

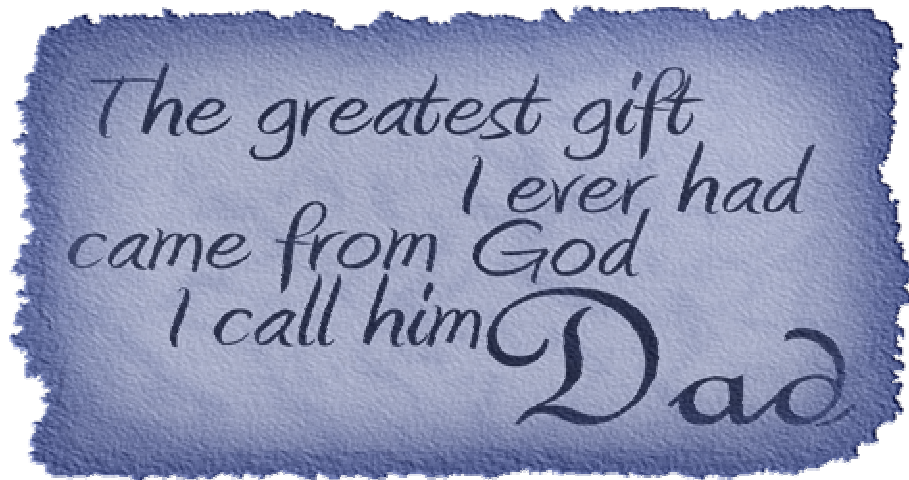
# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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## *Happy Father's Day!*



As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those  
who fear him  
Psalm 103:13

Listen to your father, who gave you life,  
And do not despise your mother when she is old.  
Proverbs 23:22

My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's  
teaching.  
Proverbs 6:20

A wise son maketh a glad father.  
Proverbs 10:1

Honor thy father and thy mother...  
Exodus 20:12

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 Ron Riddle  
 Dearll Vincent

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**Please keep our church family in your prayers.**

Kathleen Albright, Mary Ann Barclay, Marie Boso, Zoe Byrum, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Jim Henry, 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 and Janet Heron (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbors), Wirt Cook, lone Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Doreen Kupfner, Josh Kupfner (Dearll and Carol Vincent's grandson), Sikarin Lambamrung, serving our country (friend of Drake Logston), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), 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

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

**Thank You Note**

♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. **Brian Knotts**

## **CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING**

Care Group leaders are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109.

## **MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS RESCHEDULED**

The Men's meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for next Sunday at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30 next Sunday also.

## **MID-OHIO VALLEY WORK CAMP**

Work camp will be June 23-26.

## **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP**

The Golden Agers will be going to the Zane Grey and Hop Along Cassidy Museum Thursday, June 26. Leaving at 8:00AM and returning around 5:30PM. Dinner at Theo's and then stopping at a large antique mall in Zanesville, OH. Please sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to go. (The fee will be \$12.00 each, includes museum admission and fuel fee.)

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER/GAME NIGHT**

Everyone is invited to the spaghetti dinner and game night Friday, June 27 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast will be 8:30 Saturday, June 28 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet and maps are on the counter.

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

The monthly Deacon's meeting will be Sunday, June 29 at 5:00.

## **FORT GAY CONGREGATION**

Help is still needed for the mission work at the Fort Gay, WV congregation July 16-23. We will distribute literature for their gospel meeting with Dana and Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 19. Teachers, craft workers, and helpers are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Rick Stanley, Todd Kirk, or Bill Mills for details.

## **DUSTIN HUGHES**

If you've missed seeing Dustin's smiling face, he has been working out of town. He will be worshipping with us again in a few weeks. Please pray for him as he travels.

### **Daily Bible Reading**



June 15—Jn 18:1-24, I Ch 9-10  
June 16—Jn 18:25-40, I Ch 11-2  
June 17—Jn 19:1-16, I Ch 13-15  
June 18—Jn 19:17-42, I Ch 16-17  
June 19—Jn 20:1-18, I Ch 18-19  
June 20—Jn 20:19-31, I Ch 20-21  
June 21—Jn 21, I Ch 22-23  
June 22—Ac 1, I Ch 24-25

### **Happy Father's Day to all the fathers !**



Thank you to the fathers and grandfathers of our congregation for the sacrifices you make....the love you give!



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### "And you – fathers"

A man I knew had a military background. He ruled over his family with an iron fist. In a counseling session with him and his wife, he demanded that I tell her "the Bible teaches that I am the head of the house!" "Actually," I told him, "you're not." We read together from I Corinthians 11:3. **"But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."** It's true that God holds a man accountable for his family and gives him the authority to oversee it – **but the head of every family is Christ!**

The most important role that God gives to fathers is the **spiritual leadership of their family**. I thank God for Christian mothers. The truth is that many homes would have no Christian influence or training if it was not for them. Often, they are the ones who see to it that the children are taken to Bible study and church. They are the ones who tell the children Bible stories and listen to their prayers at night. I know many women who have raised faithful Christian children without the help of a husband and father. But, it is difficult and not the way God intends for it to be.

