

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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CHURCH PICNIC PICTURES



Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
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Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
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Thank you to our photographer Jimmy Galloway for the cover photos.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards I received. **Stan Inman**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the cards, gifts and kind words, and for the bible. Everything was greatly appreciated! **Evan Fleak**
- ♥ Thank you for your prayers, gifts, cards, and inquiries about our son-in-law, Rick Spaur. He has returned home and is undergoing daily therapy which has reduced the paralysis somewhat. Continued prayers would be so appreciated. Cards help Rick in keeping a positive attitude. Lovingly, **Cotton and Patty Sayre**

His address is

Rick Spaur

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FORT GAY MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Dana is holding a Gospel Meeting at the Fort Gay congregation beginning today. A group went there Wednesday and distributed literature through Friday. We helped them hold a Super Saturday VBS yesterday.

Thanks to all that helped with this work.


HealthSouth
Phyllis Johnson
(Room 220)



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.



MEN'S MEETING

The Men's meeting will be today at 5:00. Bible Busters will not meet.

The Sunday adult Bible class that meets in Room 109 is asked to remain in the auditorium today.

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 next Sunday at 2:30 and Thursday, July 31 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING JULY 28

Please plan to attend the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual summer blood drive will be Monday, August 11 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter. See Marion Goldsmith for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

We are collecting items for our annual School Supply Give-Away. **Items needed:** 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper. (No backpacks are needed.) Items may be left in the bin in the foyer by the parking lot. Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders or Dwain Shears. The give-away will be Thursday, August 14 in the MP Room from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

PARKERSBURG-HALF MARATHON WATER STOP

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

COUPONS

If you have coupons you would like to donate for the coupon exchange, see Melva Farris or Jo Langer. Coupons may also be left in the library.



MEMBER TELEPHONE CALLING SYSTEM RECORDS

We are updating our calling system records
(i.e. Friday evening call).

If you wish to add or remove telephone
number(s), please contact the office.



Daily Bible Reading

July 20—Acts 17:16-34, Esther 4-6
July 21—Acts 18, Esther 7-10
July 22—Acts 19:1-20, Job 1-3
July 23—Acts 19:21-41, Job 4-6
July 24—Acts 20:1-16, Job 7-8
July 25—Acts 20:17-38, Job 9-11
July 26—Acts 21:1-16, Job 12-13
July 27—Acts 21:17-40, Job 14-16



Lessons from the O.R.

By David Shannon

Recently I had an appendectomy. Amazingly, from the time the doctor started the surgery until the time he called my wife to give a post-surgery report, it was only twenty minutes. When I was rolled back into the room, still heavily under the effects of the anesthesia, I was welcomed by my family and a few friends. One dear friend who always builds up a brother said, “Dave, that is amazing. The doctor can open you up, take out your appendix and sew you back together, quicker than you can preach a sermon!” I was later reminded that I had drowsily answered, “Mitch, that doctor is trying to save a life, and I am trying to save a soul, and it takes longer to save a soul!”

On the serious side of that statement, years ago I made a three part commitment to myself and God; I would always enter the pulpit (1) prepared to preach (2) the truth (3) with passion. The truth of God is a message which has the power to change lives and even save souls. By no means is it because of the messenger—but the message. I strive to present the word of God every time with this end in mind. Every one of us in the assembly has room to grow. Many need to be saved. Do you come to worship looking forward to a study of God’s word so your life can be empowered by God?

As preachers we need to preach the word in and out of season expecting the power of the word to transform lives (2 Timothy 4:2; Romans 1:16; 12:2).

Every worshiper needs to come with all readiness of mind to hear the truth if our lives are ever going to be enriched (Acts 17:11).

All need to go home to continue studying the truth (Acts 17:11).

Let’s say as the Psalmist. “I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies” (Psalms 119:59). If we study the word daily and think on our ways daily, the results ought to be continual changes which lead us closer to God.

As preachers and teachers, let’s not fill time—let’s passionately magnify the eternal truths which change lives. As listeners and students, let’s drink deeply from God’s word and allow Jesus to shine brighter in our lives. Thank God for the professionals who are trained to save lives. I really mean that ! But let’s come to a study of the scriptures with greater passion—for there we are striving to save souls, including our own! (And it might take longer than 20 minutes!)



Dana is holding a Gospel Meeting at the Fort Gay congregation July 20–23.
Please pray for Dana and this work.
Paul Nygard will be preaching in Dana's absence.

Help Your Children

Would you agree with me that parents have a tremendous influence on the life and direction of their children? But how many parents do you know that have had any kind of training in being a parent? Do you not think it strange that we require "burger flippers" at McDonalds to undergo some form of training, but we suppose that just anyone can be a parent?

