

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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Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages to share.

Everyone is invited to the area—wide service held here next Sunday at 2:30 and is bring hosted by the Mineral Wells congregation.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

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Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
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Thank You Notes . . .



- ♥ A fond “thank you” for the anniversary cards and best wishes. We so love our church family. **Cotton and Patty Sayre**
- ♥ I’d like to thank you so much for remembering me with holiday cards, gifts and holiday treats! I truly appreciate you all. May God bless you! Love, **Jo Langler**

Remember our shut-ins and those that have been unable to attend services in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

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Chelsea Doonan 2104 43rd Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104
Shorty and Gloria Frazier 2205 Neal Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101
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Jenny Reynolds 605 Hill Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104
Neil Russell 204 Edgelawn Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101
John Stevens 76 Blair Avenue, Mineral Wells, WV 26150



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, Neil Russell

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), Lone 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 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’ 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.



LLL MEETING THIS EVENING

Todd Kirk would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone planning to go to the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention.

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. This is open to our youth and adults willing to help. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HARDING UNIVERSITY CHORUS

The Harding University Chorus will be performing at the Grand Central congregation Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Members are asked to bring extra to share with visitors.

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area-wide service will be held here next Sunday, January 12 at 2:30 and is being hosted by the Mineral Wells congregation.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER AND GAME NIGHT

The annual Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner and Game Night will be Monday, January 20 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets for food items and attendance are on the counter. Also, please bring games.

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 SERVICE

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. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services.



Our American Red Cross Blood Drive will be February 10
from 1:00-6:00



DANA'S DIRECTION

"If God says it—it's True"

In this "Politically Correct" world in which we live, there is a growing resistance to taking a stand—any stand! The concepts of true or false, yes or no, right or wrong are lost in a world of relativism that preaches that truth is subjective—it means whatever you want to believe it means.

What concerns me most is the influence this is having on the preaching of God's word. Sincere people often ask hard questions: "Is someone really lost if he has never been baptized?" "Will people be lost because they worship in ways different from what the New Testament teaches?" "What about the Christian who becomes unfaithful?" Is homosexuality really a sin? Is divorce for any reason acceptable to God?

These questions are not hard because we cannot determine what the Bible says—they are hard because they lead to conclusions that people don't want to hear. Unfortunately, I hear many Christians (preachers included) who "back away from the truth" in order to "spare someone's feelings."

We sometimes leave the impression that there are no certainties in the Christian faith. We know what God says, but we're not sure what He will do!

How contrary this attitude is to the very nature of God. God is truth. It is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:17-18) This is the very basis of our faith—and our hope. **"God is not a man, that He should lie. Has He said, and will He not do it? Has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"** (Numbers 23:19) God's word is true. **"Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful."** (Psalm 119:138) **"And the scripture cannot be broken."** (John 10:35)

The truth of God's word is unchanging. Our willingness to stand on it often is not. The problem is that many are "ashamed of the gospel." (Romans 1:16) We are afraid that we will offend someone or be viewed as intolerant. And so the message—the truth (the only thing which can save us or set us free) is compromised—watered down, to make it more acceptable to men.

But the truth remains the truth. It may fall out of favor with men. **"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and will turn away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."** (II Tim. 4:3-4)

We may imitate the "feel-good, positive mental outlook, I'm O.K., you're O.K." message popular in churches today—but the truth remains the truth. **"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."** (II Tim. 2:13) **"For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar."** (Romans 3:3-4)

Jesus told Pilate that the reason He came into the world was to **"bear witness to the truth."** He also said that **"those who are of the truth hear My voice."** (John 18:37) We are warned in scripture that those who do not have a love for the truth will end up believing the lie and be lost (II Thes. 2:10) The only hope that we really have to offer a world that is lost in sin is the truth which has been revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. **"Buy the truth, sell it not!"** (Proverbs 23:23)

Learning Contentment

(Philippians 4:4-13)

*That's contentment—
knowing and believing that
God will provide all you need,
no matter what.*

“For I have _____ in whatever state I am in, to be _____. I know how to be _____, and I know how to _____. Everywhere and in all things I have _____ both to be _____ and to be _____, both to _____ and to suffer _____. I can do _____ things through _____ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:11-13).

Contentment: A detachment from _____ concern about the _____ features of life. (Tyndale) A quiet _____ in the midst of all kinds of _____ events. (Pulpit Commentary)

Things that Destroy Contentment:

Covetousness:

“The ground of a certain rich man yielded _____. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no _____ to _____ my crops?’ so he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and _____ greater, and there I will _____ all my _____ and goods. And I will say to my soul, you have many _____ laid up for many _____; take your _____; eat, drink, and be _____” (Luke 12:16-19). He said to them, “Take heed and beware of _____, for one’s _____ does not consist in the abundance of _____ he possesses” (Luke 12:15).

Envy:

“Now the works of the _____ are evident...” (Gal 5:19). “_____, murders, drunkenness... and the like; of which I _____ you.... Those who _____ such things will not _____ the _____ of God” (Gal 5:21).

