

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 1 will be conducting the services at Love and Care next Sunday at 2:30 and Thursday, January 30 at 7:00PM.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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
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 Kyle Inman
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St. Joseph's Hospital John Rockhold (Room TC 353)

Cleveland Clinic Dale Wilcox (ICU)

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), Ryan & Rose Conger (Friends
 of Joni Rouse), 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), Bob Enoch, John Guilfooy (Cindy Huxley'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
 niece), 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's 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.

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We extend our sympathy to Rose Merrill in the passing of her
 sister and Zandra Holleron's aunt, Ruth Hatfield. She resided
 is Thomasville, North Carolina.

Thank You!

♥ Thank you for all of the nice anniversary cards.

Dearll & Carol Vincent

♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and well wishes.

Lucille Hardman



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are so happy to welcome Joel and Stephanie Hickerson and their children McKenna, Kennedy and Jackson into the Camden Avenue family. They have placed their membership with us. Their address is: 1906 Percy Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101
Telephones: 304.615.3458 (Joel) and 304.615.3408 (Stephanie). They will be in Care Group 3.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's Meeting will be today 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 next Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 30 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 25 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

MONTHLY LOVE & CARE SING

Everyone is invited Monday evening, January 27 at 7:00 for the monthly sing at Love and Care.

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.

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.

DANA'S DIRECTION

“When Does Life Begin?”



About the only way people have been able to make the practice of abortion palatable to society is to mask the fact that the unwanted and aborted child is different only by the degree it is developed to the cute little bundle welcomed and placed with loving arms in the hospital nursery. Because the random murder of babies would be unthinkable, the term “fetus” is used to dehumanize the unborn. What exactly is a “fetus?” Just an unformed mass of tissue? Is it not any more significant for a pregnant woman to “choose” to have a fetus removed than it would be to remove a cyst or other tumor?

Thirty five years ago, I ran into my first Christian who challenged my teaching on abortion. They said, that while they did not advocate abortion, the Bible was silent on the issue and that one could not really determine when life actually began. On the other hand, I certainly believe that the Bible does not reveal the time God recognizes life and condemns specifically those who would “shed innocent blood.” (Proverbs 6:17)

James wrote, “For as the body without the spirit is dead...” (James 2:26) I realize that James was speaking of the role of faith and works, but he illustrated that by comparing to a known fact—a body without a spirit within is dead. Since an unborn baby (fetus) is obviously alive, it has a spirit within. Since there is no time in the fetus’s development when it is not living or not human, we conclude that the time “God forms the spirit within man” (Zechariah 11:1) is at conception. An even stronger statement of this fact are the words of Solomon, “As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.” (Ecclesiastes 11:5 RSV)

The idea that a baby is spiritless for nine months is an insult to the God who created man “in His own image.” (Genesis 1:26) The unborn baby is human life, made so by the soul that God created and placed within the forming body. As God said to Jeremiah, “before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” (Jerimah1:5)

Isn’t the only issue the fact that some children are wanted and some are not? The same fetus that is born premature, and with the help of modern medical technology grows to be a normal child and healthy adult can be legally aborted and thrown out with other “medical waste.” “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in His own image.” (Genesis 9:6) Surely, it was more than a tumor in Elizabeth’s body who “leaped in her womb for joy.” (Luke 1:44)

*** This Wednesday (January 22) marks the 41st anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, which struck down any laws which opposed the practice of abortion. Since that time the lives of more than 90 million infants haven been terminated simply because they were unwanted. Please join us in praying that this atrocity may one day be overturned.**



Faith that Pleases God

(Hebrews 11:1-7)

We are _____ saved by _____ alone. “Do you not know, O foolish man, that faith without _____ is _____” (James 2:20). **Believing alone is not a Biblical definition of _____.** “Even the _____ believe and _____” (James 2:19)

Faith explained: The definition of faith. “Now faith is the _____ of things _____ for, the _____ of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Substance means to stand under of _____. Evidence means _____. The evidence shows that it couldn’t be otherwise. **Our faith in God the Creator:** “By _____ we understand that the worlds were framed by the _____ of God, so that the things which are _____ were not made of things which are _____” (Hebrews 11:3).

Faith exemplified: “By _____ Abel offered to God a more _____ sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained _____ that he was _____” (Hebrews 11:4).

Abel demonstrated faith _____. “Faith comes by _____ and hearing by the _____ of God” (Romans 10:17). **Worship _____ be in faith.** “God is _____ and those who worship Him must worship Him in _____ and in _____” (John 4:24).

Enoch demonstrated faith _____. “By _____ Enoch was _____ so that he did not see death...for before his translation he had this _____, that he _____ God” (Hebrews 11:5).

Noah demonstrated faith _____. “By faith Noah, being divinely _____ of things not yet seen, _____ with godly fear, _____ an _____ for the saving of his household... and became heir of the _____ which is according to _____” (Hebrews 11:7). **The essential element of Noah’s faith was _____.** **Faith is not faith until it _____.** “Faith was _____ together with his _____ and by _____ faith was made perfect” (James 2:22).

