

# 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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## 15th Annual Area Wide Worship Service

Everyone is invited to the area wide service held here today at 2:30 and is being hosted by the Mineral Wells congregation.

Invite your family and friends for a time of worship together!

**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  
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**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, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp, Dale Wilcox

**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), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Kim England (Ann Knott'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), Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynold's neice), 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 and add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.**

**Thank You Notes . . .**

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. It was nice to be remembered.  
**Mary Daniel**
- ♥ Thank you for the holiday cards. I appreciated them all very much.  
**Wilma Davis**
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday and holiday cards I received.  
**John Rockhold**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards and the many Christmas cards. May "all" have a Blessed New Year! In Christian Love,  
**Bob and Penny Eddy**
- ♥ Many thanks for all the beautiful cards I received. I am truly blessed. In Christian love, **Colleen Ash**

# Church News & Announcements

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## AREA WIDE SERVICE

Don't forget the area wide service being held here today at 2:30. ( Hosted by the Mineral Wells congregation)

## TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet this week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

## MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's Meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

## DANA'S ANNUAL "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" DINNER

Everyone is invited to Dana's annual "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY" dinner at Western Sizzlin' Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.

## LOVE & CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 30 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

## GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER AND GAME NIGHT

The annual Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night will be Monday, February 3 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets for food items and attendance are on the counter. Also, please bring games.

## LADIES MONTHLY LUNCH UPDATE

The January Ladies Lunch has been cancelled. The next lunch is being planned for Thursday, February 13, weather permitting. More details to come.

## FORT GAY MISSION TRIP

We need volunteers that are willing to help at the Fort Gay congregation this summer with a door knocking effort, youth activities, and a Gospel Meeting that Dana will hold. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Todd Kirk for more information.

## COUPONS

Please bring coupons for the exchange. Coupons may be left in the library or given to Jo Langler. Feel free to take any you can use.

## OUR BLOOD DRIVE

Our American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, February 10 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets will be available.



# OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE

A man can endure almost anything as long as there is hope. As long as there is hope he can put up with privation; he can stand severe hardship; he can accept harsh confinement; he can live with discomfort; he can be patient through long illness; and he can face death with courage and confidence. To Christians hope is the anchor or stabilizer of the soul (Hebrews 6:19). It is no wonder, then, that the devil will do everything within his power to undermine our hope.

When Christians speak of hope, we are not speaking of a mere wish, but of an earnest desire coupled with great expectation. Our hope is not characterized by doubt, but a confident expectation of good, and especially the confident and joyful expectation of eternal life. Our hope is steadfast and sure. It is our hope which brings optimism to a dark and dismal world. It is hope which enables us to cope with the disappointments and despair that often comes in life. It is hope which makes it possible for us to face death with serenity.

The Christian's hope is the hope of the resurrection of the dead (I Thessalonians 4:13-18); it is the hope of glory with God (Romans 5:2); it is the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ (Titus 1:3; 3:7); it is the hope of His second coming; and it is the hope of heaven for the redeemed (Colossians 1:5). Because of our hope, no matter what happens, no matter what burdens we must bear, no matter what disappointments we must face, no matter what trials we encounter, as God's people, we will overcome.

The language of the New Testament is the language of confident hope. Paul wrote that we are "more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). He praised God for the assurance that we always triumph in Christ (II Corinthians 2:14). He promised that all things "work together for good" for the redeemed (Romans 8:28). And, he asserted that all things are possible in Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:13). John confirmed this hope when he wrote: "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). No matter what, victory belongs to the people of God (I John 5:1-5). With that hope, each day is filled with meaning and promise.

Hopelessness does not exist for God's people. When life comes crashing down around us, when friends fail, when it looks like our enemies are about to triumph, we look to Jesus and the hope which anchors the soul. And, we know that it is well with us.



