

# 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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## Super Saturday Vacation Bible School *Jonah and the Great Fish*

July 19

9:00AM-3:00PM

### Fort Gay church of Christ

Cedar Heights Drive

Fort Gay, WV

304.648.5531

Classes for preschool through adults.

We are happy to be assisting them  
with this effort.



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Dana will be holding a Gospel Meeting at the  
Fort Gay congregation July 20–23.

Please pray for Dana and this work.

## Elders:

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

## Deacons:

Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Brian Haught  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

## Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
304.483.3546

## Associate Minister:

Paul Nygard  
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## Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Marie Boso, Zoe Byrum, Hazel Cozad, Bob and Lillie Fox, Jim Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell

## Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Wirt Cook, Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Doreen Kupfner, Sikarin Lambamrung, serving our country (friend of Drake Logston), Dana Metz, Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Karen Newberry Shaw, Mary Sims (Billie Coe's aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Tracy Sheppard (niece of Gwen Lucas), Shirley Sutton (Margaret Dawkins' sister), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Pat Willey (friend of Mary Daniel), Sandy Yoho

Gwen Johnson's infant niece, Sarah Maynard and her parents, Leon and Judy Hupp's grandbabies, Phoenix and Brooklyn.

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

We extend our sympathy to Sue VanCamp and family in the passing of Jim. His service was held Wednesday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Please continue to pray for this family.



## Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the lovely anniversary cards. **Bill and Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for our father's funeral. Also, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. **The family of Cecil D. McCutcheon**
- ♥ Thank you for the nice birthday cards. They made my fourth of July birthday even more special. **Bob Fox**
- ♥ Thank you for our beautiful birthday cards. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, food, and the help. A special thanks to Paul and Joel Inman for their help. I am glad to be a part of the Camden Avenue family. **Phyllis Johnson**



### **REQUESTED PRAYERS/BAPTISM**

Glenn Snider came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Please keep Glenn in your prayers and encourage him in his Christian walk. Rachel Cumberledge was baptized Wednesday evening at Camp Hervida. We welcome Rachel into the Camden Avenue family.

### **WEDDING RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to a wedding reception for Ethan and Melissa Ash today from 3:00-5:00 in the MP Room.

### **BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS MEETING**

There will be a brief teachers meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

### **FORT GAY MISSION TRIP**

We will be assisting the Fort Gay, WV congregation July 16-23 distributing flyers for their gospel meeting with Dana and Vacation Bible School. We will be helping with their Super Saturday VBS July 19. Please pray for these efforts.

### **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.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 26 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Attendance sheet is on the counter.

### **LOVE AND CARE SERVICES**

Care Group 3 will be conducting services at Love and Care Sunday, July 27 at 2:30 and the July 31 service at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and worship with the residents.

### **AUGUST AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Our annual summer Blood Drive will be Monday, August 11 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Schedules will be available.



### **Parkersburg-Half Marathon Water Stop**

We will once again be hosting a water stop during the Parkersburg-Half Marathon August 16.

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 112 for those interested in volunteering.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the counter.**

(You need to sign by July 25 to receive a volunteer t-shirt.)

See Jimmy Galloway for more details.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

July 13—Acts 13:32-52, Neh 1-3

July 14—Acts 14, Neh 4-5

July 15—Acts 15:1-21, Neh 6-7

July 16—Acts 15:22-41, Neh 8-9

July 17—Acts 16:1-15, Neh 10-11

July 18—Acts 16:16-40, Neh 12-13

July 19—Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3

July 20—Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## "Criticism"



Judge not, that you be not judged.” (Matthew 7:1) So many people have used these words as a “catch-all” condemnation of standing for or against anything. I have heard Christian people refuse to take a stand against everything from false teaching to blatant sin in the lives of Christians by saying “we cannot judge.” When viewed in the context of all of Jesus’ teachings, this is obviously not correct.

What is Jesus speaking of in this text? He is plainly speaking of harsh, unloving, criticism – fault-finding! “And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother’s eye” (Matthew 7:1-4) James put it this way “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.” (James 4:11)

In line with what James said, I have often found that there are two groups of people in the church: those who are doers and those who sit back and criticize what is being done. James says that when one puts himself in that role, he is not a doer, but a judge (critic). “There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and destroy. Who are you to judge another?” (James 4:12)

J.W. McGarvey describes the attitude of the one who judges as ill-will. I agree. Often those who are harsh in their criticisms of others see themselves as superior, even more acceptable to God than their brother. They talk about offering “constructive criticism.” There is little that is constructive about much of the criticism that I have heard offered.

