joshua 14:6-15)

March 3—Mineral Wells (Esther, Fearful heroine, Esther 4:1-17)

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

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

We will leave here at 6:30.

If you have any questions, see Barry Mills or contact him at 304.482.8472.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Here are some miscellaneous thoughts to ponder:

- Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? It's because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So look ahead and move on!
- Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
- All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it! If they are going wrong, don't worry because they can't last long either.
- Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs you to the right path throughout the journey.
- When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has probably prayed for you also today!
- Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; but it does take away today's PEACE!

I hope these thoughts will help you have a better day!

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, February 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Evan Fleak/John Life
PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Walter Morgan
Close—Dan Rich
6:00 PM—Brian Haught
Close—Jon Hescht

SCRIPTURE

AM— Chris Tallman
PM—Donovan Walton

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Camp
PM—Scott Johnson
Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Dearl Vincent
2—Todd Kirk
4—Lenore Vaught

PM

1. Bob Smith & Dana Sponseller
2. Alivia Moser & Madison Taberner
3. Colleen Ash & Mary Daniel
4. Peggy Dearth & Linda Camp
5. Delmas & Naomi Carr
6. Doug & Alisha Hershman

Facts and Figures

January 26, 2014

AM Service.....230
Bible Study.....195
PM Service.....166
Wednesday.....223
Contribution.....\$6048.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

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

Schedule of Services

Sunday

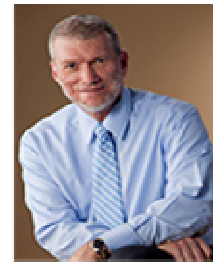
AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



Bill Nye



Ken Ham

STREAMING LIVE DEBATE

Bill Nye the Science Guy and
Answers in Genesis CEO Ken Ham!

“IS CREATION A VIABLE MODEL OF ORGINS IN
TODAY’S MODERN SCIENTIFIC ERA”

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00PM
Barlow Vincent congregation



Valet Service

February 2 and 5—Jim Hughes, Herb Wright

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

February 9 and 12— Dwain Shears, Jimmy
Galloway

College Student Pick-Up

Sunday, February 2—Ted Miller, Kyle Inman

Wednesday, February 5—Josh Barclay

Sunday, February 9—Doug Hershman, Mike Bayer



Daily Bible Reading

February 2—Mat 21:28-46, Ex 20-21
February 3—Mat 22:1-22, Ex 22-23
February 4—Mat 22:23-26, Ex 24-25
February 5—Mat 23:1-22, Ex 26-27
February 6—Mat 23:23-29, Ex 28-29
February 7—Mat 24:1-28, Ex 30-31
February 8—Mat 24:29-51, Ex 32-33
February 9—Mat 25:1-13, Ex 34-35

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 9
FREEDOM IN CHRIST