

# 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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**It's that time of year again. . .  
Time for the Friday night sings.**

The sing this week will be at the Mineral Wells congregation  
at 7:00PM.

**Friday night sing schedules are available in the foyers.**

**Minister:**  
Dana Slingluff  
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**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  
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We truly  
appreciate you  
choosing to  
worship with us.



**Health South**  
Russ Alton

Jenny Reynolds is now home.

**Please keep our church family in your prayers.**

Russ Alton, 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 Hinzman), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Billy Goodwin, Bill Hofmann, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Baby James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Jodi Mote (Grandson of Martha Metz), 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)

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

Our condolences to the family of Denver Cooper. He passed away last week. Visitation will be Monday, February 23 from 2:00-8:00PM at the Hillview Terrace Church of Christ. His service will be held there Tuesday at 11:00AM.



## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I appreciate the many birthday cards. They each mean so much to me. I love each and every one of them. **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank all of you good friends for the beautiful birthday cards. I loved each one. **Sandy Hughes**

**A special thank you to Sandy Hughes for baking the communion bread this month.**

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **DEACON'S MEETING/MEN'S MEETING TODAY**

Deacon's meeting today at 4:30. Men's meeting at 5:00.

### **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES BIBLE BOWL TEST TODAY**

The LLL Bible Bowl test will be given today at 4:30 in the MP Room.

### **LOVE AND CARE SING**

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

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

The Golden Agers soup bean dinner and game night has been rescheduled for this Thursday at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please give Dwain Shears a childhood picture for a fun activity. The pictures will be returned. Also, remember to bring games.

### **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.

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

Sister Summers 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.

### **STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON**

The OVU Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 7 from 1:00-4:00PM at Pike Street Lanes in South Parkersburg, \$3.00 per game, includes shoes. See Teresa Wade for details.

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

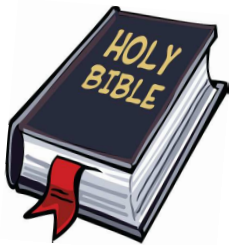
Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers—Youth event at Love and Care Friday, March 13 at 6:00PM. Attendance sign-up sheet on the counter. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

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

The annual Ladies' Inspiration Day will be held at the Lubeck congregation April 18. Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

### **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.



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### A Time to Grow:

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, Solomon writes "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." I thought of this verse as we are all getting a bit of "cabin-fever," being stuck inside through all of the snow and extreme cold we have been experiencing over the past couple of weeks! But, what better time could there be, what better purpose could we make of our time indoors than to grow in the knowledge of God's word?

We are already involved in a study of Solomon's writings (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon) in our Bible classes. I thought it also might be beneficial to focus my sermons on Sunday morning and evening on special studies from the word of God.

Beginning next Sunday morning, we will be studying the topic "Why I believe." My purpose for presenting these lessons will be to strengthen our faith and better equip us to teach others. The lesson topics will be as follows:

"Why I believe in God"

"Why I believe the Bible is the word of God"

"Why I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God"

"Why I believe in the church we read about in the Bible"

"Why I believe in baptism"

"Why I believe in the Lord's Supper"

"Why I believe in the resurrection of Jesus"

"Why I believe that Jesus is coming again"

In addition to this series of lessons on Sunday mornings, I also plan to use our Sunday evening lessons as study of the last week of Jesus' life on earth as drawn from a harmony of the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I believe doing so will give us a better understanding and appreciation for all that Jesus taught on his way to the cross, and all that he suffered to bring salvation to man.

I am really looking forward to this special time of study. Won't you join me?

## Overcoming Failure (Psalm 51:1-13)



“For I acknowledge my \_\_\_\_\_, and my \_\_\_\_\_ is ever before me” (Psalm 51:3). “Wash me and I will be \_\_\_\_\_ than snow, make me hear \_\_\_\_\_ and gladness, that the bones you have \_\_\_\_\_ may rejoice. Hid your face from my \_\_\_\_\_, and blot out all my \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalm 51:7-9). “Restore me to the joy of Your \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalm 51:12).

**To fail God is to \_\_\_\_\_.** “Sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law” (I John 3:4). “All \_\_\_\_\_ is sin” (I John 5:17). “Whatever is not of \_\_\_\_\_ is sin” (Romans 14:23). “To him who knows to do \_\_\_\_\_ and does not \_\_\_\_\_ it – to him it is \_\_\_\_\_” (James 4:17). “For all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

**The Bible is about those who \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ their failures.** “If we say that we have no \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us” (I John 1:8). **Just because we have failed does not mean that we are a \_\_\_\_\_.** “If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is \_\_\_\_\_ and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9). **Failure doesn't have to be \_\_\_\_\_.** **No one is a failure who keeps \_\_\_\_\_.**

**To overcome failure we must take an \_\_\_\_\_ look at ourselves. The guilt of sin can be resolved only if we are \_\_\_\_\_.**

**If you are not a Christian you must: \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and in your need of a Savior.** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ life” (John 3:16). **You must \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin.** “For except you \_\_\_\_\_ you will all likewise \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 13:3). **You must be \_\_\_\_\_.** “Repent, and let every one of your be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins” (Acts 2:38). “Why do you wait? Arise and be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

**If you are a Christian you must: Confess \_\_\_\_\_ your sin.** (I John 1:9). **Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.** “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and \_\_\_\_\_ God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be \_\_\_\_\_ you” (Acts 8:22). **Seek the prayers of other Christians.** “\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken will come upon me” (Acts 8:24).

