

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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## WHAT IF . . .

...God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?

...God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

...We never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?

...God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

...God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

...God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

...God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin.

...the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

...God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

...God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?

...God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

...God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

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 Jim Galloway  
 Gary Herridge  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
 John Life  
 Bill Mills  
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 Delmas Carr  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Brian Haught  
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 Rob Hoover  
 William Hoover  
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# Prayer List

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

Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Chelsea Doonan, Melva Farris, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Calvin Martin, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Betty Akers (Don & Brenda Dougherty's neighbor), 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), Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), John Huxley (Cindy Huxley's brother-in-law), 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.**

Hope Shutts Hawkins (Melva's sister) is having health issues. She has been in the Affinity Medical Center. Please remember her in your prayers and with cards.

Her address is 718 9th Street NE, Massillon, OH 44646-5748.



We extend our sympathy to Delmas Carr in the passing of his uncle, Garnet Register. His funeral was Wednesday in Belington, WV.



## THANK YOU NOTE

♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one of them. **Jenny Ware**

## **BAPTISM**

We rejoice that Lori Cumberledge was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She will be in Care Group 4. Her address is #2 Valley View Drive, Vienna, WV 26105 Telephone: 304.482.0475. Her birthday is June 26. We welcome her and her children, Brian, Lacey, and Rachel to Camden Avenue.

## **RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to a reception for Dan and Candice Rich today at 2:30 in the MP Room. They were married May 17 in Missouri.

## **ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS**

The Adult Bible Bowl class will meet today at 4:30 in Room 154, studying Mark chapter 1 NKJV.

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CELEBRATION**

Everyone is invited to a celebration for our High School graduates this evening after services in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

## **CAMP HERVIDA REQUESTING ITEMS**

OVCYC has requested donations. The list of items needed is on the counter. Items need to be left under the coat rack in the foyer by the parking lot **today**. If you would like to make a monetary donation to assist with campers fees, please give to one of the Elders today.

## **WEDDING SHOWER**

There will be a wedding shower for Brittany Fleak-Josh Gray in the MP Room Thursday, June 6 at 7:00PM. They are registered at Kohl's and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## **DARLENE PICKERING'S BIRTHDAY**

Darlene's birthday is June 21. Please update your church calendar.

## **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE WILDS**

The next Golden Agers trip is to The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio Tuesday, June 25. This will include a covered-vehicle safari ride to see the 31 animal species, 13 of them endangered, and an early dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH. The sign-up sheet with details is on the counter.



## **Daily Bible Reading**

June 2—John 10:1-21, 2 Ki 8-9  
June 3—John 10:22-42, 2 Ki 10-11  
June 4—John 11:1-27, 2 Ki 12-14  
June 5—John 11:28-57, 2 Ki 15-16  
June 6—John 12:1-26, 2 Ki 17  
June 7—John 12:27-50, 2 Ki 18-19  
June 8—John 12:1-20, 2 Ki 20-21  
June 9—John 13:21-38, 2 Ki 22-23



## **END OF THE SCHOOL/VBS ICECREAM CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, June 12 after VBS

The list of requested items is on the counter.

**Everyone is invited!**



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Murvin & Kathy Simmons will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Saturday, June 15. There will be celebration at the Akers Guest Room (1706 Suite 3 on Blizzard Drive, South Parkersburg.).

No gifts. Cards welcome.

(Murvin and Kathy are former members here.)



# Be Kind

There are a lot of things that we can't do. We may look around us and see a variety of skills and abilities that we simply don't have. But one trait that we all possess is the ability to be kind. We can change relationships and influence countless people if we simply have the rule in our way of life to be kind. Paul said in Ephesians 4:32 simply to be kind to one another. This means be kind to your spouse, children, boss, friend, whomever you meet.



In Romans 12:10, Paul stresses that part of the right relationship is "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." Whatever feelings we have about another person, let us never underestimate the good that kindness will do.

When we are kind, we are imitating Jesus. He was kind to multitudes who were hungry. His disciples wanted to send them away, but Jesus felt kindly towards them (Mark 6:30-44). Even the woman caught in the act of adultery was dealt with in a kind way by Jesus (John 8:1-11). Even to Peter, whose actions had to be frustrating to Jesus, he was still kind.

I see firmness, but a kind manner, in Paul's dealing with Onesimus as he encouraged him to go back to Philemon after his conversion. It just seems as we look at the really great characters of the Bible, we are continually struck by the impact of kindness.

As we arise each day, let's make it a goal to be kind to the people that we meet that day. We can't help but bring glory to the name of Jesus when we do.

Steve Boyd

	<p><b>Annual Gospel Quartet Concert</b> June 8 at 4:00PM at OVU Alumni Gymnasium Admission \$5.00</p>	
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# The Joy of Fellowship!

(Philippians 1:1-11)



## Paul and the Philippians:

When Lydia and her household were baptized, she \_\_\_\_\_ them saying, "If you have judged me to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the lord, \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_ and stay." (Acts 16:15) After the Jailor was baptized, "He brought them into his \_\_\_\_\_, he set \_\_\_\_\_ before them; and he \_\_\_\_\_." (Acts 16:34)

**They supported Paul in the mission field.** "For even in Thessalonica you sent \_\_\_\_\_ once and again for my \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 4:15-16)

**They sent Epaphroditus to minister to Paul.** "Epaphroditus, my \_\_\_\_\_, fellow \_\_\_\_\_, fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 2:25)

**The basis for fellowship:** "If there is any \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, if any \_\_\_\_\_ of love, if any \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, is any \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy, fulfill my \_\_\_\_\_ being like-minded, having the same \_\_\_\_\_, being of one accord, of one \_\_\_\_\_. Let nothing be done through selfish \_\_\_\_\_ or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem \_\_\_\_\_ better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the interests of \_\_\_\_\_. Let this mind be in \_\_\_\_\_ that was also in \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 2:1-5)