# Glorify Him as God: (Romans 1:18-22)

**The Claim of a Fool:** "The \_\_\_\_\_ has said in his heart, There is \_\_\_\_\_ God" (Psalm 14:1).  
"For since the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world His invisible \_\_\_\_\_ are clearly seen, being \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that are \_\_\_\_\_, even His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and Godhead, so that they are without \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 1:20)

"Because, although they \_\_\_\_\_ God, they did not \_\_\_\_\_ Him as God" (Romans 1:21)

## Who is God?

God is \_\_\_\_\_ (in everyplace at every time)

God is \_\_\_\_\_ (He has all power)

God is \_\_\_\_\_ (He has all knowledge)

**God is God!** "For My \_\_\_\_\_ are not your thoughts, nor are your \_\_\_\_\_ My ways, says the Lord. For as the \_\_\_\_\_ are higher than the earth, so My ways are \_\_\_\_\_ than your ways, and My \_\_\_\_\_ than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9)

**He is \_\_\_\_\_.** **He is \_\_\_\_\_.** "Woe to him who \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_! Shall the \_\_\_\_\_ say to Him who forms it, 'What are you \_\_\_\_\_?' (Isaiah 45:9) "Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ with all your heart, and lean not in your own \_\_\_\_\_; in all your ways acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_" (Proverbs 3:5,6)

**He is not \_\_\_\_\_.** "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_, God is not \_\_\_\_\_" (Gal. 6:7-8)

**He alone will stand in \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. Only He can \_\_\_\_\_ sin. He will remain true to His \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Day is coming when all will \_\_\_\_\_ Him.** "As I live, says the Lord, every \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ to Me, and every \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ to God. So then each of us shall give \_\_\_\_\_ of himself to God" (Romans 14:11-12)

**We must accept God as the God of our \_\_\_\_\_.** **Since God does not \_\_\_\_\_ - neither does morality.** "Who knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment of God, that those who \_\_\_\_\_ such things are \_\_\_\_\_ of death, not only \_\_\_\_\_ the same but also \_\_\_\_\_ of those who practice them" (Romans 1:32).

**We must accept God as the God of our \_\_\_\_\_.** "God is \_\_\_\_\_, and those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him, \_\_\_\_\_ worship Him in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_" (John 4:24). "In \_\_\_\_\_ they worship Me, teaching as \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of men" (Matthew 15:9).

**We must accept God as the God of our \_\_\_\_\_.** "Go into all the world and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to every creature. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved; but he who does not believe will be \_\_\_\_\_" (Mark 16:15-16)

# A Holy Nation

~PNygard

In at least four different Old Testament passages, the expression, "***The Beauty of Holiness***" is penned. Holiness is indeed beautiful. It is as good as repentance, as important as confession and as valued as forgiveness. You see, something that is holy is sacred, dedicated to God and set apart for His use. Peter says that we are a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a *holy* nation, His own special people" (I Pet 2.9); yet we live in a time when the value and beauty of holiness is not ecognized, and is not seen for what it is.

In fact, rather than focusing upon the "*Beauty of Holiness*," we live in a time when people have flip-flopped this biblical expression and are being deceived by what they think is the "*Holiness of Beauty*."

Take a moment to look around. Note of how the church sometimes seems more preoccupied with "beauty," rather than "holiness." Want an example? Congregational singing is giving way in some churches to special group singing and choruses. Forget about the "*beauty of holiness*" in the cracking, failing voice of an aged Christian widow singing, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," and make room for the perceived "*holiness of beauty*" in the melodic, trained voices of nearly professional singers. Why do you suppose that mechanical instrumental music is heard in churches today that once belonged to the Lord? Someone along the way decided that anything that sounded that "beautiful" must be "holy." God decides what is beautiful, what is holy in His kingdom, not man.

Friends, don't misunderstand. There is nothing wrong in beauty; it's just not our aim. Our effort should be toward holiness realizing that our value to God is not in beauty, but in service to His kingdom. Remember, we are to worship God in the "*beauty of holiness*," not in the "*holiness of beauty*."

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29.2).*





## Valet Service

January 12 and 15—Jimmy Galloway,  
Dwain Shears

January 19 and 22—Chris Tallman,  
Donovan Walton

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

This service is being offered at every  
service to everyone.

The attendants are at the entrance at  
the parking lot behind the building.