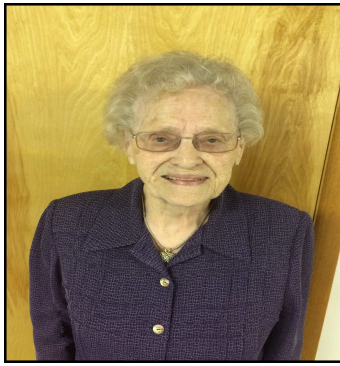
**We need to put our failings \_\_\_\_\_ us – and go \_\_\_\_\_.** “I do not count myself to have \_\_\_\_\_; but one thing I do, \_\_\_\_\_ those things which are behind and reaching \_\_\_\_\_ to those things which are ahead, I \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_ for the prize of the \_\_\_\_\_ call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14).



## One At A Time

The story is told of a businessman who was overworked and decided to take some time off. While vacationing on the coast, a terrible storm came. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast to see what damage had been done. As he walked along the shore, he noticed thousands of starfish, which had washed upon the shore. He knew that in a few hours the sun would come out and the starfish would dry out and die. As he thought about the starfish, he noticed a young boy who was throwing the starfish back one by one. The man was amazed by the youth's diligence and shocked by his feeble attempts to make a difference. When he caught up with the young man, he informed the boy that he could not possibly save them all. As he looked up the long beach, he saw thousands of starfish and said to the little boy, "You'll never be able to make a real difference to the starfish population." The boy bent down, picked up a starfish, looked at it, and then threw it back into the safety of the water. Then he said, "I sure made a difference to that one."

We cannot personally make a difference in the lives of everyone that fills this world; we can make a difference to a few of them. It is interesting that when Jesus spoke of those on His right hand on the Day of Judgment, he described them as having made a difference in the life of one person. He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). I sincerely believe that each of us can make a difference in the life of someone. That is how Jesus worked—one at a time. Sure, He preached to thousands, but He visited with families, and helped individuals.



Ruth Wells

We welcome Ruth Wells. Sister Wells placed her membership with us from the Sistersville congregation.

Mrs. Wells is the mother of Nancy Inman. She has two living children, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was born in New Martinsville and resided in Sistersville for 65 years. Ruth is 95 years old and attributes her longevity to living a good life.

Let's all welcome her to Camden Avenue.

# Youth Events

## Winter Youth Devotional

February 23—Barlow-Vincent

7:00-8:30PM

Transportation will leave here at 6:30.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## CYC UPDATE

Friday, February 27—Be at the building at 6:45AM. We will leave at 7:00.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Animals are our pet friends. We have all kinds; dogs, cats, canaries, gerbils, monkeys, turtles, cows...even defumigated skunks! You know that people are often compared to animals. We say: "He roars like a lion...He's as mean as a snake...He's as stubborn as a mule...She's as blind as a bat." And on and on it goes!

But you know something; no one wants a pet buzzard! Why? In appearance they are dull and scruffy. They smell awful. SO WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM BUZZARDS—WATCH YOUR APPEARANCE!

Buzzards have filthy appetites. They feast on "stink."

SO, WATCH WHAT YOU "FEED" ON!

And buzzards don't sing.

SO, LEARN TO SING THE PRAISES OF YOUR FRIENDS!

What does it take to have true friends? Look at animals again. Why do we like them? Dogs are faithful, cats are loveable, canaries are bright and cheerful. Isn't that exactly how the Bible teaches us to be?

It is possible for us to have friends. But remember, no one wants a pet buzzard!

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 1**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Gary Herridge  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** – Doug Hershman

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—John Life  
 PM—Brian Haught

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Leon Hupp  
 Close—Jon Hescht  
 6:00 PM—Steve Moser  
 Close—Todd Kirk

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Dennis Keller  
 PM—Delmas Carr

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Dearll Vincent  
 PM—Chris Mullins  
 Joel Hickerson

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

**DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** 1—Herb Wright  
 2—Donovan Walton  
 4—Joyce Wright

**PM**

1. Madison Taberner & Holly Haught
2. Mike & Pam Bayer
3. Jim & Sallie Hlnzman
4. Linda Camp & Barbara Cramlet
5. Gary & Sharon Herridge
6. Keith & Eloise Smith

**Facts and Figures**

February 15, 2015

AM Service.....253  
 Bible Study.....178  
 PM Service.....116  
 Wednesday.....149  
 Contribution.....\$7069.00

**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



**Life at Conception Act**

Citizen petitions to reverse the 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.

Feel free to take copies to family, friends and co-workers.

**40th Annual Men's Inspiration Day**

March 7, 2015

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH

**“SUFFERING FOR THE LORD”**

Speaker: Dick Harris

We will be providing transportation. Sign-up sheet on the counter if you would like a ride. We will leave at 7:00AM.

**OVU College Student Pick-Up**

2/22—Steve Moser, Scott Johnson

2/25—Delmas Carr

3/1—Breck Hesselrode, Mike Bayer

3/4—Dan Rich



**Daily Bible Reading**

February 22—Mk 3:1-19, Le 20-22

February 23—Mk 3:20-35, Le 23

February 24—Mk 4:1-25, Le 24-25

February 25—Mk 4:26-42, 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

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.