

Camden Avenue Church of Christ
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*American Red Cross
Blood Drive*

*Monday, February 11
1:00 - 6:00 in the MP Room.*

Donors are needed.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Elders:

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

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 Marion Goldsmith
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**Remember our church family in your prayers:**

Mary Ann Barclay, Jean Buckley, Chelsea Doonan, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Malori Bailes (per Doug Hershman's request), 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), Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), 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 (Transitional Care)

Please remember Brother Porter in your prayers and with cards.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Della Franklin. Her funeral was Friday in Parkersburg. Also, our sympathy goes to the family of Vonda Stevens. Her funeral was yesterday in Fairmont.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ A big thank you for all my beautiful birthday cards and all my holiday cards. They made my day. Love from, **Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thank you for the get well cards. A special thanks to Mary Nesselroad for sending us the bulletins and lesson sheets when we were unable to attend. **Bob and Lillie Fox**
- ♥ Your kindness and thoughts and, good wishes received for my birthday were great! **Merilee Morgan**
- ♥ Sending out a big thank you for all the cards, best wishes, and gifts we received for our anniversary. We appreciate your kind thoughtfulness so much. **Bill and De Fleak**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards. It's really getting hard to convince people that it's my 29th birthday AGAIN! **Gala Miller**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive will be Monday, February 11 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet next week, February 12 at 7:00 in the MP Room.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Christian Woman magazine, please see Robin Anthony by February 17. It will remain \$15.98 per subscription. (Checks need to be made payable to her.)

DYNAMIC DEACON'S SEMINAR CD'S

The "Dynamic Deacon's Seminar" hosted here by Aubrey Johnson is available on CD's and are on the counter for anyone that would like a copy.



Daily Bible Reading

February 3 - Mat 22:1-22, Ex 22-23
February 4 - Mat 22:23-46, Ex 24-25
February 5 - Mat 23:1-22, Ex 26-27
February 6 - Mat 23:23-39, 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
February 10 - Mat 25:14-46, Ex 36-37



**Happy 55th Anniversary
to
Lee and Mary Edwards
tomorrow!**

DANA'S DIRECTION

Teens-Making Moral Decisions



My first full-time work in ministry was serving as a Youth Minister. I found myself as the “Go-to” guy for a lot of teenagers who were looking for answers, especially when it came to the moral decisions they were facing. On one extreme were the kids who said “Christianity is just a set of rules. All we are ever told is that something is wrong. We are never told why.” At the other extreme I was told by some teens, “Just tell us what we can do and what we cannot.” I could see the fallacy in both points of view. I did not want these kids to rely on me or their parents to be their conscience. They would soon be grown and would be making their own decisions. Since every moral decision we make is not covered in the Scriptures by a “Thou shalt not,” they needed to be equipped with the principles to discern right from wrong for themselves.

The only true knowledge of right and wrong is that which is found in God’s word. “All Scripture is God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (II Timothy 3:16-17 NIV) David declared “how can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.” (Psalm 119:9) **I believe there are several questions that every Christian (not just young people) should ask when making a moral decision based upon the word of God.**

- 1) Am I commanded NOT to do it?** Certainly in some matters there is no gray area. “You shall have no other gods,” “You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain,” “Honor your father and your mother,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” As someone has said ‘They were not meant to be the 10 Suggestions!.’
- 2) Is this of the world?** “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.” (I Jon 2:15) A further list of things that are the “works of the flesh” is found in Galatians 5:19-21.
- 3) Can I do this to the glory of God?** “Whether then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (Colossians 3:17)
- 4) Does this have an appearance of evil?** “Abstain from every form of evil” (I Thess. 5:22)
- 5) Is this a good example of a believer?** “Let not one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (I Tim.4:12)
- 6) Could this be a stumbling block to others?** “Therefore let us not judge one another, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or stumbling block in a brother’s way.” (Romans 14:13)
- 7) Could it become a harmful habit?** “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.” (I Corinthians 6:12)
- 8) Is there any doubt in your mind?** “But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not of faith is sin.” (Romans 14:23)
- 9) What would Jesus do?** Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His step, who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.” (I Pet.2:21-22)
- 10) Would you want to be found doing it, saying it, thinking it, watching it, wearing it – when Jesus comes again?** “Now little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” (I John 2:28)

Give Yourself to the Lord

(II Corinthians 8:1-5)

The Example of the Macedonians. “For I bear witness that according to their _____, yes, and _____ their ability, they were freely willing... and this they did, not as we had hoped, but _____ gave _____ to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.” (II Corinthians 8:3,5)

We do belong to God:

Because He is the _____, this _____ belongs to God. “The world is _____ and all its _____.” (Psalm 50:12)

Because He gave us _____ and _____ it! “In _____ we _____ and move and have our _____.” (Acts 17:28)

Christians belong to God because He _____ us. We have been _____ “Knowing that you were not redeemed with _____ things such as silver and gold... but with the precious _____ of Christ, as of a _____ without blemish or spot.” (I Peter 1:18-19) “For you are _____ with a price; therefore _____ God in your body and in your _____, which are God’s.” (I Corinthians 6:1-20) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you _____ your bodies a living _____, holy, _____ unto God which is your reasonable _____.” (Romans 12:1)

How can we best use what God has given us to serve Him?

