

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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...One Nation Under God...

Dear Heavenly Father,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience the freedom from sin and death that you have provided us through Jesus Christ. Our hearts and souls are free to praise you. For this we are very thankful.

On this Independence Day we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased with a very high price. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, bless those who have served and continue to sacrifice their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Please help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you. Give us strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunities to lead others to you.

Amen

(Selected)

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
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Phyllis Johnson had surgery Thursday in
Columbus, OH.
She would enjoy cards.

Her address is:
1807 34th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26104

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

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

Thank You. . .

♥ Thank you for the birthday cards, e-mails and Facebook messages.
Pat Barclay and Mary Ann Barclay

♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Todd and Annette Kirk**



- Thank you to **Annette Kirk** and **Jo Goldsmith** for once again doing a wonderful job decorating the bulletin boards in the foyers.
- Thanks to all those who helped in any way with the Mid-Ohio Valley Work Camp lunches.
- **Bonnie Sams** and **De Fleak** sure know how to make someone's day! Thanks for the beautiful flowers in the church office.
- Thank you to **Mary Lemley** for baking the communion bread this month.

**Congratulations to Kody and Chelsea Inman in the birth
their daughter, Maci June Inman.**



**She arrived Wednesday at 4:05PM weighing
7 pounds, 4 ounces and 18 1/2 inches.
Proud grandparents are Stan and Debi
Inman.**



DEACON'S MEETING

The monthly Deacon's meeting will be today at 5:00.

FORT GAY MISSION TRIP MEETING THIS EVENING

Anyone planning to go on the Fort Gay Mission trip, meet this evening after services in Room 109.

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. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Rick Stanley, Todd Kirk, or Bill Mills for details.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

The LLL kick-off will be Sunday, July 6 in the MP Room following evening service. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to our church picnic Saturday, July 12th at Dupont Park. More details to follow.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will be in charge of the 2:30 service July 27 at Love and Care and also the 7:00 evening service July 31.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Cecil McCutcheon. He passed away Thursday. His service was held yesterday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

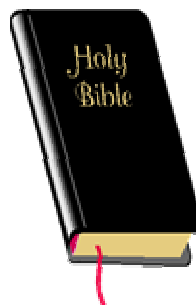


Robert Vincent was recently appointed an Elder at the Tipp City congregation in Ohio where he preaches.

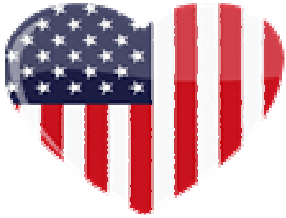
He is the son of our Dearll and Carol Vincent.

Bob will be holding our Gospel Meeting September 14-17.

Daily Bible Reading



June 29—Acts 5:17-42, II Ch 12-14
June 30—Acts 6, II Ch 15-17
July 1—Acts 7:1-19, II Ch 18-20
July 2—Acts 7:20-45, II Ch 21-23
July 3—Acts 7:46-60, II Ch 24-25
July 4—Acts 8:1-25, II Ch 26-28
July 5—Acts 8:26-40, II Ch 29-20
July 6—Acts 9:1-22, II Ch 31-32



The Greatness of America

For some nine months in late 1831 and early 1832, Alexis de Tocqueville and his friend, Gustave de Beaumont, toured America studying prison reform. They traveled throughout the country talking to people from all walks of life.

So impressed were they with what they saw and heard that when they returned to Paris, Alexis set out to write of his experiences. The result was a two volume set entitled *Democracy in America*. One quotation from that work stands out. Alexis de Tocqueville wrote: “I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. I sought in the fertile fields and boundless forest, in her rich mines and vast world commerce, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

I can't help but wonder if a Frenchmen visiting churches in America today would come away with a similar appraisal.

God calls His people to righteous living. We are to “live soberly, righteously, and godly” lives (Titus 2:12). The challenge is to “come out from among them [the world] and be ye separate, saith the Lord” (2 Corinthians 6:17). The pulpits of this land should thunder with a call to righteousness. But, instead, a call to compromise is often heard. Pulpits are deafly silent when it comes to sin.

Paul charged Timothy: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). What America needs today is a return to old-fashioned Bible preaching. What America needs is a call to righteousness. Churches and nations which turn their back on righteousness cannot stand long. As Solomon observed, “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). Real power resides, not in the president, but in the pulpit when it is aflame with righteousness! May God help us to recapture that power before it is too late!

God Knows Me!

(Psalm 139:1-6)



“Such _____ is too _____ for me; It is _____, I cannot attain it” (Psalms 139:6)

I) God knows everything about my life. “Oh Lord, You have _____ me and _____ me” (Psalm 139:1) “The Lord looks from heaven; He _____ all the _____ of men” (Psalm 33:13). “And there is no creature _____ from His _____, but all things are naked and _____ to the _____ of Him to whom we must give an account” (Hebrews 4:13). **He knows about my public life:** “You comprehend my _____ And are acquainted with all my _____” (Psalm 139:3). **He knows about me privately:** “You know my _____ down and my _____ up” (Psalm 139:2). **He knows my heart.** “You understand my _____ afar off” (Psalm 139:2). **He knows what I do, and why.** “You have hedged me _____ and before, and laid your _____ on me” (Psalm 139:5).

