

# 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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Come enjoy Herb Wright and Len Haid's delicious soup beans!

**Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night**  
tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the MP Room.

Please give a childhood picture to Dwain Shears for a fun activity. The pictures will be returned.

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

Don't forget to bring games!

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# Prayers Please

**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  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

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We truly  
appreciate you  
choosing to  
worship with us.

## Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Mary Caplinger, Hazel Cozad, Chelsea Doonan, Mike Fleak, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Jim Merrill, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Joni Rouse, Neil Russell

## Prayers requested for family and friends:

Steve Allen, Linda Baker (Friend of Jim and Sallie Hlnzman), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Billy Goodwin, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Baby James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Jodi Mote (Grandson of Martha Metz), Patti Patrick (Kay Mills' sister), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Virginia Sias (Lucille Hardman's sister), George and Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle and aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Denver Cooper has suffered several strokes and a heart attack. He is under hospice care in Wheeling, WV. Prayers have been requested for Brother Cooper.

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

## SYMPATHY

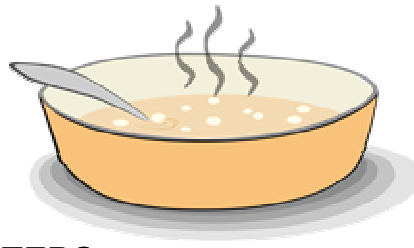
We extend our sympathy to Ruth Wells in the passing of her sister, Sara Hoover. She resided in Ravenna, OH.

Our condolences also to Andy Robison and family in the passing of his mother, Elizabeth Robison. Her service was held yesterday in Moundsville, WV.



## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness shown at the passing of my mother. The cards, flowers, prayers and visits to the funeral home were very much appreciated. In Christian love, **Mark Dean**
- ♥ Thank you for the calls, visits and cards. I miss all of you. **Gloria Frazier**
- ♥ Thanks so much for the Birthday cards. I received several. Thanks again for thinking of me. **Marion Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you so much for each and every anniversary card. We enjoyed each one. In Christian love, **Dennis and Sandy Keller**
- ♥ Thank you for the sympathy cards. Your kindness is appreciated. **Ruth Wells**
- ♥ Thank you for thinking of us when you have extra food. The ladies always enjoy getting to eat different things and it's always delicious. In Christian Love, **Love and Care**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and notes. Love, **Paul Inman**



### **MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS**

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

### **CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE**

If you would like to purchase *Christian Woman* magazine, please make checks payable to Robin Anthony for \$15.98 for each subscription **today**.

### **GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER—GAME NIGHT**

The Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner—Game Night will be tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please give Dwain a childhood picture and don't forget games.

### **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 28 at 8:30 in the Multipurpose Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES**

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

### **HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO SISTER ARMINA SUMMERS!**

She will celebrate her birthday February 26. Her address is: 6001 Frontier Lane, Nashville, TN 37211 She would enjoy hearing from the Camden Avenue family.

### **HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER NEIL RUSSELL!**

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go birthday party for Neil Russell Friday, February 27 at his home (204 Edgelawn Street, S. Parkersburg, WV 26101) from 6:00—7:30PM. No gifts, please. RSVP to his son, Jerry Russell at [jerry\\_w\\_russell@yahoo.com](mailto:jerry_w_russell@yahoo.com) or 4506 Pineridge Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338. We are having a card shower for Neil. Cards may be left on the table in the rear of the auditorium or mailed to his home.

### **GOLDEN AGERS—YOUTH EVENT AT LOVE AND CARE**

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers—Youth event at Love and Care Friday, March 13 at 6:00PM. Attendance sign-up sheet on the counter. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

### **ANNUAL MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY**

The annual Ladies' Inspiration Day will be held at the Lubeck congregation on April 18th. Mark your calendars and more details will be provided later. Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.



# Take Heed

“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall”

[1 Corinthians 10:12]

Early in the second quarter of the football game between the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets, the Bills were pinned deep in their own territory. They were facing third down. Quarterback Kyle Orton dropped back and threw a strike to a streaking Sammy Watkins. The rookie wide receiver was off to the races and all set to score what would be an 89-yard touchdown (which would have been the longest in the NFL this year).

But Watkins did not score on the play.

Long before he crossed the goal line, he slowed down. He began celebrating. He raised his right arm in triumph. It was then that New York’s Saalim Hakim tackled Watkins at about the five-yard line. He got caught from behind. He was completely unaware that the other player was closing in on him. We can understand how he felt. He thought he had it made and he was anxious to celebrate.