#1) We need to give _____ the gift of _____. Our commitment to Christ must be _____. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your _____ with all your _____, and with all your _____.” (Luke 10:27)

#2) We need to give the _____, the gift of _____. “You also, as _____ stones, are being built us a spiritual _____.” (I Peter 2:5) “Members of the household of God, having been _____ on the foundation of Jesus Christ, Himself being the Chief _____, in whom the whole _____, being _____ together, grows into a holy _____ to the Lord.” (Eph. 5:19-22)

#3) We need to give our _____ the gift of _____.

Sigmund

~P. Nygard



Carrie and I have a friend in Tennessee, Melia, whom I have known since I was a kid. Recently, I was privileged to read a devotional thought that Melia wrote and would like to share it with you.

My friend Gloria hatched a chicken egg in an incubator in her bedroom. She made it herself with no instructions. Gloria did not live on a farm. She lived in a two-bedroom house on my street with her family of eight. She bought nothing to make the incubator. She used what was around. I thought the whole project was a marvel. I admired the light bulb shining so diligently on the one lone egg and the clock beside it ticking as if it knew the value of the event. Gloria had her egg timed exactly. We checked him every day after school, but not to see if he had hatched. Gloria named the day and time that he would hatch. He did. He hatched precisely when she said. We named him Sigmund and had a wonderful time with him. We wrote songs and poems about him.

The psalmist said, "*My times are in Thy hand...*" (Psalm 31.15). These words have infinite usefulness to us. They contain comfort and certainty. When Job was questioned by God in Chapters 39 to 41, God said "*Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you count the months till their bear? Do you know the time they give birth?*" (Job 39.1-2)". God wasn't just tossing out assorted nature facts. He was accenting that His care and His times are constant, wise and intentional. Greater than the timing God has made explicit in the natural world is what God does with spiritual matters and time.

We do our best to leave our times in His hand.



Youth Events

Youth Activities

February 3 - K-12th grade Super Bowl party at the Young's home

February 9 - 6th-12th grade devo. hosted by Hescht's in the MP Room at 7:00PM

February 22 - 24 - Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for these events.

Youth calendars are available on the counter.

Area Wide Devos.

These devos. are 7:00-8:30. All youth and parents are invited. Bring your Bible.

February 4 - Area wide youth (Dewey Ave.) **Leaving at 6:00**

February 11 - Area wide youth (Waverly) **Leaving at 6:15**

February 18 - Area wide youth (Sunrise) **Leaving at 6:30**

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

March 4 - Area wide youth (Camden Avenue)

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

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I am thankful for many things, and I hope you are too! I am thankful for the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home and not out on the streets.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means I have a job. I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have enough to eat.

I am thankful for the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and have been blessed with having a car to drive.

I am thankful for all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we still have freedom of speech.

I am thankful for the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of

working hard.

I am thankful for the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.

I am thankful that the alarm goes off in the early morning hours because it means God has granted me one more day to live.

We need to continue to thank God for all the blessings we have because it shows that He still loves US! "In everything give thanks." (I Thessalonians 5:18)

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

What
ARE...You
Thankful
for?

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, February 10

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway
PM - Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Smith
Close - Ron Holleron
6:00 PM - Barry Mills
Close - Jeff Taberner

SCRIPTURE

AM - Doug Hinzman
PM - Cody Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Gary Herridge
PM - Todd Kirk
Bill Merrill

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Dearll Vincent
2 - Tammy Kerns
4 - Lenore Vaught

PM

1. Martha Metz & Peggy Dearth
2. Jordan Kirk & Hannah Shears
3. Paul & Nancy Inman
4. Donovan Walton & Dana Sponseller
5. Bill & Mary Lemley
6. Kyle & Sarah Inman

Facts and Figures

January 27, 2013

AM Service.....283
Bible Study.....239
PM Service.....213
Wednesday.....218
Contribution ...5557.83

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....0
Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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



TODAY

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is, yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, it aches and pains, yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is always beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise (unless the Lord returns first). Until it does we have no stake in tomorrow for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day, today, any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you add the burdens of those two awful eternities of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experiences of today that drive me mad. It is the remorse or bitterness and the terrible dread of what tomorrow may bring us. Let us therefore live but 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)

Bulletin Digest

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"
each Sunday morning at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.