

# 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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Everyone is invited to our church picnic  
this Saturday at DuPont Park.

We will meet at 4:00 and eat at 5:00.

Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided.  
Please bring covered dish items, desserts, beverages,  
sports equipment and lawn chairs.

Bring your family for fun and fellowship!

More details on page 3.

## 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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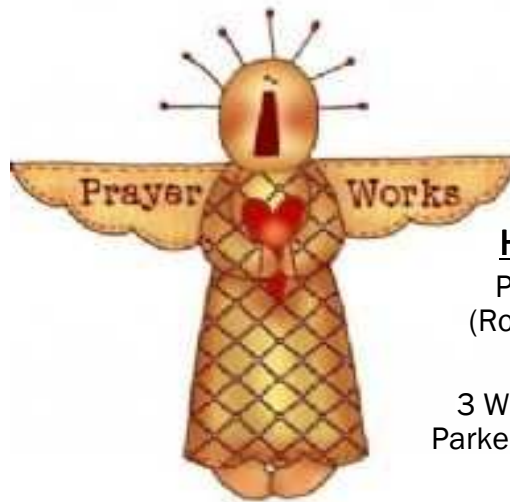
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- ♥ We appreciate the birthday cards. **Debbie Tallman and Jennifer Thomas**
  - ♥ Thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ for all the prayers, cards and encouraging words that helps me deal with my health issues. Christian Love to all, **Kathleen Albright**
  - ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards we received. **Breck and Diana Hesselrode**
  - ♥ Thank you for remembering my birthday with cards, gifts and acts of kindness. I love you. **Jo Langler**
  - ♥ Thank you Dave and Lois also Darrell and Norma for the "surprise" visits. Sincerely, **Jane Pralley**
  - ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards. **Lenore Vaught**
  - ♥ Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and gifts. I appreciated each one. **Robin Anthony**



## HealthSouth

Phyllis Johnson  
 (Room 220, Bed 1)

## Address:

3 Western Hills Drive  
 Parkersburg, WV 26105

## 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), 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.**

## **CARE GROUP 4 MEETING THIS MORNING**

Care Group 4 is asked to meet this morning after worship and before Bible study in the left, front of the auditorium by Dana's office.

## **CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING**

There will be a Care Group leaders meeting this evening after services in Room 109.

## **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF**

The LLL kick-off is this evening in the MP Room following services. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

## **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.

## **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Everyone is invited to our church picnic Saturday at Dupont Park beginning at 4:00, eating at 5:00. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and chips will be provided. Bring covered dish items, salads, desserts, beverages, lawn chairs and sports equipment. Bring your family and join in the fun. (Note: There will not be Care Group Fellowship Lunch this month. The picnic will take its place.)

## **WEDDING RECEPTION**

There will be a wedding reception for Ethan and Melissa Ash next Sunday from 3:00-5:00 in the MP Room. Everyone is invited.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TAMMIE!**

Tammie Wilson's birthday is July 8.

## **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.



### **LOVE AND CARE SERVICES**

Care Group 3 will be conducting the 2:30 service July 27 at Love and Care and also the 7:00PM service July 31.

Everyone is encouraged to come worship and fellowship with the residents.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

July 6—Acts 9:1-22, II Ch 31-32  
July 7—Acts 9:23-43, II Ch 33-34  
July 8—Acts 10:1-23, II Ch 35-36  
July 9—Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3  
July 10—Acts 11, Ezra 4-6  
July 11—Acts 12, Ezra 7-8  
July 12—Acts 13:1-31, Ezra 9-10  
July 13—Acts 13:32-52, Neh 1-3

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “Are we living up to our name?”



There is a story that claims a soldier in the army of Alexander the Great was brought before him accused of retreating before the face of the enemy in battle. When Alexander asked his aide what he was accused of, he answered “Cowardice, Sir.” Then Alexander asked his name, and was told, “Alexander, the same as yours.” The great military leader paused for a moment as he glared at the young man, then said: “You there, listen! Either you change your habits or change your name.”

We have an even greater obligation to live up to the name of our great leader, Jesus Christ. We read where the “disciples were first called **Christians** in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). A Christian is one who identifies with Jesus, one who believes in Him, has trusted in Him for salvation, follows Him, and lives according to His teachings. The name Christian was soon the common designation for those who followed Jesus. King Agrippa told Paul, “You almost have persuaded me to be a **Christian**” (Acts 26:28).

As Christians, we are admonished to “have a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called” (Ephesians 4:1). What kind of walk is worthy of the one who calls himself after the name of Jesus? Paul prayed that we “may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10). To be pleasing to the Lord, we must follow His teachings and example. It was said of Jesus “He went about doing good” (Acts 10:38). So will we if we are Christians.

On the other hand, not everyone who claims the name of Jesus will be claimed by Him. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied **in Your name**, cast out demons **in Your name**, and done many wonders **in Your name**?’” “And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice iniquity” (Matthew 7:21-23)

Paul instructs “whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord**” (Colossians 3:17). If we do good in His name, God will be glorified. (Matthew 5:16) If, on the other hand, our lives are filled with sin, it will bring reproach on His name. Paul told the Romans, that because of their hypocrisy and sinfulness, “the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles.” (Romans 2:24) They, like many Christians today, needed to change their name, or change their ways!

“The Lord knows those who are his,” and “**Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**” (II Timothy 2:19)

# Freedom in Christ: (John 8:31-36)



Man is in bondage to \_\_\_\_\_. “Whoever commits \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin” (John 8:34) “You are of your father, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your father you want to do” (John 8:44).

**1) Freedom is in \_\_\_\_\_.** “He has sent Me to \_\_\_\_\_ the brokenhearted, to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at \_\_\_\_\_ those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18-19). **Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.** “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to \_\_\_\_\_, and to give His \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ for many” (Matthew 20:28).

**2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is what makes us \_\_\_\_\_.** “You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_” (John 8:32). “The way of man is not in \_\_\_\_\_; it is not in man that walks to \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_” (Jer. 10:23). **The Bible shows us how to \_\_\_\_\_ God.** “Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a lamp unto my \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my pathway” (Psalm 119:105). **The Bible tells about \_\_\_\_\_.** “From childhood you have known the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make you \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_” (II Tim 3:15)

**3) Free from \_\_\_\_\_ and the power of sin.** “For all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Romans 3:23). “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 6:23). **Being free from sin makes us free from \_\_\_\_\_.** “Through death He might \_\_\_\_\_ him who had the \_\_\_\_\_ of death, that is, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ those who through \_\_\_\_\_ of death were all their lifetime subject to \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 2:14-15) “If the \_\_\_\_\_ makes you \_\_\_\_\_, you are free indeed” (John 8:36).

**4) Freedom in our \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Free to chose \_\_\_\_\_ we will serve.** “Greater is \_\_\_\_\_ that is in you, than he that is in the \_\_\_\_\_” (I John 4:4). **Free to chose how we will serve – because of \_\_\_\_\_.** “I marvel that you are turning away from Him who called you in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, to a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

**5) It is possible to lose our liberty when we allow liberty to become \_\_\_\_\_.** This is the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. It is possible to lose our \_\_\_\_\_ when we allow liberty to become \_\_\_\_\_. This is the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. “Brethren, you have been called to \_\_\_\_\_; only do not use liberty as an \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh” (Galatians 5:13). “As \_\_\_\_\_, yet not using liberty as a cloak for \_\_\_\_\_, but as bondservants of God” (I Peter 2:16).

# Is there a 'Right Kind of Worry'?

~PNygard



For the most part, worry is wrong. Jesus teaches this during His *sermon on the mount*. Listen to His words when He says, "*Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*" (Mt 6.25ff)

Jesus plainly shows us that it is wrong to have great anxiety over material things such as what we will eat or wear. Worry about the mundane things of this earth is useless because it changes nothing and worry is faithless because it reflects a lack of confidence that God can and will take care of us.