## How to find the joy of Christian Relationships:

**#1) Be \_\_\_\_\_ for your brethren.** "To the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . . . I \_\_\_\_\_ God upon every \_\_\_\_\_ of you." (Philippians 1:1,3)

**#2) Learn what true \_\_\_\_\_ is. Christian fellowship is what we \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.** "For you are all \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. There is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor Greek, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor free, there is neither male or \_\_\_\_\_; for you are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26-28) **As brethren we have \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.**

**#3) Love your \_\_\_\_\_.** "For God is my witness, how greatly I \_\_\_\_\_ for you all with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:8)

**#4) We must \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.** "Always in every \_\_\_\_\_ of mine making \_\_\_\_\_ for you all in \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 1:4) "Just as it is \_\_\_\_\_ for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my \_\_\_\_\_." (Philippians 1:7)



# WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO JESUS?

P Nygard

In a popular hymn are these words, "And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above, Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love; I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, What hast thou brought to Me?" No question about it, Jesus has brought much to us, yea even His very life. In turn, what are we bringing to Jesus?

**Are we bringing souls to Jesus?** Andrew did. "One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **And he brought him to Jesus . . .**" (John 1:40-42). Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19: 10). Is it not our duty to reach out to the lost with the saving message of Jesus, so that their souls might be saved in the day of Judgment? Ask yourself the questions, "When is the last time that the waters in the baptistry were stirred because of MY willingness to serve God?" "When is the last time that the front pew was warmed by a penitent Christian because I helped someone find Christ?" Are we bringing souls to Jesus?

**Are we bringing our children to Jesus?** The mothers of Perea did. "Then were there **brought unto him little children**, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:13-14; cf Mark 10: 13-15). These mothers took their children before Jesus so that He might lay hands on them and pray for them. Do we take our children before Jesus so that He will bless them with His "living words?" How often do you bring your children to Bible class and worship? Do you ever allow them to miss the assembling of the saints for such things as homework, school events, or for being too tired to come? Do you pray with your children, open Gods word and read together? Are you bringing your children to Jesus?

**Are we bringing our monetary gifts to Jesus?** Herod's wise men did. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, **they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh**" (Matt. 2:1 1). These men knew that Jesus was one deserving of all that they had to give. Will we realize the same and give all that we have to the Lord? When we budget every month what monies will go where, what is the first thing we consider? House? Car? Food? Clothes? Entertainment? Why not put the Lord at the top of our list of priorities, and give Him the very best that we can. After all, what we have is not our own, but it already belongs to the Lord. We are merely stewards of those blessings, and in turn we should give back as we are prosper. Are you bringing your monetary gifts to Jesus?

Jesus continues to bring so much to us. What will we bring to him? Will we bring souls to Him, our children to Him, our monetary gifts to Him? What are you bringing to Jesus?



We often try to fix our problems with WD-40 and duct tape.

God did it with nails.



Everyone is invited to a celebration for our High School graduates this evening in the MP Room after services. Please bring finger foods and desserts.

**Congratulations to our graduating seniors:**

Ryan Caplinger, Paige Flanigan, Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts, Darlene Pickering, Lindsay Proffitt, and Emily Saunders



**CHURCH CAMPS**

- OVCYC (Camp Hervida)
- WVCYC (Pennsboro)
- Fort Hill in Hillsboro, OH
- Mountaineer Christian Youth Camp in Barbour county, WV

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



**A LIVING SERMON**

I'd rather see a sermon  
Than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one should walk with me  
Than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil  
And more willing than the ear;  
Fine counsel is confusing,  
But example's always clear.

And the best of all the preachers  
Are the men who live their creeds;  
For to see good put in action  
Is what everybody needs.

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**Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A friend wanted to get his car washed. So he asked his wife to take care of it! However, as his wife was driving to the car wash it started to rain. She noticed how the heavy rain was washing most of the dirt off the car. Being a frugal person, she thought—why should I get the car washed now? So she took the car back to her home, got some cloths and wiped the car down. It looked great, very shiny and clean!



When her husband came home he asked her if she got the car washed. She said, "sort of". She then explained to him about what she had done. However, her husband replied, "Honey, don't you know that there is salt on the bottom of the car and if it's not washed away it will cause the car to corrode?"

This is just like sin when it gets into our lives. We may put on a good front with others by doing good things and faithfully attending all services of the church. But, if the sin is not completely washed away on the inside, we will continue to corrode from within. Don't take the cheap path when living the Christian life. Wash out all the sin and really get clean!

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 9

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders**

### SONG LEADERS

AM— Jim Galloway

PM— Rick Stanley

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Josh Barclay

Close— Chris Tallman

6:00 PM— Bill Mills

Close— Dustin Hughes

### SCRIPTURE

AM— Gary Alton

PM— Doug Hinzman

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM— Leon Hupp

PM— Kyle Inman

Mike Wade

PA SYSTEM— Todd Kirk



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 - 12

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Activities for all ages, including adults.

The nursery will be available.

Sunday evening we will have the 6:00 service and VBS will begin at 6:30.

There will be an ice cream party after VBS Wednesday evening.

Plan to attend and invite others.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include Josh Barclay, Delmas Carr, Evan Fleak and Todd Kirk.

## Facts and Figures

May 26, 2013

AM Service.....310

Bible Study.....221

PM Service.....204

Wednesday.....221

Contribution .....\$5839.11

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....8



CHRIST WAS ONE CHILD WHO KNEW MORE THAN HIS PARENTS AND YET, STILL OBEYED THEM.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY" each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

June 9

NOT ASHAMED

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave this Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Barlow-Vincent congregation.

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM