

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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The Great "I Am"

As Christians, we need to remember that God is not known as the great **I Was** but as the great **I Am** (Exodus 3:14).

The practical meaning of this truth is that we should not live in the past with its regrets and mistakes.

Rather, we should emphasize the present with its opportunities and challenges. As the great I Am, God calls us to claim the promise of each new day and to live it fully for Him.

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 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
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 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
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- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful anniversary cards. **Bill & Carolyn Davis**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary and birthday cards. **Jay & Nina Cheuvront**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Bob** (Born on the Fourth of July) **Fox**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards, visits and prayers. **Karen Life**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and well wishes. **Jodriana & Dani Barclay**
- ♥ We wish to thank you for the nice anniversary cards and both birthdays. They were all lovely and we really enjoyed them. **Jim & Sandy Hughes**



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Ed Collins, Chelsea Doonan, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Calvin Martin, Bob Miller, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), Donna Ludwig, Robert Metz, Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Al. Piggot, Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (friend of Bob Miller), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer List.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Steve, Julie, Hayden, Alivia, Clarie and Sophia Moser have placed their membership with us. We welcome them into the family at Camden Avenue. Their address is: 1308 Greenmont Hills Drive, Vienna, WV 26105 They will be in Care Group 2.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 will be hosting the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Care Group 4 invites everyone!

LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are invited to have lunch at Logan's in Vienna Tuesday, July 16 at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

JULY 28 SERVICE AT LOVE AND CARE

Care Group 3 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, July 28 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 1 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly Men's Meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the church picnic Saturday, July 27 at DuPont Park. We will meet at 4:00 and eat at 5:00. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

PARKERSBURG NEWS & SENTINEL HALF-MARATHON WATER STOP

Camden Avenue will again be working a water stop during the marathon August 17. The sign up sheet is on the counter. If you have any questions see Jimmy Galloway.

TORNADO RELIEF

Many thanks to those who have been able to assist with the disaster relief efforts. To date we have collected over \$1400. If you are still wanting to contribute, please see one of the elders. We will be collecting contributions for the next couple of weeks.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be Monday, August 12 in the MP Room. More details will follow.



Daily Bible Reading

July 14—Ac 14, Neh 4-5
July 15—Ac 15:1-21, Neh 6-7
July 16—Ac 15:22-41, Neh 8-9
July 17—Ac 16:1-15, Neh 10-11
July 18—Ac 16:16-40, Neh 12-13
July 19—Ac 17:1-15, Est 1-3
July 20—Ac 17:16-34, Est 4-6
July 21—Ac 18, Est 7-10

August 12

Blood Drive

August 15

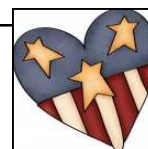
School Supply Give Away

September 8

Friends and Family Day

September 21

Bible Bowl



DANA'S DIRECTION

Two Grand Old Soldiers of the Cross go Home

In **Psalm 71:17-18**, David reflected on his life of serving God: "Oh God, you have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare your wondrous works. ***Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your strength to this generation, your power to everyone who is to come.***"

My heroes have always been preachers. When I was a child I was mesmerized by these faithful proclaimers of God's word. Often they were unsophisticated, many times self-educated, but they had a zeal for the Lord and a dedication that is seldom seen today. They worked hard and long, drove from town to town in their old Plymouths and Chevys, with their sermon charts and lessons in the back seat. They would conduct gospel meetings of two or even three weeks, staying in the homes of the brethren, being paid whatever the church could afford or thought appropriate to pay them.

They were the preachers of my childhood and youth. They never talked about retirement or moving into a condo in Florida. I always assumed they would preach until the day they died... and many of them did. The reward they were seeking was that one laid up for them in heaven. **Two of these beloved men have recently gone to receive that reward.**

Dallas Lockhart, age 91, died on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in Newark, Ohio. He was born February 8, 1922 in Shinnston, West Virginia. Dallas began full-time ministry in 1956 and served churches of Christ in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Mississippi for over 57 years. I first met Dallas in 1976 when I was serving the church in Cambridge, Ohio. Dallas had moved from Zanesville to Louisiana, I assumed to retire. He would return years later to work with the church at Norval Park for many years to come. Just last year I enjoyed being with him and a group of men from Norval Park at a lectureship in Tennessee.