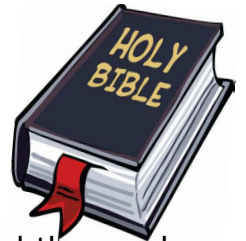
In my estimation, his failure to score was connected to at least three things: 1. He gave up too soon. 2. He was not aware of his surroundings. 3. His opponent refused to give up.

Consider some spiritual applications based on this illustration:

1. Too often, Christians give up too soon in the Christian race. “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” [Galatians 6:9]. “Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted” [Hebrews 12:3].
2. We must be aware of our surroundings. There may be people, habits, situations, etc. that we are associated with and have become involved in that are stunting our growth and hindering our ability to run the race. “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!” [2 Corinthians 13:5]. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” [Hebrews 12:1].
3. Our opponent, Satan, is also one who refuses to give up. “And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time” [Luke 4:13]. “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” [1 Peter 5:8].

Don’t give up! Keep running! Heaven will be worth it!

# SERMON NOTES



## Greatness in the Kingdom (Matthew 20:20-28)

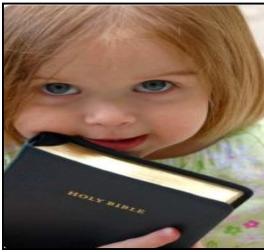
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles \_\_\_\_\_ it over them, and those who are exercise \_\_\_\_\_ over them. Yet it shall \_\_\_\_\_ be so among you; but whoever desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ among you, let him be your \_\_\_\_\_. And whoever desires to be \_\_\_\_\_ among you, let him be your \_\_\_\_\_ - just as the Son of Man did not come to be \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_ and to give His life a \_\_\_\_\_ for many.” (Matthew 20:25-28)

**#1) In the Kingdom of God - \_\_\_\_\_ is Greatness.** In John 13, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his disciple’s \_\_\_\_\_. **Who is Greater?** “For who is greater, he who \_\_\_\_\_ at the table, or he who \_\_\_\_\_? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who \_\_\_\_\_.” (Luke 22:27) “Do you know what I have done to you? I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ as I have done to you.” (John 13:13-15) **Service is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_.** This is true in our \_\_\_\_\_. This is true in the \_\_\_\_\_. “My little children, let us not love in \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_ and in truth.” (I John 3:18)

**#2) True \_\_\_\_\_ is Service.** **God’s Plan for Leadership: Based on \_\_\_\_\_ not position.** Not to \_\_\_\_\_ over. The power to lead is \_\_\_\_\_. **When will a wife willingly submit to her husband? \_\_\_\_\_.** **When will a church willingly submit to its elders? \_\_\_\_\_.** “Shepherd the flock which is among you, serving as an \_\_\_\_\_. Not as being \_\_\_\_\_ over those entrusted to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock.” (I Peter 5:2-3) **Jesus is the Good \_\_\_\_\_.** “The sheep hear his \_\_\_\_\_, he calls them by \_\_\_\_\_ and leads them out. He goes before them, and the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Him because they know his \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 10:3-4)

**#3) The Way to find life is to \_\_\_\_\_ it away.** “He who finds his life will \_\_\_\_\_ it, and he who loses his life, for \_\_\_\_\_ sake will \_\_\_\_\_ it.” (Matthew 10:39) “It is more blessed to \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_.” **Service is \_\_\_\_\_.** **Service is the way to \_\_\_\_\_.** “If you \_\_\_\_\_ these things, \_\_\_\_\_ are you if you do them.” (John 13:17)

**The Elders will be speaking this evening to outline the 2015 goals for our congregation.**



# I BELIEVE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because they are the future leaders. They will be our government leaders (city and national). They are our future leaders in the church: elders, deacons, teachers and preachers. They are our future scientists, doctors, engineers, etc., that will determine the destiny of tomorrow. I truly believe they will give their best toward making the future better than today.

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because they are growing. As the Lord's example (Luke 2) they are growing in body, mind and soul, in the sight of their fellow travelers in this life as well as in the sight of Almighty God. They have not, and hopefully, will not stop in the process of growing in Jesus Christ knowledge as well as the development of talents.

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because even though they make mistakes, they are determined to live right in the sight of God. And they demonstrate that desire so strongly. When they have fallen short in the sight of God and their fellow workers, they confess their sins—to receive forgiveness. They have a heart that is able to be touched (pricked—Acts 2:37).

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because they are loyal and true. When someone in their group of friends and co-workers needs help, they are there. If they are sorrowing, strength is provided, when they are happy, that happiness is shared. If someone is attacking one of their family members (brothers or sisters in Christ) they quickly come to their defense. They endeavor to “do unto others” as we find taught in Matthew 7:12.

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because they are so enthusiastic, so full of life and energetic. They truly can “move mountains” when their power and potential is harnessed. In the Lord's work, they have the potential of doing great things, if properly guided in that way.

