

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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- ♥ Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study.
- ♥ Blood Drive tomorrow in the MP Room 1:00-6:00PM.
Sign-up sheets on the counter.
- ♥ Ladies Class Tuesday at 7:00PM in the MP Room.
- ♥ Couples of all ages are invited to the Sweetheart Dinner Saturday in the MP Room at 5:00PM.
Sign-up sheet on the counter.

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We truly
appreciate you
choosing to
worship with us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SISTER MILDRED GAULT!

Mildred Gault will celebrate her 95th birthday on February 11!
Cards may be mailed to her home (2450 24th Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101) or left on the card table in the rear of the auditorium. Let's wish our sweet Millie a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER NEIL RUSSELL!

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go birthday party for Neil Russell at his home (204 Edgelawn Street, S. Parkersburg, WV 26101) Friday, February 27 from 6:00—7:30PM. RSVP to his son, Jerry Russell at jerry_w_russell@yahoo.com or 4506 Pineridge Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338. We are also having a card shower for Brother Neil. Cards may be left on the table in the rear of the auditorium or mailed to his home. Let's help make his "90th" a special one!

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I would like to thank my Christian friends for my Christmas cards and gifts. I enjoyed every one of them and also for my Birthday cards and gifts. I'm so glad I have a lot of friends. I sure need them. May God bless you all. Love, **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards and well wishes. Love, **Joyce Wright**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Cotton Sayre**



We extend our sympathy to Mark Dean and family in the passing of his mother, Benita Dean.

Her service was held yesterday in Parkersburg.

Please keep Mark in your prayers at this difficult time.



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, 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, 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)

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



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Barry Hupp as he placed membership with us. Barry grew up at this congregation and we are glad to have him back worshipping with us. He will be in Care Group 4.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room after worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, deserts and beverages.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive will be tomorrow from 1:00-6:00PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter. Donors are still needed.

LADIES' CLASS

Ladies' class will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00. Brandi Hescht will be discussing Chapter 6.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERISTY CAMPUS ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

High school students and their families are invited to CAMPUS ENCOUNTER WEEKEND experience at Ohio Valley University February 13–14. Flyers on the bulletin boards in front and rear foyers.

SWEETHEART DINNER

Couples of all ages are invited to the Sweetheart Dinner Saturday, February 14 at 5:00PM in the MP Room. This will be a covered dish dinner. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

Men's meeting next Sunday 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 by **February 15**.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER—GAME NIGHT

The Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner—Game Night will be Monday, February 16 at 5:30PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

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

"The Power of the Positive"

A few years ago, I was looking through the books on my granddaughter's shelf and was pleased to find the same "Little Golden Book," that was read to me when I was a child, and that I read to my kids. It is entitled "*The Little Engine that Could.*" First published in 1954, this book has sought to persuade three generations of children that if you *believe* you can; you can! The power of the positive!

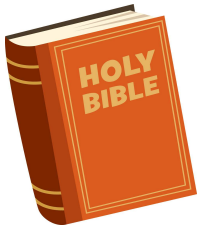
Through the years, men have come to recognize the power of positive thinking. An optimistic, positive outlook can lead to a happier, healthier, and more successful life. Dr. Craig Anderson, a psychologist from Rice University, has written "positive thinking is like an inoculation from mental ills." Abraham Lincoln eloquently stated "most men are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." The Bible says "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

On the other hand, being pessimistic, gloomy, and negative will generally lead to failure. The entire nation of Israel was banished to the wilderness for forty years because they accepted the pessimistic report of the ten spies who said "we are not able." (Numbers 13) Peter was walking to Jesus on the water until he looked at the waves and became afraid. (Matthew 14:25-31)

Negative thinking has been the spiritual stumbling block over which many have fallen. Some never obey the gospel because they are afraid they can never live the Christian life. Many worthy efforts have come to naught because the ten spies of Israel have their modern counterparts in the church. "We've tried that before." "It can't be done." "We can't afford it." Many Christians never develop their abilities to teach or lead in worship or to do personal evangelism because they are afraid they will fail, and so, bury their talents in the ground. Self-doubt is a serious matter. The scriptures call it "lack of faith." The fearful and unbelieving are included in the list of those who will be eternally lost. (Revelation 21:8)

As Christians, we should have the most positive outlook of anyone in the world. Our confidence is not based on a subjective "wishing will make it so," but on the concrete promises of God's word. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20) God is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." (Ephesians 3:20) He has promised to work all things together for good if we love and serve Him. (Romans 8:28) With this in mind, we should have the confidence to say as Paul "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

The power of positive thinking is the power of faith!



“Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:5-13)

The People of Noah’s Day: “Then the Lord saw that the _____ of man was great on the earth, and that every _____ of the _____ of his heart was only _____ continually” (Genesis 6:5) “The earth was _____ before God, and the earth was filled with _____” (Genesis 6:11).

God’s judgment of man: And God said to Noah, “The _____ of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with _____ through them; and behold, I will _____ them with the earth” (Genesis 6:13). “For I am _____ that I have _____ them” (Genesis 6:7).

Why Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Because he was a _____ man, _____ in his generation. (Genesis 6:9)

Because he _____ with God.

Because he was _____. “Thus did Noah according to _____ that God _____ him” (Gen. 6:22). **Noah’s obedience was by _____.** “By _____, Noah being _____ of things not yet seen, moved with Godly _____, prepared an _____ for the _____ of his household... and became _____ of the righteousness which is according to _____” (Hebrews 11:7).

Because he was a _____ of righteousness. “God _____ Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of _____, bringing the flood on the world of the _____” (II Peter 2:5).

Why we need to find favor with God. Because the world awaits the judgment of God. “The _____ of the Lord will come, like a thief in the night, in which, the heavens will _____ away with a great _____, and the _____ will melt with a fervent heat; both the _____ and the works that are in it will be _____ up” (II Peter 3:7,10).

How can we find grace in the eyes of the Lord?

We must be _____ in God’s sight. (Romans 5:8-9).

We must be _____ in our generation. (I John 1:8,10).

We must _____ with God. (Ephesians 5:2; 15-17).

We must be _____ of righteousness.

Noah’s salvation in the flood is a type of our salvation by _____. “There is also an _____ which now _____ us - _____ (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the _____ of a good _____ toward God)” (I Peter 3:21).



LIFE IN THE BLOOD



We are often encouraged to donate blood as a simple thing to do to help save the lives of others. That red fluid that courses through our bodies is vital to our physical life, however, there is a spiritual significance to blood as well.

When God was working His mighty signs in Egypt to convince Pharaoh to release His people, the last of the ten plagues that He worked was the death of the firstborn. Take a minute and think about all the people you know who are the firstborn in their families and how you would be affected if this plague happened to our nation. Before God unleashed this catastrophe on Egypt, He declared that He would, *“Put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel”* (Exodus 11:7). Just as in some of the other plagues, God would spare His people from the harmful effects. How would God make this difference? Through the blood of the Passover lamb, God would make the difference. Israel was instructed to slay a male lamb of the first year and *“take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses”* (Exodus 12:7). When the Lord would send forth destruction upon all the firstborn, He promised to those who obeyed the command. *“When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”* (Exodus 12:13).

Later when Israel was brought out of Egypt, God make a covenant with them and gave them a law (Deuteronomy 5:1-2). How would God make a difference between Israel and all the other peoples of the earth? One major way was the animal sacrifices that were offered to Him to make atonement for the sins of the people of Israel. Leviticus 17:11 explains, *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”* Blood set His people, Israel, who were obedient to His precepts.

The New Testament reveals the most significant blood of all: the blood of Christ. Hebrews 10:4 reveals the inferiority of those Old Testament sacrifices, *“For it is not possible the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”* Jesus Christ came to offer His own blood that could truly remit our sins. The superiority of this sacrifice is emphasized earlier in Hebrews, *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* (Hebrews 9:12-14). Jesus had to shed His blood, for without the shedding of it there would be no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22).