Dallas was unassuming and fun. Dedicated to the Lord and playful. He was a good friend who would ask advise as well as give it. He continued to read and think and grow. He was humble and gracious; everything a godly man should be.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Evelyn Snyder Lockhart; a daughter; a son; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. There is a memorial service in his honor being planned for Sunday, July 21, at Norval Park Church of Christ, 845 Arch Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Lewis E. Mikell, age 91, died on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 in Gallipolis, Ohio. Lewis served with the Church of Christ in Gallipolis for 9 years, Pt Pleasant, WV for 6 years, and in Wildwood, Florida for 3 years. I remember brother Mikell primarily for his prolific work in spreading the gospel as a traveling evangelist. I have memories of him that go back to my early childhood. In all, brother Lewis conducted over 600 evangelistic meetings throughout the United States. Services were held at the Chapel Hill Church of Christ in Gallipolis, on July 5th.

We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to those who have gone before us. May we learn from their example and be inspired by their faithfulness. "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring tidings of good things." (Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15)



PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

Philippians 4:4-7

“Be _____ for nothing, but in everything by _____ and _____, with _____, let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses all _____, will guard your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7)

Having peace of mind is not something that we can _____ for _____. Peace of mind is not found in the _____ realm of life. Peace of mind does not result from _____ effort. Peace of mind is a _____ gift. “Behold the upright man—the end of that man is _____.” (Psalms 37:37) “You will keep him in _____ peace whose _____ is _____ on you.” (Isaiah 26:3) “But the _____ of the Spirit is love, joy, _____. (Galatians 5:22)

Why people are not a peace:

1.) Uncertainty about _____.

2.) Guilt. Man is a _____ being—created with a _____. “The wicked are like the _____ sea when it cannot _____. . . There is not _____, says my God for the _____.” (Isaiah 57:20-21)

3.) Worry/ _____. “Be _____ for nothing.” (Phil. 4:6)

Things which will bring us peace:

Peace of mind is the result of being _____ to God. “And having made _____ through the _____ of the cross, and you who once were _____ and _____ in you mind by _____ works, yet now he has _____.” (Colossians 1:20-21)

Peace of mind is the result of _____ living. “The man who walks _____ - the future of that man is _____.” (Psalm 37:37) “The work of _____ will be peace, and the _____ of righteousness, _____ and _____ forever.” (Isaiah 32:17-18) Obeying God is _____. “Oh, that you would have _____ my _____! Then your _____ would have been like a _____.” (Isaiah 48:18) “Glory, _____ and _____ to everyone who works what is _____. (Romans 2:10) “To be _____ minded is death but to be _____ minded is life and _____. (Romans 8:6)

Peace of mind is the result of _____ living. _____ people cannot have peace of mind. “She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is _____ with scarlet.” (Proverbs 31:21)

If You Could Say Something . . .

... to your sisters in Christ about modesty, what would it be? I asked that question last year to a class full of men. The responses received were heart-felt and plain. I didn't ask for names. Simply write a response, fold the paper, and hand it in. I'll share a few.

- The way you dress can distract during worship.
- I question whom you're dressing for; I hope you are not dressing to attract other men. When you expose yourself—showing cleavage or thighs, it's hard not to look. You make me feel very uncomfortable.
- PLEASE consider your brothers! Don't wear low-cut blouses. Don't wear tight slacks or jeans that fit too closely. It's hard to keep a pure mind in the world, but if you dress like the world at church, you make it hard on us while worshipping as well.
- Don't let "dressing to be cute" become dressing immodestly.
- Please be aware that how your dress affects us.
- Dress as if you are about to be in the presence of Jesus. You are.
- Help men by doing all YOU can to prevent a man from lusting.
- Too many Christian women either don't "get it" or choose to ignore the heart of this matter.
- When considering what to wear, ask your husband. Men know what causes other men to fail.
- Dress with the men in mind—not the women.
- Leave the skin show to your husbands. There is no reason to be wearing spaghetti straps or shoulder-less dresses. If you're unmarried and doing this, it's the wrong way to attract the right man.
- I face the temptation every day at work, school functions, and social activities. Church should be a break from the world, but many times I am tempted worse during worship by the short skirts and tight-fitting outfits worn by women.
- This [church service] should be the one place where we are not tempted. It is a struggle.
- One sister wore short-shorts to a potluck. Why are you tempting us?
- It's more than just clothing. It's a mindset followed by an attitude that is put into action.
- I respect sisters in Christ that dress modestly. I expect it from my wife and children. All should respect God's standard.
- Be sure there is no possible way that you are going to show cleavage. Even the threat of it will draw a man's eye and when he sees it, it will take him a long time to forget what he saw.

