

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## **Church Picnic**

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.

**Elders:**

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

**Deacons:**

Joshua Barclay  
 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

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**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Ed Collins, Chelsea Doonan, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Karen Life, Calvin Martin, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, 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, David Heck (Candice Rich's father), Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), Donna Ludwig, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), 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.**

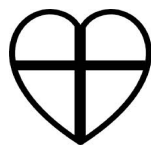
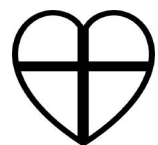
Jackie Roberts, Shannan Hinzman's mother, is scheduled for surgery July 10.  
 Marty Nonamaker, a friend of Jim & Sandy Hughes, is scheduled for heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic July 10.

**We extend our sympathy to. . .**

**Lee Edwards** in the passing of his brother, Frank Edwards.  
 His funeral was Monday in Parkersburg.

**John Hall** in the passing of his sister-in-law, Betty Hall.  
 Her service was held Wednesday.

**Gary Herridge** in the passing of his mother, Dorothy Herridge. Services were held yesterday in Illinois.

**Thank You Notes**

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I really appreciate them. I had a great birthday. **Lenore Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for acts of kindness shown at the passing of my brother. **Lee Edwards and family**

### **RESTORED—PLACED MEMBERSHIP**

We rejoice that Betty Barnes has recently been restored and placed membership with us. She is a shut-in. Her address is 4426 11th Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101. Telephone: 304.485.0039. She will be in Care Group 1.

### **CARE GROUP 4 MEETING TODAY**

All members of Care Group 4 are asked to meet today after worship and Bible classes in Room 109 to plan the Fellowship Lunch.

### **BABY SHOWER**

There will be a baby shower Thursday, July 11 at 6:30PM in the MP Room for Kevin and Becky Inman's baby girl. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Babies R Us and Target.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 4 will be hosting the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday 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.

### **PARKERSBURG NEWS & SENTINEL HALF-MARATHON WATER STOP**

Camden Avenue will again be working a water stop during the marathon August 17. Our group had a lot of fun and great participation last year and would like to see it even better this year! You need to sign up today in order to receive a T shirt. The sheet is on the counter. If you have any questions see Jimmy Galloway.

### **TORNADO RELIEF**

We will be collecting monetary donations for tornado relief for the Oklahoma area. If you would like to contribute, please see one of the elders. We will be working directly with some congregations in the area who will be distributing the funds.

### **POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS**

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill it. The banks are available in the foyers. A representative from Potter's will be here to pick them up November 24.

### **CHILD'S BOOSTER SEAT**

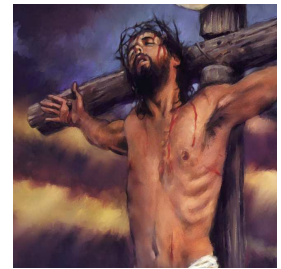
If anyone has a spare booster seat, we could use a few in the MP Room.

### **OUR WEBSITE**

Please visit our website at your earliest convenience to see our latest enhancement. Go to the bottom of the front page, click "Missions", and you will be directed to a page showing all of the areas we support on a regular basis. If you click the name it will take you to the Wikipedia page for that town, so you can learn more about the area. If you click on the report, you will see the most current report we have. Bear in mind, we are filling these in as we get them. (Thanks to Pat Barclay for his work with our website.)

# Counting The Cost

Sam Bartrug



"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish." (Luke 14:28-30)

In commenting on the above passage, Oswald Chambers wrote, "Our Lord refers not to a cost we have to count, but to a cost which he has counted. The cost was those thirty years in Nazareth, those three years of popularity, scandal and hatred, the deep unfathomable agony of Gethsemane, and the onslaught at Calvary." (My utmost For His Highest, Pg. 128).

Jesus carefully counted the cost involved in His ministry! There are several examples of this in the Gospels...

**HE COUNTED THE COST IN THE WILDERNESS** (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)! Could He do it the hard way? Would it be better to usher in the Kingdom with the spectacular ease suggested by Satan? Painful or painless? Calvary or compromise? He counted the cost and decided to do it the hard way.

**HE COUNTED THE COST AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS POPULARITY** (John 6:1ff)! Numbers mean so much to us that the large crowds that resulted from the feeding of the 5,000 might have seemed to us to be all that should matter to Jesus. He knew, however, why they were following Him (John 6:26). He now had to decide whether it was better to have a large group of followers with a shallow and selfish outlook; or to have a much smaller entourage consisting of true cross-bearers. He counted the cost and His decision was to do it the right way no matter how many turned away nor how few followed.

**HE COUNTED THE COST IN GETHESEMANE** (Mark 14:32-42)! With the shadow of the cross hovering on the horizon He had to once more count the cost. Would He see this through to the very end or would He opt to stop it now before the "cup" was consumed? The cost counted. He decided to do it God's way.

No one will ever be able to look at Jesus and laugh about unfinished towers! He counted the cost of being our Savior and didn't let up until the "It is finished" of Calvary was shouted out! He counted the cost and then He paid the price! Love Him! Serve Him! Stick with Him to the end! **COUNT THE COST!**



# SERMON NOTES

# Big Changes

-P. Nygard

Sometimes big changes in our lives are simply the first steps toward wonderful things to come. Take getting your first *real* bicycle for instance. Not a big change you say? Tell that to a ten year old who feels like he has just gotten all the freedom in the world to go where he wants; even if mom says to stay within sight of the house. It is the first step to something bigger.