Faith emphasized: How important is faith? “Without _____ it is _____ to please Him, for he who _____ to God must _____ that He is and that He is a _____ of those who _____ seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

A Good Conversation

~PNygard



Missie Jenkins wrote the following on her blog back in September.

Have a conversation..... tonight-do everything you can to have a conversation.... let the conversation be worthwhile and happy and full. Let it be something that is honest and serious and deep and yet fun and peaceful and joyful. Have the kind of conversation that can be life changing...one that can make you feel GREAT from the inside out. I share this with you today because I did it and want you to do it too. Yesterday, I was kinda having a down day—I don't know why—but at the end of my night-I spend a long time in a great, great conversation... it changed my heart- it changed my "stinkin- thinkin"- it made me feel-well, amazing. The conversation started with me—sitting outside on my front porch in a rocking chair... all alone with just me and my Father. I talked to Him-I cried out to Him—I begged Him for strength and for a greater faith. I told Him there was no way I could make it through without Him. I told Him that I knew He knew all of my secrets but that I wanted Him to hear them from me-so I confessed to Him. Then I told Him I loved Him. I loved Him so much that I wanted to be better and do better because of Him. I told Him that there was nothing and no one that mattered more to me....and I meant it. I also told Him that I would fail Him again.... but that I wanted to try, to try hard to show Him how much it meant that He had given me life— and not just life but a GREAT LIFE. Then I took out my Bible and I read this passage— read it- I know it is probably in your memory but read it— For God so loved the world that He gave His ONLY son- so that whoever believes in Him would not be lost but have eternal life. — Wow. It was something I needed to see.... it means something- it means He really really loves me. — Have a conversation.

In a time where we are pulled in what seems like a thousand directions with work, school, church activities, entertainment, and who knows what else; Missie's reminder of what is truly important is a breath of fresh air. The bonds we have with family and with God will see us through. She was right when she said, "Wow".

Consider how often Jesus sat with others or with God and simply had a good conversation:

[Joh 6:3](#) And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

[Mar 2:15](#) Now it happened, as He was dining in *Levi's* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him.

[Mat 24:3](#) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

[Luk 19:5](#) And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

[Luk 10:38](#) Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

[Mar 1:35](#) Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

My friends, take a little time today; sit and be with the ones you love, with God, and simply have a *good conversation*...it will do wonders for your soul.



Area Wide Teen Devotionals

TOPIC: HEROES

February 3—Lubeck (Abraham-Hero of Faith, Genesis 22:1-14)

February 10—Camden Avenue (Joseph, Hero that ran away, Genesis 39:1-23)

February 17—Hopewell (Samuel-Rejected hero, 1 Samuel 8:1-22)

February 24—North End (Caleb, Old hero with bold dream, Joshua 14:6-15)

March 3—Mineral Wells (Esther, Fearful heroine, Esther 4:1-17)

Please plan to join us Mondays evenings from 7:00-8:30.

If you have any questions, see Barry Mills or contact him at 304.482.8472.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The affect of Jesus' teaching upon the world has been unsurpassed. All of time, dates from His birth in a barn in Bethlehem. The question is, how did He accomplish such an amazing reach?

All He did was commit His name and teaching to a few humble fishermen who lacked education and influence (Acts 4:13).

Looked at from the human side alone, how great was the probability that everything He said would not be forgotten within a few years? He never wrote a sermon. He published no books. Not a thing He said was engraved upon a stone, yet His doctrines have endured for over 2000 years.

Jesus painted no pictures, wrote no poetry, composed no music, yet some of the finest paintings and poetry received their inspiration from Him: and some of the world's greatest music was composed in praise to Him!

Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth! As the apostle John said, "Come and see" . (John 1:46)

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 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
PM—Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Lemley
Close—Dwain Shears
6:00 PM—Stan Inman
Close—Jeff Taberner

SCRIPTURE

AM—Ray Johnson
PM—Hayden Moser

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Mike Wade
PM—Paul Saunders
Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Jim Hinzman
2—Keith Smith
4—Eloise Smith

PM

1. Glenn Snider & Bob Smith
2. John & Linda Hall
3. Len & Susan Haid
4. Bill Pralley & Walter Morgan
5. Don & Sheri Gaston
6. Richard & Lorna Marshall



Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Your presence has been a blessing!

Valet Service

January 19 and 22—Chris Tallman,
Donovan Walton

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

January 26 and 29—Mike Bayer,
Jeff Taberner



Facts and Figures

January 12, 2014
AM Service.....303
Bible Study.....236
PM Service.....221
Wednesday.....241
Contribution.....\$6675.00
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014
Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....0
Placed Membership.....2

College Student Pick-Up

Sunday, January 19—Mike Bayer,
Doug Hershman

Wednesday, January 22—Dana Slingluff
Sunday, January 26—Kyle Inman, Barry Mills



Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

Daily Bible Reading

January 19—Mat 13:1-23, Ge 39-40
January 20—Mat 13:24-46, Ge 41-42
January 21—Mat 13:47-58, Ge 43-44
January 22—Mat 14, Ge 45-46
January 23—Mat 15:1-20, Ge 47-48
January 24—Mat 15:21-39, Ge 49-50
January 25—Mat 16, Ex 1-3
January 26—Mat 17, Ex 4-5

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 26
GLORIFYING GOD