Donated blood has saved the physical lives of many people in our modern era. The blood Christ gave on Calvary makes all the difference in giving spiritual life to people throughout history. As Christians, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7). Are you covered by the blood of Christ? It makes all the difference.

Mark Day, Bulletin Digest



Don't forget our Blood Drive tomorrow 1:00-6:00PM in the Multipurpose Room. Sign-up sheets on the counter. Donors are still needed!



Christian Youth Challenge

The balance of *CYC* money needs to be given to Paul Saunders by February 11.

Canton Youth Rally

March 20-21

Sign-up sheet on the counter.



Winter Youth Devotionals

February 9—Waverly

February 16—Sunrise

February 23—Barlow-Vincent

7:00-8:30PM

See youth bulletin board by the office for details.

We will provide transportation. Departure times on the bulletin board.

Sign-up sheets on the counter.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Have you ever watched the TV show called “Deal or No Deal”? It is the kind of show that can get you hooked if you are not careful. The players, the families, the bad guy up in the dark booth, the greed. . . What a combination! Actually this game show is a reflection of life.

In your lives, you have a case, and Satan is offering you other choices. It becomes so easy to be caught up in the greed of it all. You will watch the sinful pleasures of destruction march before your eyes and the bad guy in the dark booth will call your name and ask...”Deal or No Deal”? And you have to decide what you will do.

My advice is to follow the example of Moses. The Hebrew writer tells us, “by faith, Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.” (Hebrews 11:24-25)

Never forget that happiness comes through doors you didn’t even know you left open!

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 15

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADER

AM—Kyle Inman
 PM—Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Rick Stanley
 Close—Chris Tallman
 6:00 PM—Mike Wade
 Close—Paul Saunders

SCRIPTURE

AM—Walter Morgan
 PM—Ira Kimes

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Barry Mills
 PM—Dennis Keller
 Richard Cozad

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

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

PM

1. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
2. Donovan Walton & Dana Sponseller
3. Steve & Linda Gray
4. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman
5. Kody & Chelsea Inman
6. Keith & Eloise Smith

**March Birthdays
 and
 Anniversaries**

- March 4**—Gary Herridge, Paul Hoover
March 5—Haylee Smith, Cody Young
March 6—Gavin Hilliard, Kayla Inman, Chris Mullins,
 Kelsay Proffitt
March 7—Harvey Caplinger Sr.
March 11—Malorie Fleak
March 12—Penny Eddy
March 13—Patty Dawson, Allie Moore
March 14—Jim Galloway
March 15—Mark Dean, Anthony Hilliard, Lindsay Proffitt,
 Paul Saunders
March 16—Dennis Keller, *Bill & Kay Mills
March 18—Billie Coe
March 21—Sheila Deems, Lillie Fox
March 22—Barbara Cramlet
March 23—Mike Lucas
March 26—Sherry Hoover, Ted Miller, Dawn Mullins
March 27—*Stan & Debi Inman
March 28—Kathleen Albright, Donovan Walton
March 29—Rob Hoover, Teresa Wade
March 30—*Scott & Gwen Johnson
March 31—Scott Smith, Norma Vaught

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

Facts and Figures

February 1, 2015

AM Service.....274
 Bible Study.....187
 PM Service.....222
 Wednesday.....225
 Contribution.....\$11214.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

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



OVU College Student Pick-Up

- 2/8**—Mike Bayer, Breck Hesselrode
2/11—Barry Mills
2/15—Ron Riddle, Kyle Inman
2/18—Doug Hershman

Daily Bible Reading

- February 8—Mt 24:29-51, Ex 32-33
 February 9—Mt 25:1-13, Ex 34-35
 February 10—Mt 25:14-46, Ex 36-37
 February 11—Mt 26:1-13, Ex 38-39
 February 12—Mt 26:14-35, Ex 40
 February 13—Mt 26:36-56, Le 1-4
 February 14—Mt 26:57-75, Le 5-6
 February 15—Mt 27:1-26, Le 7-8

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 15
A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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