II) I cannot escape from God’s presence. “Where can I go from Your _____? Or where can I _____ from Your presence?” (Psalm 139:7) **God’s presence is a source of _____ to the Christian.** “Even there Your hand shall _____ me, and Your right hand shall _____ me” (vs. 10). “God is our _____ and strength, a very present _____ in trouble. Therefore we will not _____, even though the _____ be removed, and though the _____ be carried into the midst of the sea” (Psalm 46:1-2).

III) God knows all about me. “For you _____ my inward parts; You _____ me in my mother’s _____... My frame was not _____ from You... Your eyes saw my _____ being yet _____. And in your _____ they were all written” (Proverbs 139:13-16) **God truly understands us.** “For He _____ our frame; He remembers that we are _____” (Psalm 103:14). “Great is our Lord, and mighty in _____; His understanding is _____” (Psalm 147:5)

God’s knowledge is a wonderful thing! “Search me, O God, and know my _____; Try me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any _____ way in me, and lead me in the way of the _____.” (Psalm 139:23-24).

Do Over!!!

~PNygard

“Do over! I wasn’t ready yet,” she yelled out as she rounded the tree laughing. This was the scene following our recent VBS where an impromptu game of tag broke out among the exuberant youngsters. It is the excited request for a *do over* that is rattling around in my head this morning.

How many times in life have we wished for a *do over*? Do you ever find yourself wishing you could make a better grade, or buy a different car? Would you invest your money differently or take a different job? Would you spend more time with your family? Come on, can I get a *do over*? Please?

No, I can’t! We live with the life we have created by the choices we have made. BUT, there are some things we can do from this day forward.

We can choose to live under the weight of guilt and sin for all of the mistakes we have made OR we can choose the path of renewal each day. It’s true that we may bear the scars and consequences of our past, but that does not mean that those weights and burdens have to overcome us. Consider what the Hebrews writer has to say;

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:1-2)

Truth be told, there is little benefit to being caught up in the past. Beyond learning from the experiences of life, reliving our mistakes over and over just feeds on the negativity they bring, and this is guaranteed to bring you down. After trying over a thousand filaments for his incandescent light, Edison was asked if he had failed, “No, I have eliminated one more element that will not work for me.” Paul puts it this way;

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Php 3.13-14)

Finally, we can use our experiences to help others on the path through life. Children can understand, “you are going to make mistakes, but you certainly don’t have to make the same one’s I made.” Being open and transparent about the detours you have taken and curve balls you have missed, you are better suited to help others along the way. Taking that approach to life allows you to take your mistakes and extract good from the circumstances. This may have been what Paul had in mind when he said, “*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*” (Romans 8.28).

Think about it.

BIBLE BOWL CLASS

1st–6th grade Bible Bowl class will meet today at 4:15 in Room 112.



TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP–THIS EVENING

Transportation will leave here today at 5:30PM to join the traveling youth group at the Sunrise congregation.



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

The LLL kick-off will be Sunday, July 6 after evening service in the MP Room.

Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

YOUNG MEN'S PREACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

(Ages 13–18)

July 6– 11 Alkire Road (Details on youth bulletin board)

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (Camp Hervida)

June 29-July 4 (Intermediate Week)

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



Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



One of the great debates of the last few years has centered on character. Some people believe that it's possible for a person to possess both a public and a private character, even if the two are very different. What you do in private, the reasoning goes, is your business, as long as it doesn't affect your public performance.

But there is one big problem with this thinking! Once you divide your personality and your actions into two or more categories or compartments, you deviate from the very definition of character. At its root, character is defined by integrity. And Integrity requires wholeness.

One of the best ways to keep your life "WHOLE" is to pay attention to the small stuff. Do what it takes every day to strengthen your character and preserve your integrity. Most of all don't live your life to please others. Live your life to please God. As the Psalmist said, "Let integrity and honesty preserve me, for I put my hope in you." (Psalm 25:21)

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 6

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADER

AM—Breck Hesselrode
PM—Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM—John Life
Close—Cody Hoover
6:00 PM—Gary Herridge
Close—Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Hoover
PM—Evan Fleak

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Lemley
PM—Donovan Walton
Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



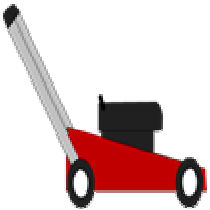
Why So Gloomy?

Our world is full of sadness and sorrow. Death comes and takes our loved ones. Financial troubles wreck our future plans. Sickness robs us of the idyllic scene we had envisioned for our lives. If we are not disciplined, we let these rob us of a happy life.

Jesus knew life would be hard on His disciples; it was hard on Him, too. But, He advised, *“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). Because Jesus has overcome, we can have a happy life. He has robbed death of its power (I Corinthians 15:50-68). He has given us Heavenly riches when we are impoverished here (Ephesians 3:8). He has promised us an eternal home without sickness or death (Revelations 21:105). So don't be gloomy, but positive and hopeful! Because our Savior overcame, we can overcome through Him!

Bulletin Digest

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include
Delmas Carr, Bill Hoover, Todd Kirk, and Cody Young.

Facts and Figures

June 22, 2014

AM Service.....296

Bible Study.....232

PM Service.....234

Wednesday.....206

Contribution.....\$7288.00

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

There will be no Friday night sing this week.



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.