## One Day Lectureship

Sunday, January 19  
Bridgeport congregation

Bible class: 9:30 AM Speaker: Doug Petty  
“The Bible: The Word of God”

Worship 10:30 Speaker: Charles Pugh  
“The Existence of God”

Lunch will begin at 1:15.

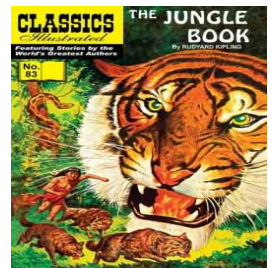
1:30 Speaker: Craig Matheny  
“The Attributes of God”

Details on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I have a hobby that started when I was 10 years old. I started collecting “Classic Illustrated Comics” and I still have my collection to this day! Did you know there are four factors that combine to make a comic book valuable? They are age; rarity; demand; and condition. In other words, the older the comic, the rarer it is, the more in demand it is, and the more valuable it will be to other collectors. But the condition of the comic is the most important factor!



But when it comes to grading our Bibles, exactly the opposite is true. You may have heard it said, “A Bible that is falling apart belongs to someone whose life is NOT.” If your Bibles are in mint condition, that means they are not being studied. It means they are not being carried to church regularly. It means they are not being opened to study with others.

That is **NOT** why God gave us the Bible! The prophet Hosea said, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” when he was referring to God’s Word.

So, what kind of condition is your Bible in?

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



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**February 1**—Colin Wadlington  
**February 2**—Sonya Hescht  
**February 4**—Addie Miller, Doris Newberry  
**February 5**—Nancy Proffitt  
**February 6**—\*Ron & Zandra Holleron  
**February 7**—Paul Inman  
**February 8**—Geraldine Pahl  
**February 10**—Charlotte Burton  
**February 11**—Marion Goldsmith  
**February 14**—Sandy Hughes, \*Dennis & Sandy Keller  
**February 17**—Shorty Frazier  
**February 19**—\*Richard & Lorna Marshall  
**February 20**—Sandy Sheppard  
**February 22**—Brenda Guthrie  
**February 24**—Martha Metz  
**February 26**—Kelsey Cox, Mikayla Hennen, Kody Inman,  
 Ira Kimes, Neil Russell, \*Pat & Kim Barclay,  
 \*Mike & Gwen Lucas  
**February 27**—Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman  
**February 28**—Danielle Mullins

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.

### College Student Pick-Up

**Sunday, January 12**—Barry Mills, Ted Miller  
**Wednesday, January 15**—Mike Bayer  
**Sunday, January 19**—Mike Bayer,  
 Doug Hershman



## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 19

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dearll Vincent  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Bill Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode  
 PM—Josh Barclay

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Kevin Cochran  
 Close—Bob Armstrong  
 6:00 PM—Dennis Keller  
 Close—Daniel Nygard

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Ryan Gaston  
 PM—Braden Hesselrode

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Don Midkiff  
 PM—Jimmy Galloway  
 Steve Moser

### PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1—Paul Saunders  
 2—Kevin Inman  
 4—Becky Inman

### **PM**

1. Madison Taberner & Holly Haught
2. Ron & Peggy Riddle
3. Jim & Charlotte Galloway
4. Dave & Carla Wadlington
5. Jim & Sallie Hinzman
6. Rick & Kay Stanley

## Facts and Figures

January 5, 2014  
 AM Service.....288  
 Bible Study.....231  
 PM Service.....243  
 Wednesday.....223  
 Contribution.....\$8663.00  
**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013**  
 Baptisms.....8  
 Restored or Requested  
 Prayers.....9  
 Placed Membership...22

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

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

### 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

January 19  
 KEEPING MY ZEAL

## Daily Bible Reading

January 12—Mat 9:18-38, Ge 26-27  
 January 13—Mat 10:1-15, Ge 28-29  
 January 14—Mat 10:16-42, Ge 30  
 January 15—Mat 11, Ge 31-32  
 January 16—Mat 12:1-8, Ge 33-34  
 January 17—Mat 12:9-32, Ge 35-36  
 January 18—Mat 12:33-50, Ge 37-38  
 January 19—Mat 13:1-23, Ge 39-40