The Bible teaches that offering proper correction is not only permissible but is our duty. Paul stated “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, *you who are spiritual* restore such a one in a *spirit of gentleness*, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1) but before we can correct a brother, we must qualify! By looking at the words of these passages sighted, I believe we can establish:

### **Who has the “right” to correct his brother?**

One who criticizes his brother – must be one who is willing to be judged by the same standard to which he holds others.

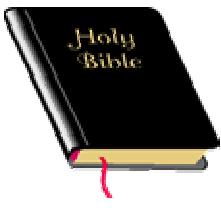
One who criticizes his brother – must be one whose own life is in order.

One who criticizes his brother must love the one he criticizes.

One who criticizes his brother – must be able and willing to help.

One who criticizes his brother must do so for the purpose of edification and encouragement.

Too many times, putting in our “two-cents worth” has been done at the expense of a soul that is priceless. Paul stated “let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.” (Ephesians 4:29) What is he talking about? Saying things that tear down and discourage others. What kind of things should we say to our brother? “But, what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29) Harsh criticism will discourage anyone, but a word of praise will encourage, edify and help a brother go to heaven!



# “God has not given us the spirit of fear”

(Mark 4:35-41; II Tim. 1:7)

## The Fear of the Lord:

Motivates people to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Eccle. 12:13)

Causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 3:7)

The Lord takes \_\_\_\_\_ in those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Psalm 147:11)

Will \_\_\_\_\_ them (Psalm 115:13), \_\_\_\_\_ them (Prov. 13:13), \_\_\_\_\_ them (Psalm 130:4), \_\_\_\_\_ them (Psalm 145:19), increase their \_\_\_\_\_ on earth. (Proverbs 10:27)

“In the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord there is strong \_\_\_\_\_, and His children have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a \_\_\_\_\_ of life to avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ of death” (Proverbs 14:26-27). “Fear God and \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, for this is the whole - \_\_\_\_\_ of man” (Eccle. 12:13).

**Godly fear vs. Worldly fear: Godly fear** – to fully \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God and live your life accordingly. **Worldly fear** – to \_\_\_\_\_ respect and confidence in God and to \_\_\_\_\_ your life accordingly.

## The effect of fear on our lives:

- **Fear is \_\_\_\_\_.** “Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be troubled” (John 14:1)
- **Fear is \_\_\_\_\_.** “For you did not receive the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ again to fear...” (Romans 8:15).
- **Fear is self \_\_\_\_\_.** Fear has a way of making the very thing we are \_\_\_\_\_ of happen.
- **Fear is \_\_\_\_\_.** Because of the fear of \_\_\_\_\_ men, \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel wondered in the wilderness. “So they couldn’t enter in because of \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 3:19). A fearful heart is one that is not \_\_\_\_\_ with God. “For God has not given us a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but of power, and of \_\_\_\_\_, and of a \_\_\_\_\_ mind” (II Tim. 1:7).

## Overcoming fear in our lives:

- **We experience fear when we think God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.** “Are not two \_\_\_\_\_ sold for a penny – and yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s \_\_\_\_\_. Do not \_\_\_\_\_, therefore, you are of more \_\_\_\_\_ than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:29-31).
- **We experience fear when we lack \_\_\_\_\_.** “Why are you \_\_\_\_\_? How is it that you have no \_\_\_\_\_?” (Mark 4:40)
- **Walking with Jesus we have \_\_\_\_\_.** “Peace I leave with you. My \_\_\_\_\_ I give unto you. Not as the \_\_\_\_\_ gives do I give to you. Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, neither let it be \_\_\_\_\_” (John 14:27).

# "Rattlesnake Religion"

Leroy Brownlow tells the story about a family of wayward church members; a father and three sons. At one time, these men were very active in the work of the church, but through the years had become negligent and indifferent. Everything within reason had been done in an effort to restore this man and his sons, but to no avail.

Then one day while working, a large rattlesnake bit one of the sons. The doctor was called and he said his condition was very serious. So the father called for the preacher to come and pray for this son's recovery. He did, sort of. This was his prayer...

"O wise and righteous Father, we thank you that you have, in your wisdom, sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church house for years, and it is very doubtful that he has in all this time, until now, felt any need for prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him, and that it may lead to genuine repentance. And now, O Father, will you send another snake to bite Sam, another to bite Jim, and another big one to bite the old man? We have been doing everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems, therefore, that what all our combined efforts could not do, this rattlesnake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes; so, Lord send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In Jesus name, Amen."

Friends, it shouldn't take an emergency for us to see our dependency on God. But if that's what it takes, then give us more rattlesnakes!

Submitted to the bulletin by P Nygard



- Instead of complaining about the things we don't get that we want—  
Why not be grateful for not getting the things we deserve?
- Before you ask God for what you want....Thank Him for what you already have!

