

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.

Volume 47, Number 23 - June 8, 2014



Super Saturday Vacation Bible School

Jonah and the Great Fish

June 14

9:30AM-2:30PM

Lunch will be provided.

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
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Prayers Please

Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Jim Henry, Brian Knotts, 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.

Marietta Memorial—Brian Knotts (Room 353)
 Kathleen Albright (Room 404)

Jim Henry had surgery Tuesday and is now home recuperating.
 Jim Galloway is home recovering from surgery Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bronwyn Elise Sheppard arrived Wednesday, June 4 to Brandon and Calle Sheppard. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 inches.



Proud grandparents are Ryan and Cheryl Logston and Kelly and Sandy Sheppard.

Proud great grandparents are Dearll and Carol Vincent and Lole Johnson.



Thank You Notes



- ♥ Thank you for each of the birthday cards I received. **Bill Mills**
- ♥ I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful Bible and lovely cards. **Ruthanne Bush**
- ♥ We appreciated the many acts of kindness shown our family during the loss of Ray's brother. Thank You. **Ray and Bonnie Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. You made my day special. **Dana Slingluff**

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Bruce and Kelly Brown have placed their membership back at the Sandyville congregation.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

COOKIES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are in need of cookies for VBS next Saturday. Please leave cookies in the outer office by this Wednesday.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

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. We will eat dinner at Theo's and be 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.

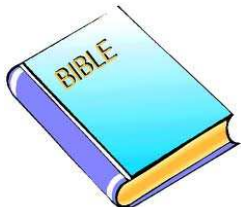
MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

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.

Daily Bible Reading



June 8—Jn 13:1-20, II Ki 20-21
June 9—Jn 13:21-38, II Ki 22-23
June 10—Jn 14:1-14, II Ki 24-25
June 11—Jn 14:15-31, I Ch 1-2
June 12—Jn 15, I Ch 3-5
June 13—Jn 16, I Ch 6
June 14—Jn 17, I Ch 7-8
June 15—Jn 18:1-24, I Ch 9-10

Super Saturday Vacation Bible School is fast approaching June 14.



Time: 9:30-2:30
Theme: Jonah and the Great Fish
Lunch will be provided.

(We are in need of cookies.)



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Esteem them highly in love”

“Appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and esteem them very highly, in love because of their work” (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)

There has never been a time in my life that elders in the church did not play an important part. I remember fondly the three men who served in the congregation we attended from the time I was born. Brothers Hobart, Homer, and Ted. I knew they loved me. Brother Hobart encouraged me to preach from the day I was baptized. Brother Homer taught me to lead singing—from the chair in his barbershop!

I learned much more about the demands placed upon elders when my father was appointed during my teenage years. Our time at the building before and after worship service often stretched into hours. There were weeks when my Dad was gone every night. There were telephone calls from people having problems. There were special meetings called. I'm sure there were times when the efforts and devotion of these men averted church problems, resolved conflicts between brethren, saved marriages, and lead the evangelistic efforts of the church. After I was grown, my father moved several times for his work—and became an elder in every congregation into which they moved. Of all that could be said of my father 's life, there was nothing of which I am prouder.

As a minister, I have worked with congregations with elders, and those without. There is no comparison! A congregation without elders is lacking something that is tremendously important. (Titus 1:5) You can set up committees and organize the work. Business meetings will meet the pressing needs of the church. But, a church without elders is like a family without a father. You need men to take the lead, challenge others, and accept responsibility.

Through my years of ministry, there have been elders who have been like my fathers in the faith. As I have grown older, they have become more like my closest brothers. I have had elders who seemed to sense when I have been discouraged—and have lifted me up. I have had elders “go to bat” for me when they felt I had been unjustly criticized. I have had elders who have reminded me to “be there for my family” and have insisted that I take the time that was needed to do so. It is such a comforting feeling to tell a Christian who is struggling, “You need to talk about this with our elders” and have full confidence that they are in good hands when they do so.

Few people are aware of all of the things that our elders do. We pray that they will “make good decisions” and “wisely oversee the money that is given.” God, however, speaks of a higher calling “for they watch out for your souls as those who must give account.” (Hebrews 13:17) When Paul spoke of the trials he endured he included his “daily deep concern for the church.” Our elders understand that . They are never “off-duty.”