OK, try this one on for size...marriage? Do you remember all of the stress and butterflies leading up to the ceremony? Maybe you didn't have a place to live yet or even a great job, but you knew you were in love and that's all that mattered. The answer to every question was, "I love him" or "I love her", and that is all I need. Would you go back and argue with yourself now that twenty or more years have gone by? No? Great! I wouldn't either.

The fact is, we all go through big challenges that will alter our lives forever. It is also true that life's challenges are sometimes tougher when we are young because we do not have as much success to form a high degree of confidence for the future. With age comes the realization that with God's help first, and my family and friends second, we really will be all right in the end; even if our particular road in life seems to us to have more potholes in it than others.

Right now, there are several young people in our church family that are right in the very eye of a hurricane of change in their life. Some have just graduated high school and will be leaving home for the first time to head off to college. They face living in a new home, with new friends and new responsibilities. We as a church family love them and pray that God will bless them, but *our* responsibility to the younger members of the family does not stop there. We need to be active in showing our love and support, help them find a sound Christian home where they are going, give them encouragement, let them know that they will be missed, and most of all, let them know that without a doubt we will be there for them when they need us just as God is always there.

Additionally, some in our midst have begun and are beginning new lives together as husband and wife. I know, I know, that's no big deal right? After all, they are in love. Tell that to a young lady who has never had to follow a husband the way God wants, or to a young man who discovers that his new bride may not make it to heaven if he does not become the spiritual leader that God desires. Again, as part of their Christian family, we have a responsibility to encourage them, be good examples ourselves, and allow them to serve God together, now as husband and wife.

Please pray for those among us that you know are going through stressful changes in life, but more than that, be involved in their lives. After all, we only have a short time to learn and love as God would have us to love. It's time that we got too it.


Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal 6.10)

# The Lord's Day



I love **Lord's** Day because I love the Lord of the day! What a marvelous privilege we are afforded to assemble. The ease of transportation makes it convenient. The quality of our facilities makes it comfortable. The joy of association with fellow Christians makes it supportive. But if these were the only reasons for our attendance it would be no more meaningful than going to a civic club meeting. What makes our assembly meaningful and purposeful and life-changing is our growing relationship with Him around whom we center our thoughts today. Let's never forget it is the **Lord's** Day!

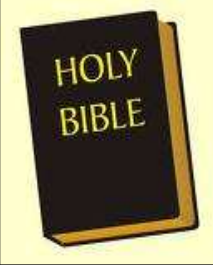
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**August 12**  
Blood Drive  
**August 15**  
School Supply Give Away  
**September 8**  
Friends and Family Day  
**September 21**  
Bible Bowl

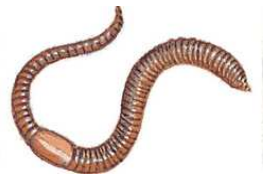
**Daily Bible Reading**

July 7—Acts 9:23-43, 2 Ch 33-34  
July 8—Acts 10:1-23, 2 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  
July 14—Acts 14, Neh 4-5



## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The story is told of an old Indian who heard the gospel and obeyed it. When friends later asked him to explain his salvation to them, he reached down, picked up a small worm, and placed it in the center of a pile of leaves. Then he set the outer edge of the circle of leaves on fire. As the flames worked their way toward the center where the worm was, the old chief reached his hand into the center of the burning pile of leaves and snatched out the worm. Holding the worm safely in his hands, he said, "Me.....that worm."



As Christians, I hope we all realize that we also were at one time that worm. Thankfully, by His grace God plucked us from the fire. (Ephesians 2:8). Today, as faithful children, we are safely in His hands. (John 10:28-29) Having been plucked from the fire, we should do our best to pull others from it also.

As the apostle James has said, "...on some have compassion,.....pulling them out of the fire..." (James 1:22-23)

Never forget—There are no fire extinguishers in hell!

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 14

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - John Life  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Josh Barclay

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Kyle Inman  
PM—Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Don Midkiff  
Close—Dearll Vincent  
6:00 PM—Keith Smith  
Close—Ryan Gaston

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Dustin Hughes  
PM—Scott Smith

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Russ Alton  
PM—Dwain Shears  
Brian Haught

**PA SYSTEM**—Steve Gray



## “On Bended Knee, I Come”

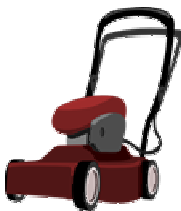
There are many things we can learn from nature. Recently, I read about “the secret of the bended knee.” Most birds sleep, perched on a limb, and do not fall. When I sleep, there is no rhyme or reason, I will move around on the bed during the night, occupying several different positions. I read how birds stay on their perch without falling because of the unique way God made them. The tendons in the bird’s legs are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws grip like a steel trap. The claws will not let go until the knee is unbent. Then bended knee keeps the bird secure on his perch.

How will you and I not fall into temptation? With a bended knee that will not let go of God. How will we escape the perverse generation in which we live? The same way that Daniel survived during his perverse generation, on bended knee. When the winds of temptation, trial and tribulation blow; when the storms of heartache and illness threaten, bend your knee!

Bulletin Digest

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Dean crew.

They include Mark Dean, Dwain Shears, Chris Tallman, Donovan Walton and Cody Young.



## Facts and Figures

June 30, 2013

AM Service.....269  
Bible Study.....223  
PM Service.....217  
Wednesday.....218

Contribution .....\$7186.62

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2  
Restored or Requested Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership....9

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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

*Philippians 4:12*

## 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 14  
HOLINESS



## Friday Night Sing



**Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo congregation.**