# Youth Group

## 1st-6th Grade Bible Bowl Class (Room 112)

July 13–5:00  
July 20 and 27–4:15

## 6th–12th Grade Devotional

Sunday, July 27 in the MP Room following services.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## 5th Grade and under Devotional

Saturday, August 16 at 7:00PM  
At the home of Cody and Kristi Hoover

Sign-up sheet on counter.

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## Cedar Point Trip

Tuesday, August 12

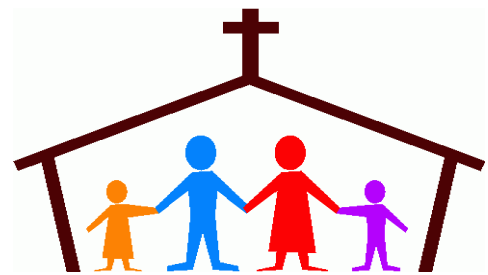
Leaving here at 5:45AM

Cost: \$53 (if 15 or more go)

\$61 (if less than 15 go)

**Deadline:** Your money must be given to Paul Saunders by August 6.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.



## God's Church

Most people think the New Testament church  
is built of brick, wood and stone,  
And after Sunday services  
stands empty and alone.

But God's own church is made of souls  
Who spread both far and wide,  
The story of His wondrous love and  
Jesus crucified.

A living church—A family royal;  
With Christ the King to reign.  
Which after stone and wood are gone  
Forever will remain.

Author Unknown

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Abraham Lincoln loved to employ this brain-teaser to make a point to his constituents. He would ask, “How many legs would a sheep have if you called his tail a leg?”

Normally, they would respond, “Five.”

“Wrong!” replied Lincoln. “You are mistaken. The sheep would still have just four legs. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it so!”

In the same way, calling a law “unnecessary and unfair” doesn't make it so! Current political and social leaders have started calling homosexual unions “marriages.” The current administration has stopped defending the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that bans recognition of gay marriage.

There is a warning in Scripture that applies here. “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”

Just like Lincoln's little story, calling something right doesn't make it so. The real authority for right and wrong rests with God and His Word, **NOT** with man!

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



# August Birthdays/Anniversaries

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, July 20

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk**

### SONG LEADER

AM—Brian Haught  
PM—Ben Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jim Galloway  
Close—Ron Riddle  
6:00 PM—Paul Nygard  
Close—Steve Gray

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Dave Wadlington  
PM—Bob Miller

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Scott Smith  
PM—Leon Hupp  
Kevin Cochran

**PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray**

- August 2**—Cassie Hennen, Nancy Stanley, \*Paul and Nancy Inman
- August 3**—Pat Hoover
- August 4**—Scott Johnson
- August 5**—Jamie Atkinson, Eleanor Slingluff
- August 7**—Richard Cozad, Bill Davis, \*Dana and Cindy Slingluff
- August 8**—Bill Camp, Ed Porter, Hannah Shears, Nick Yoho
- August 9**—Sharon Herridge, \*Jim and Rose Merrill
- August 10**—Ron Riddle, Donna Tice, \*Marion and Jo Goldsmith, \*Brandon and Calle Sheppard
- August 11**—Colleen Ash
- August 13**—Julie Moser, \*David and Carla Wadlington
- August 14**—Jane Pralley, Emily Saunders
- August 17**—Sallie Hinzman, \*Steve and Linda Gray
- August 18**—Debbie Beaver, John Life
- August 19**—Lois Nulter, Carrie Nygard, \*Dwain and Kimberlee Shears
- August 20**—Drew Hershman
- August 22**—Teagan Hescht, Bill Lemley, Rose Merrill, Ray Sams, Dearll Vincent
- August 24**—Larry Stanley
- August 26**—Sherry Wilcox
- August 27**—Linda Gray, Karen Life, Eloise Smith, Brad Sheppard, Clyde Yoho
- August 28**—Kyler Wade
- August 29**—Keith Cowdery
- August 31**—Tim Proffitt

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.



They include Austin Hennen, Gregg Hennen, Jon Hescht and Kyle Inman.

Thank you for your service!

## Facts and Figures

July 6, 2014

AM Service.....	306
Bible Study.....	217
PM Service.....	227
Wednesday.....	231

Contribution.....\$8785.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....	1
Restored or Requested Prayers.....	2
Placed Membership.....	2

\* Anniversary



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

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

## Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 5:15 for the sing at the Pennsville, OH congregation.

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 7:30AM,  
DIRECT TV ch. 307 Sunday 7:30AM,  
Local cable Ch. 4 Sunday 6:30AM,  
GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.