I appreciate these guys speaking their heart and I hope sisters everywhere will listen. I don't think we have more/less of a problem than other places because, frankly, it's a problem everywhere. Whether worldliness sneaks in the back door via immodesty, shows itself in our talk, or in our attempts to excuse shameful things because "everyone does them," the result is the same. We have become like the world and not distinct from it (cf. Romans 12:1-2).

It's a given that we live in the world. It takes a lot of work, however, to keep the world from living in us. The Bible issues a plain call when it comes to sexual purity (1 Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). God sets a standard for Christian purity and it's a high standard. Why then, do some insist on seeing how close to the "edge" they can get? You would think that God's child would take the opposite approach.

Some women have little understanding of the intensity of the male sex drive because they don't have it. That's why women fail to understand how a brief visual can trigger a male response. A walk past Victoria Secret's in the mall, the lingerie ad in the newspapers circular, female joggers, billboards, receptionists with low-cut blouses, beach volleyball, figure skating, etc. can place an image in the male mind that will be there for a long time. That's the seductive world in which we live and it's problematic for men who seek to keep themselves pure.



A big thank you to Wes Cochran.

He began his employment here July 15, 1966. Yes, he has been employed as the custodian for 47 years.

We want to take this opportunity to say THANKS, Wes!

Thank you for all you do for our congregation and the Lord's work.



Sure Cure For Worry

The reporter had been assigned to interview a widow who had successfully raised a large family. She has six children of her own, and had adopted twelve more. The last of the 18 was graduating from high school. Through it all the lady had been stable and calmly confident. "What is the secret?" asked the reporter. "I'm in a partnership" she said. "A partnership?" "Yes. Many years ago I said, 'Lord, I'll do the work and you do the worrying.'"

Author Unknown

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A father of three girls once asked one of his daughters, who had just gone to bed, if she had said her prayers. The little girl confessed that she had not. The father asked her if she were not afraid to go to sleep without having prayed. The little girl responded, "Not tonight Daddy—it's my turn to sleep in the middle!"

Now obviously, it is important to pray always. However, there is some comfort that comes from being in the middle! Fellowship in the church is such a sweet privilege. It is so comforting to know that we are surrounded by those who love us. The writer of Hebrews made this clear when he wrote, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

We must never neglect the privilege that God has given us of assembling ourselves together. Being together and exhorting one another does give us comfort! And it's nice to be in the middle too!

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, July 21

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Cody Hoover

Close—Mike Fleak

6:00 PM—Don Gaston

Close—Dave Nulter

SCRIPTURE

AM—Steve Gray

PM—Don Dougherty

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Merrill

PM—Jeff Taberner

Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM— Todd Kirk



Saturday, July 27

Beginning at 4:00, Dinner at 5:00

DuPont Park

Sign up sheets are on the counter for an attendance count and food items.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Barclay crew.

They include
Josh Barclay,
Jon Hescht and
Kyle Inman.



Facts and Figures

July 7, 2013

AM Service.....279

Bible Study.....225

PM Service.....232

Wednesday.....190

Contribution\$7822.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership...12



Thank you for worshipping with us.

Your presence has been a blessing!

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV, Dish Ch.
259, DIRECT ch. 364, and
at 6:30AM on local cable
ch. 4.

UPCOMING TOPIC

July 12
THE BIBLE ALONE

Friday Night Sing



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