Elders are not the C.E.O.'s of the church—sitting in a board room, directing the affairs of the church. Elders are shepherds caring for the sheep in the Father's flock. (Acts 20:28) Of shepherds, Jesus said “the sheep hear his voice; he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.” (John 10:3-4) In order for our elders to know us— we must let ourselves be known!

Sheep cannot be driven—they must be led. Elders cannot “lord it over the flock,” rather, they lead by their example. (I Peter 5:3) They are servant-leaders. They challenge us to “join them in this great work.” They “have spoken to us the word of God.” We are to “follow their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7) We are to be so helpful and cooperative that their role is one that brings them joy and not grief. (Hebrews 13:17)

Please join me in thanking the men who have accepted the awesome responsibility of leading the church at Camden Avenue. They would never claim to be perfect men— but they have always shown themselves to be willing—and worthy of our support. **Thank you Pat, Jim, Gary, Paul, Stan, John, Bill, Ron and Dearll. We love you—for your work's sake!**

“Not ashamed” (Mark 8:27-38)



“Whoever desires to _____ after Me, let him _____ himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. . . For whoever is _____ of Me and My _____ in this _____ and _____ generation, of him the Son of Man also will be _____ when He comes in the glory of His Father.” (Mark 8:34-38)

Peter _____ in Jesus, but was _____ of God’s plan for redeeming man. _____ **led Peter to _____ the Lord.** “Then he began to _____ and to _____ saying I do not _____ the man!” Immediately a _____ crowd. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus....so he went out and _____ bitterly.” (Matt. 26:73-75)

It takes _____ to _____ Christ. Therefore whoever _____ Me before men, him I will also _____ before My _____ who is in heaven. But whoever _____ Me before men, him I will also _____ before My Father.” (Matt. 10:32-33)
“Among the _____ many believed in Him, but because of the _____ they did not _____ Him, lest they should be _____ out of the synagogue; for they loved the _____ of men more than the _____ of God.” (John 12:42-43)

Confessing Jesus is about _____. Thomas answered “My _____ and my _____.” (John 20:27-28)

We must never be ashamed of the _____ of Jesus. “As He spoke these words, many _____ in Him. Then Jesus said to those who _____ Him, if you _____ in My _____, you are my _____ indeed.” (John 8:30-32)

We must never be ashamed of the _____. “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ, for it is the _____ of God to _____ for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16) **The gospel is the _____, _____ and _____ of Jesus. (I Cor. 15:1-3) We obey a _____ of the gospel when we die to _____, are _____, and walk in _____ of life.**

There are those who desire man’s _____ more than _____. “He who _____ Me, and does not receive My _____ has that which judges him – the _____ that I have spoken will judge him in the last _____.” (John 12:48)

We must not be ashamed to _____ reproach for _____. “for this reason I _____ these things, nevertheless I am not _____.” (II Tim. 1:12) They departed rejoicing that they were counted _____ to _____ shame for His name.” (Acts 5:41)

The most important question: will _____ be _____ of me? “Therefore God is not _____ to be called their God, for He has _____ a city for them.” (Heb. 11:16) “And now, little children _____ in Him that when He _____, we may have _____ and not be _____ before Him at His coming.” (I John 2:28)

God Speaks About Raising Children



“Older people”, in which I include not just the elderly but anyone whose children are older, and even others should practice compassion and sympathy toward our dear parents who are making the effort and sacrifice to be present in our assemblies with their wonderful small children.

Attention spans and articulation of needs are challenges up to a certain age. Even good children wrestle with rambunctiousness and precociousness. This is natural and certainly forgivable. With compassion, we must acknowledge that some children have special needs and cannot help some of their behaviors.

Yet, there can be children who are simply spoiled and undisciplined. While all of us are experts on how others should be raising their children, we all come to the task regarding our own children as rank novices. God knew that, and so He instructs us as to what to do with our children.

“Train” them (Pro. 22:6). If we are not careful, we can let our children train and condition us. Have you ever seen children who consistently “ruled the roost” in their homes? Training implies intention, planning, forethought, and concerted effort. When children seek to impose their will, it takes great will-power and discipline on our part to show them what is and is not appropriate.

“Bring them up” (Eph. 6:4). Who was it that said “if you don’t bring them up, you’ll let them down?” I agree with them. Paul urges fathers to raise children “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” We must mold them into God-followers, which means appealing to their minds and bodies. The instruction addresses the mind. The discipline guides the body. The antithesis would be undisciplined, ignorant children in the most important area of life—the spiritual!