With that being said, is there ever a healthy kind of worry? Yes, actually there is, although we might choose to use words like concern or care in place of worry. Take a look at what the apostle Paul says, "*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.*" (Phil 2.19-20)

Both Paul and Timothy are greatly concerned, even worried, about their brethren in Philippi. They were evidently facing some adversity that tested their Christian conduct (Phil 2.27-30) which could damage them spiritually. Paul was determined to send Timothy to help them due to Timothy's deep love and sincere care for the Philippians. I believe we can say that both of these men were vitally concerned, or even worried, about the spiritual welfare of their fellow Christians.

This is not the only time Paul would feel great anxiety in his heart concerning *all of the churches*, to the Corinthians he said, "*And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.*" (2 Cor 11.28)

Paul was not worried about how many times he would be put in jail, beaten, or shipwrecked, these are all worldly things. What concerned him was humbleness, teaching Christ, and standing up against false teaching. He felt great concern, anxiety, and yes worry, for God's children who faced the kind of adversity that could weaken the spirit and their bond with God.

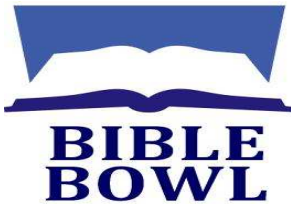
So we ought to try to conquer our fretfulness over the mundane, temporal matters of our earthly life, while realizing that there is a legitimate place for true concern and care for the spiritual welfare of others.



## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

The LLL kick-off will be this evening after services in the MP Room.

Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.



## 1st-6th GRADE JULY BIBLE BOWL CLASS SCHEDULE (ROOM 112)

Today and July 13 at 5:00  
July 20 and 27 at 4:15



## 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 the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Guys like Lance Armstrong and Pete Rose make themselves easy targets. They are men who had great careers, great reputations, and after years and years of vehement denials of wrong-doing, they finally admitted they were lying.

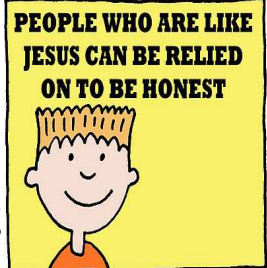
But are they the only ones guilty of lying? No, I don't think so. We've all been guilty of lying! We may argue that we only lied to keep from getting into trouble, but the bottom line is that we have all lied.

And lying is progressive. When one starts down the path of lying, he soon finds himself lying again and again, often merely to cover up previous lies.

Lying is also destructive. Lying destroys trust. It damages relationships. It erodes one's integrity.

So can I challenge you to a life of honesty? Begin today being more honest with your spouse, your children, your co-workers, and your friends. God always knows best. Not only is honesty the right thing to do, it pays dividends. Give honesty a try. You'll be glad you did, Honest!

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 13

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Jim Galloway  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Todd Kirk

**SONG LEADER**

AM—Gary Alton  
PM—Jon Hescht

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Kyle Inman  
Close—Delmas Carr  
6:00 PM—Len Haid  
Close—Kevin Cochran

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Rick Stanley  
PM—Jeff Taberner

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Dwain Shears  
PM—Bill Mills  
Dustin Hughes

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk



**Today**

Outside my window, a new day I see,  
And only I can determine what kind of day it will be.  
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and glad,  
or boring and cold, unhappy and sad.  
For my own state of mind is the determining key.  
For I am only the person I let myself be.

I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help, or be selfish and just think of myself.  
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun, or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.  
I can be patient with those who may not Understand, or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.  
But I have faith in the Lord and believe when I say  
I personally intend to make the best of each day.

Author Unknown

**Thank you for your generosity! We have exceeded our contribution budget for the month of June.**

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.

They include Kevin Cochran, Doug Hershman, Braden Hesselrode, and Doug Hinzman.

Thank you for a job well done!

**Facts and Figures**

June 29, 2014

AM Service.....301  
Bible Study.....212  
PM Service.....220  
Wednesday.....212

Contribution.....\$7500.00

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014**

Baptisms.....0  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership.....2

**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 at 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo 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.