In Ephesians 6:4 Paul makes a very direct charge to dads: **"and you, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."** How does God measure my faithfulness to Him? One way is by the way I lead my family in following Him. In Genesis 18:19, we read one of the reasons Abraham was approved by God. **"I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice."**

As fathers, we must provide leadership for our families. It is up to us to determine what our family believes and stands for. As Joshua challenged Israel **"Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"** (Joshua 24:15) How can we, as fathers be a spiritual leader in our home?

**First, by teaching.** God commanded fathers to make His will known to their children. (Psalm 78:5-6; Isaiah 38:19). He told the fathers of Israel to lay up His words in their hearts and to **"teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."** We share things we enjoy with our children. We talk to them about sports, we teach them to drive a car and to hunt. But are we training them in the way of the Lord? Christian fathers must study God's word and teach it to their children!

**Second, by example.** In Deuteronomy 32:7, we are told **"ask your father, and he will show you."** Our own example is the strongest leadership that there is. Do you pray with your children? Are you taking an active role in the church? As your children observe you day in and day out, do they know you to be a man of integrity – honest in all of your dealings? Pure in your language, attitudes, and habits?

Fathers, God has given us a tremendous responsibility! It's time for all of us to say "as for me and my house – we will serve the Lord!"

# For Me and My House (Joshua 24:13-18)



“And if it seems \_\_\_\_\_ to you to serve the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ for yourselves this \_\_\_\_\_ whom you will serve ... But, as for \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_, we will serve the \_\_\_\_\_” (Joshua 24:15)

**Our challenge as well:** Many of us have \_\_\_\_\_ a faith. Most of us have inherited a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Our own relationship to \_\_\_\_\_:** Was there a time when your faith meant \_\_\_\_\_ to you? It is a long way from just “going to \_\_\_\_\_” and being a true \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

**#1) We have a challenge to \_\_\_\_\_.** Which direction will we take \_\_\_\_\_.  
**We cannot choose \_\_\_\_\_ to choose.** “He who is not \_\_\_\_\_ Me is \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and he who does not \_\_\_\_\_ with Me scatters abroad” (Matt. 12:30). **This is a \_\_\_\_\_ choice.** God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God; His call is for us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Now therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Him in sincerity and \_\_\_\_\_” (Joshua 24:14).

**#2) Fathers are to \_\_\_\_\_ the way.** God has always held \_\_\_\_\_ accountable for \_\_\_\_\_ training. God said of Abraham “For I have known him... that he may \_\_\_\_\_ his children and his household after him, that they \_\_\_\_\_ the way of the Lord, to do \_\_\_\_\_” (Genesis 18:19). “And you \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_ you children to wrath, but \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and the admonition of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Ephesians 6:4). **Fathers must accept this challenge \_\_\_\_\_ their families.** “As for \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

**#3) We need to erect a \_\_\_\_\_.** “And he took a large \_\_\_\_\_, and set it up there under the \_\_\_\_\_ tree that was by the sanctuary of the Lord... Behold, this stone shall be a \_\_\_\_\_ to us, for it has heard all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a \_\_\_\_\_ to you, lest you \_\_\_\_\_ your God” (Joshua 24:26-27). **God’s spiritual house is the \_\_\_\_\_.** The church serves as a \_\_\_\_\_ of our choice. The Local \_\_\_\_\_ is the place our \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to the Lord can be fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_ ways. “Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before men, that they may see your good \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify your \_\_\_\_\_ who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

**This is a choice we must make \_\_\_\_\_.** “Choose you this \_\_\_\_\_ whom you will serve.”

# Why I Attend On Sunday Evening

The Sunday evening worship services of the church are not specifically commanded in the pages of God's Word. In other words, there are not any passages of Scripture that say: "Thou shalt attend the Sunday evening worship services." Since God did not give us a command such as this, why do we then attend on Sunday night? The answer is different from person to person it seems, so if you will let me, I would like to share some reasons why "I" attend the Sunday evening worship services.

One reason I attend is because God is worthy of my worship. God is powerful, holy, wise, good, and glorious. He has given me life. He has sustained me. He has redeemed me from sin. He has protected me. He has given me a reason to live in this world. He offers me hope beyond this world. Truly, He is worthy of man's praise and worship. The psalmist said it well: "*The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.*" (Ps 28.7).

Another reason I worship God on Sunday evening is because there is absolutely nothing better that I could be doing with my time. Life is extremely short. The time that I have needs to be well spent. My choices, therefore, must involve high priority items. Taking time to kneel in the presence of God is an item of utmost priority. Moses understood the value of time as he prayed, "*So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*" (Ps 90.12). Personally, I do not have a clue what others do who choose not to attend on Sunday evening. If we compiled a list of these things, would anything on it be more important than kneeling before God and paying homage to His great name? I do not think so! Therefore, I come to the Sunday evening service every week.

