

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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**WELCOME TO THE AREA WIDE
SERVICE BEING HELD HERE
TODAY.**

It will be hosted by the Barlow-Vincent
congregation at 3:30.

Speaker: Nathan Greene
Topic: *From the Lips of Children*
(Matthew 21:12-17)

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
 Leonard Haid
 Doug Hershman
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**We extend our sympathy to the following families:**

- Paul Saunders in the passing of his father, Harold Saunders. He passed away Monday, January 7. His funeral was held Thursday in Huntington.
- Sharon Midkiff in the passing of her father, Harry Booth. He passed away Monday, January 7. His funeral was Thursday in Charleston.
- The family of Lawrence Stoops. He passed away Wednesday, January 9. Funeral services were yesterday in Parkersburg.

Remember our church family in your prayers:

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

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Ellen Brookover (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), 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.

**Thank You Notes**

- ♥ I want to thank you all again for the many holiday cards and gifts I received. I am truly blessed to belong to such a lovely church family. Love you all, **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Dear Christian Friends, I want to thank everyone for the Xmas cards and gifts. I enjoy all of them. **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ Thank you for the holiday cards. I enjoyed them so much. **Phil Deem**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. They were greatly appreciated. **Cody Hoover**



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We rejoice that Harold and Sally Shank placed membership with us. He is the president of Ohio Valley University. Also, his mother, Florence Shank placed her membership with us. She is a resident at the Worthington Manor. Her address is: Worthington Manor, 36th Street Parkersburg, WV 26101 (Room 34W) . They will be in Care Group 2.

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.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Evening 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 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are encouraged to meet January 26 at 8:30 for breakfast. The location is to be determined. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive will be Monday, February 11, 2013 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets will be available.

LADIES LUNCH

The ladies will not have a luncheon this month but will resume in February.

Daily Bible Reading

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 12:33-35, Ge 37-38
January 19 - Mat 13:1-23, Ge 39-40
January 20 - Mat 13:24-46, Ge 41-42



New Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyers.

Watch
"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each
Sunday morning
at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

January 20
WALKING BY FAITH

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER/GAME NIGHT

The annual Golden Agers soup bean dinner and game night will be Monday, January 21 at 6:00 in the MP Room.

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



We will have an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to
Dearll and Carol Vincent



Thursday, January 17!

Don't Underestimate Yourself

The diary of a 70-year-old man bemoaned the fact that he had no talent and had never been able to succeed at anything. He insisted that his whole life had been “a succession of disappointments.” “I can scarcely recollect a single instance of success in anything I ever undertook,” he wrote. Yet the man who made that entry in his diary had held more offices than any other man in U.S. history: Minister to the Hague; Emissary to England; Minister to Prussia; State Senator; U.S. Congressman; U.S. Senator; Ambassador to Russia; Secretary of State; and President of the U.S.: He was John Quincy Adams!

Many are afflicted with similar feelings when it comes to their service to Christ in the Kingdom! They feel that they have no real talent or ability; that there is really not much they can do for Jesus. So they sell themselves short. In the service of God we often underestimate ourselves. . . individually and collectively!

The Bible has a clear-cut message for us when we are tempted to take this view of our abilities to excuse ourselves from service.

1.) **You Are Gifted!** The Apostle Paul makes it clear in Romans 12:4-8 that we have been endowed with the ability for service. In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes: “*And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.*” The point is that God endows us with certain talents and abilities and He provides us with opportunities to use them! We must put our talents to use or earn the condemnation of our Lord! (Matthew 25:26-28.)

2.) **You Are Unique!** We don't all have the same function! Not every member of the body of Christ has the same desire, or interest, or ability, or energy level. Some have been criticized because they don't do what others do (leading public prayer, teach class, preach, etc.) There is a human tendency to think everybody should be doing just what we are doing! But we are all different! Our different talents are needed to make up a well-rounded, fully-developed body! Nobody else has exactly your stock of talents. Don't be disturbed by abilities you do not have. God made you like He wanted you to be. Use whatever He has given you to His honor and glory!

3.) **You Are Needed!** (Read I Corinthians 12:14-19.) If you refuse to use your god-given talent, the body is handicapped! We cannot function effectively without you! There are many areas of service in every congregation of the Lord's church; *You* are wanted and needed; *You* are valuable! Find your role and fill it! Do what you can! There is something that won't be done unless you do it!

Don't underestimate what you can do! A few years ago, Jan Smothers was named Student of the Year at Freed-Hardeman College. She was born without arms. She drove her car, dressed and fed herself, and took notes in class...with her feet! She refused to hide behind, “I can't!” She did what she could! God doesn't expect you to do what you can't; He just expects you to do what you can!

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Romans 12:9-18

The Serpent of Old

~P Nygard

In Genesis 3.1 Moses records, “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman...” Two questions are of interest with reference to this passage. First, did an animal of some sort actually speak with Eve? Second, who was this creature?

It is clear from the context that a real animal was involved in speaking to Eve. The creature was called “a beast of the field.” On the other hand, it must have been more than just a ‘mere’ animal, for it is said to have “been more subtle (crafty, tricky) than any contemporary animal.” Also, it engaged Eve in a conversation. It does not matter if we argue that a serpent is incapable of speech for this obviously was a unique situation by the permission of God.