“Love” them (Tit. 2:5). Here, Paul urges mothers in this all-important, pervasive action. Sadly, some think love equates to indulgence, permissiveness, and helplessness by standing. Not at all! Only loving parents will make their children obey the rules, be polite and well-behaved, and considerate of others. How sad and unloving when parents constantly shift blame or excuse misbehavior rather than address it and help correct it.

Train them, bring them up, and love them. Do this, and others will sincerely enjoy being around your children, will compliment them consistently, and thank you for making the effort. Fail to do it at the potential peril of the child and yourself! Do what God says should be done with your children! You will be glad you did.

Youth activities

June 22

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

June 29

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

The 1st–6th grade Bible Bowl
class will meet today at 5:00 in
Room 112.



End of the School Year Ice Cream Party

Everyone is invited to an End of the
School Year party in the MP Room
Wednesday, June 11 after services.



Please bring ice cream toppings.



Area wide sing

Point Park
Saturday, June 14
7:00PM

Please bring lawn chairs, snacks
and beverages.

We will be using the song book
“Songs of the Church”.

Hosted by: North End church of
Christ

Flyer on bulletin boards in foyers

Young Men Preacher Training Workshops (Ages 13–18)



June 20-22 WVSOP
July 6– 11 Alkire Road

Details on youth bulletin board

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Just because the government may sanction something, doesn't mean that it is right. I do not play the Lottery because of the following reasons:

It is addictive. “Compulsive Gamblers Hotline” and “Gamblers Anonymous” all attest to the addictive nature of this vice.

It seeks to gain at the expense of others. Do your math! Cost of a ticket \$1; Jackpot—\$1 million; Number of winners—1; Number of losers—999,999. And the majority of participants come from those who need all that they earn.

It violates the work ethic. God's instructions to us is “let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.” (Ephesians 4:28)

Heartache, addiction, loss, misery, poverty, and divorce are just a few of the undesirable fruits associated with gambling.

As Paul said, “beloved, let us abstain from every form of evil” (I Thessalonians 5:22)

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 15

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - David Wadlington

SONG LEADER

AM—Brian Haught
PM—Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Mike Wade
Close—Ira Kimes
6:00 PM—Bill Hoover
Close—Bill Lemley

SCRIPTURE

AM—Doug Hinzman
PM—Evan Fleak

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dearll Vincent
PM—Stan Inman
Brian Knotts

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Today

- ♥ Fellowship Lunch
- ♥ Bible Bowl classes

Wednesday

- ♥ 7:00 Bible Study
- ♥ End of the School Year Ice Cream party after services in MP Room

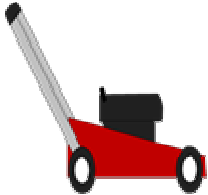
Friday

Friday night sing at 36th Street congregation in Vienna

Saturday

Super Saturday VBS 9:30AM-2:30PM

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Hershman crew.



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

Facts and Figures

June 1, 2014

AM Service.....303
Bible Study.....219
PM Service.....241
Wednesday.....169

Contribution.....\$9492.00

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

The Faculty and Graduation Class of the **West Virginia School of Preaching** Take pleasure in announcing the Commencement of the Class of Two thousand and fourteen Friday, June 13 At 6:00 in the evening



During the ceremony Brother Denver Haught and his wife, Dortha will be honored for their many years of faithful service. (This is Debbie Tallman's parents.) A catered dinner will be provided at that time. Come and enjoy the fellowship and celebration.

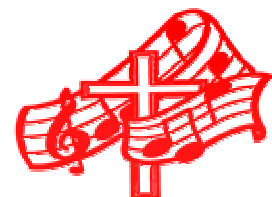
They have provided a sign-up sheet that is on the counter.

Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"** Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP-TV, Dish Ch. 259, DIRECT ch. 367, 6:30AM on local cable Ch. 4, Sunday at 7:00PM & Monday 2:00PM on GBN, and WGN America Sundays at 7:30AM (Dish) Ch. 239 and (Direct) Ch. 307.



UPCOMING TOPIC
June 15
SPEAKING OUT

Friday Night Sing



The sing this week is at the 36th Street congregation in Vienna at 7:00.