A third reason I attend the Sunday evening service is to learn more of God's Word. Many times preachers gear their sermons on Sunday evenings to members of the church. They often preach a series on such things as "The Fruit of the Spirit," or they might preach a series of lessons from a book of the Bible. These lessons give a Christian the opportunity to learn about things he may have never studied. Do those who stay at home on Sunday evenings study these things? I know my weak tendencies. If I ever get home and get comfortable, it is difficult to study. Ninety-nine percent of those who refuse to attend the P.M. service do not spend that time in a study of God's Word. The Bible says that a *righteous man's delight is in the law of the Lord and that he delights in it day and night* (Ps 1.1-2). God's children are supposed to be diligent students of the Word so they can stand approved before God (II Tim 2.15). Sunday evenings provide a wonderful opportunity to be a true disciple (learner) of Jesus Christ and His precious Word.

A fourth reason I attend the Sunday evening service is so that I can be a proper example to others and to my family. Paul exhorted Timothy with these words: "*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*" (I Tim 4.12). My life is to be lived in such a way that I can tell others to follow me. I should be able to say to them: "Do as I do." Whether we realize it or not, others are watching to see how we live as Christians. Some that are watching are little children. Some are new converts. Others are individuals struggling with their faith. All of these people need to see positive examples in other Christians. These should be examples in charity: I love God enough to worship Him more than once a week; examples in spirit: I don't dread worship, I long for it; and examples in faith: a faith that expresses itself in action, especially in the worship of God. The opposite of a good example is life that is a stumbling block to others. Never do I want to be guilty of hindering others in their Christian walk.

There are many other reasons I could give that express why I attend the Sunday evening worship services. These four are sufficient to bring me into God's presence and into the fellowship of the saints each Sunday night. It scares me to imagine standing before God on the Day of Judgment trying to explain to Him why I chose to do something other than worship Him.





## 1st–6th grade Bible Bowl class Schedule

June 15 and 22 at 5:00  
June 29 at 4:15  
(Room 112)

### June 22

Youth Devotional (All ages)  
at the home of Mike & Pam Bayer  
**after evening service**  
Sign-up sheet is on the counter

### June 29

Traveling youth group at the Sunrise  
congregation  
Transportation will leave here at 5:30PM.

## Young Men Preacher Training Workshops (Ages 13–18)

June 20-22 WWSOP  
July 6- 11 Alkire Road

Details on youth bulletin board



## Church Camp

## Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida)

Camp registration forms are on the  
youth bulletin board by the office.

June 15-20 (Senior Week)  
June 22-27 (Junior Week)  
June 29-July 4 (Intermediate Week)

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## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

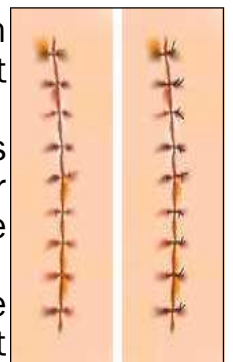
Someone once asked the question, “What if every time we sinned, an ugly scar appeared on our face? How much harder then would we resist sin?”

That is a good question! None of us would like to have our faces scarred. Scars to our faces would be embarrassing, affecting our relationships and our behaviors. I’m sure we would tenaciously fight the temptation of sin if giving meant a big ugly scar to our faces!

You see where I’m going, right? Why would we fight harder to preserve our physical flesh than we would to preserve our eternal soul? The fact that we can’t see the scars that sin leaves upon us doesn’t mean they’re not there! We all need to resist the temptation to sin, using not just a token resistance, but a resistance that reflects a life and death struggle!

“Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about alike a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

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, June 22**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - David Wadlington**

**SONG LEADER**

AM—Gary Alton  
 PM—Ben Haught

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Scott Johnson  
 Close—Len Haid  
 6:00 PM—Paul Inman  
 Close—Bill Merrill

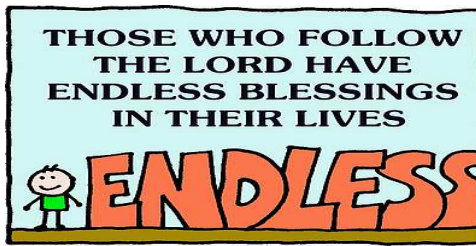
**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Braden Hesselrode  
 PM—Hayden Moser

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Jimmy Galloway  
 PM—Ryan Gaston  
 Doug Hershman

**PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk**



Remember our shut-ins and those that have been unable to attend services in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

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The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.

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



**Facts and Figures**

June 8, 2014

AM Service.....324  
 Bible Study.....255  
 PM Service.....249  
 Wednesday.....210

Contribution.....\$6190.00

**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 5:30 Friday evening for the sing at the Salem and Ten Mile congregation.

Watch  
**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**  
 Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP,  
 Dish Ch. 239 Sunday 7:00AM,  
 DIRECT TV ch. 307 Sunday 7:00AM,  
 Local cable Ch. 4 Sunday 6:30AM,  
 GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday  
 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.



**UPCOMING TOPIC**

June 22  
**WHY DO WE SUFFER?**