Ingratitude/Worry:

“Be _____ in nothing, but in _____ by prayer and supplication, with _____, let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which _____ all understanding, will guard your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Developing an Attitude of Contentment:

Realize that contentment is something that must be _____.

We must distinguish between our _____ and our _____. “For we brought _____ into this world and it is _____ that we can carry nothing out. And having _____ and _____, with these things we should be _____” (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

We must _____ God. “Let your conduct be without _____, and be _____ with such things as you _____. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor _____ you.’ So we may boldly say, ‘The _____ is my _____” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

That Has to Be A Mistake

~PNygard

Do you remember ever seeing the artist on TV with the fuzzy hair? You know, the guy who stands in front of a canvas with his color palette and paints? Bob Ross passed away in 1995, but his television show still airs from time to time and he is yet a big sensation on 'Youtube' if you want to learn a bit about painting.

While I could do without his comments about "happy clouds" and "happy trees," I have been amazed at his abilities. In a period of twenty minutes, this man could transform a blank piece of canvas into a beautiful work of art. On many occasions, I would see him make a stroke with his brush and think, "Aw, he's really made a mess with that one" only to be proven wrong. What seemed to me to be a mistake was eventually blended into something beautiful.

Do you think it would help us if we could remember this when it comes to the working of God in our lives? At times, God allows things to happen to us that appear as though no possible good can come from it. Sometimes events may even make us feel that God has blundered with our lives. But He is a skillful artist; He eventually brings first one and then another influence to bear upon our life until something purposeful begins to emerge from that which we thought was an ugly mistake.

When life is difficult and a bit messy, hang in there. Don't change the channel on God too soon. If you do, you may miss something beautiful.

My Brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (Js 1.2-3)

Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have.



You need the church, the church needs you, the world needs both.

May each of you get what you want out of life, and still want it after you've gotten it.



GENEROUS GIFT FOR THE YOUTH

One of our members has given the congregation a generous gift to be used for purchasing food when our youth have a get-together.

During 2014 we will not be asking for the youth to bring money for pizza, pop, or chips until this contribution is depleted.

We thank this family very much for the love they have for our youth.

The elders



A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.

Proverbs 15:30

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.

Philippians 4:12

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4



Valet Service

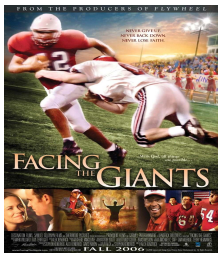
January 5 and 8—Jim Hughes, Herb Wright

January 12 and 15—Jimmy Galloway, Dwain Shears

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

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Many of you may have seen the movie “Facing the Giants” which was released in 2007. It is a movie about a high school football coach working at a Christian High School who turns to God as a solution to his personal problems and his team’s troubles. If you haven’t seen it you should! The movie teaches us to Never Give Up; Never Back Down; and Never Lose Faith. It is a good movie with a great moral message.

But let me tell you an interesting thing! The movie received a PG rating from the motion picture film institute. And what was the reason it received a PG rating? The movie mentions “God” too much!

According to the Hollywood rating system, God now takes a place beside violence, filthy language, and sexual content as something movie goers need to be warned about!

What is happening with the country!!! Where are our leaders taking us? “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;. . . (Isaiah 5:20-21) Truly we must stand together or we will surely fall.

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 12

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught
PM—Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Keith Smith
Close—Barry Mills
6:00 PM—Scott Johnson
Close—Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bob Miller
PM—Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bob Smith
PM—Bill Hoover
Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM
1—Dave Nulter
2—Bob Smith
4—Lois Nulter

PM

1. Jordan Kirk & Hannah Shears
2. Ray & Bonnie Sams
3. Jan & Nina Cheuvront
4. Doug & Shannan Hinzman
5. Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
6. Leon & Judy Hupp

Facts and Figures

December 29, 2013
AM Service.....309
Bible Study.....232
PM Service.....213
Wednesday.....190
Contribution.....\$5658.00
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



I Am A Newcomer

SMILE AT ME as I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church during the first few moments I am in your building, and this first impression will probably stay with me for a long time.

HELP ME find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember your kindness.

SPEAK TO ME during the fellowship time before and after services. I know that if you care for a stranger, you care for your church family deeply.

TELL ME GOOD THINGS about the church, your elders, deacons and ministers. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

NOTICE ME even if I am not a “family”. I don’t want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager or an older person.

TALK TO ME AGAIN the second week when I come back and the third and the fourth. I am still not a part of your church family.

INVITE ME to become a part of some church activity or small group. I need more contact with the church family as I begin to feel a part.

Daily Bible Reading

January 5—Mat 5:1-20, Ge 11-12
January 6—Mat 5:21-48, Ge 13-15
January 7—Mat 6:1-15, Ge 16-18
January 8—Mat 6:16-34, Ge 19-20
January 9—Mat 7, Ge 21-22
January 10—Mat 8, Ge 23-24
January 11—Mat 9:1-17, Ge 25
January 12—Mat 9:18-38, Ge 26-27

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 12
NEVER ALONE