So who is this serpent that spoke to Eve? The New Testament can help us to understand more. Clearly, it was *Satan* who used the serpent as an instrument in his evil plan of Genesis 3. The serpent’s lie about the forbidden fruit conforms to the Lord’s affirmation that the devil is the *father of liars*. Also, Jesus said that he (the devil) was a *murderer from the beginning*, which is true considering that Adam was fated to perish from this world (Jn 8.44) due to his sin. Paul tells us that the serpent ‘beguiled’ (deceived) Eve, and he warns that he tries to trick us: “Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light” (II Cor 11.3,14) The devil is said to have sinned from the beginning and twice in Revelation he is called the “old serpent” or a dragon (Rev 12.9, 20.2).

Without question, this is who tempted Eve in the garden to sin against God. We must heed the warning God’s word places before us and always be watchful for the craftiness of the devil so that he does not trick us into sin as well.

If you like to mark your Bible, you might note these verses in connection with Genesis 3.1 (Jn 8.44, 2 Cor 11.3,14, Jn 3.8, Rev 12.9,20.2).



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

January 19 - 6th-12th grade devo. at the Kirk's home at 5:00. Girls are to bring a wrapped gift tagged "GIRL" and boys are to bring a wrapped gift tagged "BOY". The gift limit is \$10.00.

January 20 - K-5th grade devo.

January 26 - K-12th grade Ice Skating in South Charleston

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR THE JANUARY EVENTS ARE ON THE COUNTER.

February 2 - K-12th grade to OVU basketball game

February 3 - K-12th grade Super Bowl party

February 4 - Winter youth devo.

February 11 - Winter youth devo.

February 18 - Winter youth devo.

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

February 25 - Winter youth devo.

More details to follow on these events.

Youth calendars are available on the counter.



WV MARRIAGE GETAWAY

There will be a West Virginia Marriage Getaway on February 15-16.

We'll explore four specific goals we should reach in our marriages:

- 1.) Spiritual growth in each other
- 2.) Deep devotion for God in our homes
- 3.) An evangelistic impact in our world
- 4.) Compassionate service in our communities

This year's event will be held at the Days Hotel & Conference Center in Flatwoods, WV.

The speaker will be Mark Parker. He serves at the Young Adults Minister for the Grand Central congregation.

Registration deadline is February 1.

For more details, see Rick Stanley.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In the operating room of a large, well-known hospital, it was the nurse's first day on the medical team.

She was responsible to insure that all instruments and materials were accounted for before completing the final steps of the operation. She said to the surgeon, "you've only removed 11 sponges. We used 12 sponges, and we need to find the last one."

"I removed them all," the doctor declared emphatically. "We'll close the incision now."

"No," the rookie nurse objected, "We used 12 sponges."

"I'll take the responsibility," the surgeon said grimly, "Suture."

"You can't do that, sir," blazed the nurse. "Think of the patient."

The surgeon smiled and lifted his foot, showing the nurse the twelfth sponge. "You'll do just fine in this or any other hospital."

What's the lesson here? Always stand up for what you know to be right! Solomon said, "He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known." (Proverbs 10:9)

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, January 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Leonard Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Merrill
Close - Gary Herridge
6:00 PM - Jon Hescht
Close - Dustin Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem
PM - Dan Rich

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Leon Hupp
Ryan Gaston

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Paul Saunders
2 - Dwain Shears
4 - Kimberlee Shears

PM

1. Kody & Chelsea Inman
2. Bill Mills & Bill Pralley
3. Tammy Kerns & Martha Metz
4. Dearll & Carol Vincent
5. Keith & Peggy Cowdery
6. Dennis & Sandy Keller

Facts and Figures

January 6, 2013

AM Service.....295
Bible Study.....219
PM Service.....223
Wednesday.....200
Contribution.....\$8039.00

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



GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE ALL YEAR LONG

THE GIFT OF PRAISE - Appropriate mention right in front of the other fellow, of superior qualities or of jobs and deeds well done.

THE GIFT OF CONSIDERATION - Putting yourself in the other's shoes, providing genuine understanding of his/her side of the case.

THE GIFT OF CONCESSION - Humbly saying at just the right point, "I am sorry, you are right, and I am wrong."

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE - Never forgetting to say "Thank you" and never failing to mean it.

THE GIFT OF ATTENTION - When the other person speaks, listen attentively. If directed to you personally, meet his eye squarely.

THE GIFT OF INSPIRATION - Plant seeds of courage and action in the other person's heart.

THE GIFT OF PERSONAL PRESENCE - In sickness, trouble, or great joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulations.

RESOLVE - to give these gifts each day. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you will receive in return.

Thank you to the Elders that shepherd the flock .
Thank you to Dana and Paul for teaching us from
God's word.

Thank you to the Deacons that do so many jobs that
often go unnoticed.

Thank you to our Bible class teachers. They prepare
and teach us and our children more of God's word.

Thank you to Wes for all he does.

Thank you to each member and their families that
worship here as we all strive for that one goal.

THANK YOU!