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because of the love they show one for the other. They are not afraid to say “I care about you” or “I love you.” They are willing to share a gentle touch or hug in greeting one another or in parting company. Such action is similar to the kiss (Romans 16:16) of the first century. We should not so act “for show” but when sincerely conveyed to a member of the family it is good. The church is to be a close-knit body. We are to be known by the world for our love for one another. Young people show their love for one another.

**I BELIEVE in YOUNG PEOPLE** because they are teachable. They, like Apollos (Acts 18:24), are willing to be shown the way of the Lord. They will listen to opinions and thoughts of others, and when it is right, will change. They desire to go to heaven and by the grace of God, they are determined to make it their final home.

Let us follow such characteristics of the young people.



## Life at Conception Act

Citizen petitions to reverse Roe v. Wade to House Speaker, John Boehner are available in the foyers. Please complete the petition and mail to:

H-232 The Capitol, Washington, DC 20515.

More information will be provided in the bulletin next week.



## Winter Youth Devotionals

February 16—Sunrise

February 23—Barlow-Vincent

7:00-8:30PM

We will provide transportation.  
See youth bulletin board by the office for details.

Sign-up sheets on the counter.



## A THANK YOU FROM MARION

A good showing at the Blood Drive. The night before we only had 21 signed up. But with the help of the Red Cross and others we ended up with a total count of 34.

I want to thank all who gave and those who worked. They were Bill and Mary Lemley, Betty Lamb, Linda Camp, Karen Life, Sallie Hinzman, Joann Goldsmith, and Hannah Routhier. And thanks for another good job of making homemade cookies by Emma Hershman.

Marion Goldsmith

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You know, Eleanor Roosevelt made many statements which still have a profound application to us—even today! Here are a few:

- Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
- Great minds discuss ideas:  
Average minds discuss events;  
Small minds discuss people.
- Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,  
But beautiful old people are works of art.
- Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift.  
\*But perhaps the most profound statement Mrs. Roosevelt made was the following:
- He who loses money loses much;  
He, who loses a friend, loses much more;  
But He, who loses faith, loses all.

Paul reminds us in the great faith chapter, Hebrews 11, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 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 22**

**ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE – Kyle Inman**

**SONG LEADER**

AM—Jim Galloway  
 PM—Rick Stanley

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Stan Inman  
 Close—Mike Fleak  
 6:00 PM—Chris Hofmann  
 Close—John Hall

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Phil Deem  
 PM—Brandon Sheppard

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Russ Alton  
 PM—Bob Smith  
 Kevin Cochran

**PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk**

**DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1—Dwain Shears  
 2—Jon Hescht  
 4—Brandi Hescht

**PM**

1. Ted & Rebecca Miller
2. Marion & Jo Goldsmith
3. Don & Mary Nesselroad
4. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
5. Chris & Patty Mullins
6. Rick & Kay Stanley

**Facts and Figures**

February 8, 2015

AM Service.....298  
 Bible Study.....188  
 PM Service.....211  
 Wednesday.....232  
 Contribution.....\$9052.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**

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

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

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

**Wednesday**

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



**Giving to Thee**

As I progress through my life,  
 more clearly do I see,  
 It is not what I gather, Lord,  
 but what I give to Thee.  
 I give thee by pouring out,  
 my body, heart, and soul,  
 in glory and devotion,  
 trusting Thee to make me whole.  
 I give to Thee by kindly helping,  
 all others, great and small,  
 Humbly loving, serving, forgiving,  
 not with part, but with all.  
 I give to Thee by giving free,  
 not expecting in return,  
 knowing my full reward will come,  
 at the end of my sojourn.  
 As I progress, through my life,  
 more clearly do I see,  
 the more I give to You, Dear Lord,  
 the more You give to me.

Bulletin Digest

**OVU College Student Pick-Up**

- 2/15—Ron Riddle, Kyle Inman  
 2/18—Doug Hershman  
 2/22—Steve Moser, Scott Johnson  
 2/25—Delmas Carr



**Daily Bible Reading**

- February 15—Mt 27:1-26, Le 7-8  
 February 16—Mt 27:27-56, Le 9-10  
 February 17—Mt 27:57-66, Le 11-12  
 February 18—Mt 28, Le 13  
 February 19—Mk 1:1-28, Le 14-15  
 February 20—Mk 1:29-45, Le 16-17  
 February 21—Mk 2, Le 18-19  
 February 22—Mk 3:1-19, Le 20-22

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"** Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Ch. 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV ch.307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Ch. 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.

**UPCOMING TOPIC**

February 22  
**REJOICE IN THE LORD**