Someone may object by saying that parenting skills just come naturally, after all, my parents did alright and they never had a "parenting class." Well, that may be true about your parents, but more than likely, they didn't live in a society that was saturated with so many destructive philosophies about parenting. (For example, a while back, I saw an entire talk show audience applaud a mother for allowing her teenage son to have sex with his girlfriend in his own bedroom at home. She was hailed as being a responsible mother, concerned for the welfare of her son).

We don't live in the same world we grew up in, and parenting, in some respects, is not as easy as it used to be. We need to be concerned about teaching and nurturing parenting skills today. I think that the following brief suggestions would be helpful to parents as they attempt to help their children develop into responsible, mature, adults.

Instill Self-Worth

Your children need to understand that they are valuable, not because of what they can do, or what they have accomplished, or the way they act, but because they are created in the image of God. They have an intrinsic value that is independent of their actions or attitudes. We may inadvertently at times, leave the impression to our children that we love them because of the way they act, or because of what they have accomplished. But what happens when our children fail academically, physically, or morally? Teach your children that their successes or failures have nothing to do with their worth.

Instill Self-Confidence

Parents need to construct opportunities for their children to accomplish various goals. These goals need to be challenging, but attainable. These goals should be based upon your child's strengths, not upon what you want your child's strengths to be. Again, we sometimes unwittingly setup our children for failure, but how often do we put forth a conscious effort to setup our children for success that will instill self-confidence within them?

Instill Self-Control

Children need to learn that they don't always get what they want and that they don't always get what they want, when they want it. Surely, every parent has endured a tantrum at the checkout counter, but to cave in to such demands is not a solution. Certainly, it may make life more comfortable in the short-term, but what are the long-term effects of having no self-control? Who knows how many people are in prison, how many homes have been destroyed, how many churches have split, and how many people are addicts of one kind or another all because they failed to learn and practice self-control.

God has placed within the hands of every parent a piece of clay. It's our job to mold and shape it while it is soft and pliable. Then someday, we will return this piece of clay to the Lord, and give account for what we have molded; whether it be a beautiful vessel of honor, or a marred piece of broken pottery.



Whoever You are. . .

There is some work that won't get done unless you do it.

There is someone who would miss you if you were gone.

There is a reason for becoming better than you are.

There is a place to be filled that you alone can fill.

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Youth Events



1st-6th Grade Bible Bowl Class

(Room 112)

July 20 and 27—4:15

6th—12th Grade Devotional

Sunday, July 27 in the MP Room following evening services.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

5th Grade and under Devotional

Saturday, August 16 at 7:00PM

Cody and Kristi Hoover's home

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

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.



Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Have you ever heard anyone make the statement, "Now that was just too close for comfort?" I'm sure we all have. But have you ever stopped to think how some people react to the all encompassing presence of God?

For some, knowing that God is everywhere and sees everything makes Him "too close for comfort!" Because we all will sin, some feel that God is too all-knowing to feel comfortable with Him. However, for others, the fact that God is close at hand brings them comfort. They're glad to know that the events of this life don't pass by His attention.

So what makes the difference? The difference is the course of one's life. Those who live in rebellion to God's laws are not comfortable with his presence, but those who live in obedience to God find comfort in knowing that he is always there!

So what about you? Is God too close for comfort? I hope NOT!

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

GOD SEES AND HEARS EVERYTHING WE DO



Opportunities To Serve
 Sunday, July 27

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

SONG LEADER

AM—Evan Fleak
 PM—Kody Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Steve Moser
 Close—Bob Smith
 6:00 PM—Barry Mills
 Close—Doug Hinzman

SCRIPTURE

AM—Ryan Logston
 PM—Bob Armstrong

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jim Hinzman
 PM—Mike Fleak
 Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



WHEN HE COMES

What if the Lord came tonight,
 And the way I've lived has not been right
 What would I give to turn back time,
 If the way I'd lived was not in line?

If I knew the Savior but left Him behind,
 And lived my life as though I were blind—
 What would my fate be in the end,
 If I didn't follow Jesus, my devoted Friend?

I'll have to answer for my own fate,
 For at the last minute it will be too late
 If I didn't take time to fully prepare,
 And devote my life unto His care.

He's given me time to get it right,
 And patiently waited both day and night.
 His coming should be my greatest hour
 As He comes for me in a flash of power.

God help me prepare for that sweet day
 Just help me stay in the narrow way.
 When life gets hard and I want to flee,
 I'll strive to be ready when You come for me.

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Via Beech Grove church of Christ

The Lawn Crew for this week
 is the Shears crew.

They include Bob
 Armstrong, Mike Bayer,
 Steve Gray, David Mullins,
 Alex Saunders and Dwain
 Shears.



Thank you for your service!

Facts and Figures

July 13, 2014

AM Service.....293

Bible Study.....220

PM Service.....228

Wednesday.....204

Contribution.....\$6567.50

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....2

Placed Membership.....2

**16th Annual North Central Ohio
 BIBLE LECTURESHIP**

August 10—13

Flyer on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

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 Spencer
 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.