

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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We are excited about our busy week. . .

Today—Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room.

Monday—MNFTM will meet in the MP Room.
Youth devotional at the Dewey Avenue congregation.

Tuesday—Ladies Class meets at 7:00PM in the MP Room.

Wednesday—7:00PM Bible study.

Friday—Friday Night sing at the Sissonville congregation.

Saturday—New Members Dinner 5:00 in the MP Room.

The details for these events are included in this bulletin.

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 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
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 Dearll Vincent

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

Mary Ann Barclay, Lee Edwards, Bob and Lillie Fox, Marion Goldsmith,
 Zandra Holleron, Sharon Midkiff, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny
 Reynolds, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patricia Blackman (Family friend to Mary Daniel), Ellen Brookover
 (friend of Shannan Hinzman), Gabbi Cook, 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, Betty Morris, Linda Perry
 (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother),
 Sue Sheppard (Ruth Fox's cousin), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin),
 Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

You may call the office and update or add names to the Prayer Lists.



We extend our sympathy to the family of
 Mary Vaught. She passed away March 4.
 Her funeral was held Friday at the
 Leavitt Funeral Home.



♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and wishes. **Kody Inman**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 is hosting the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following Bible classes. **Everyone is invited.**

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner, 6:15 devotional, 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this good work.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday ladies class will meet this week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

NEW MEMBERS DINNER

All new members are invited to the dinner this Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 in the MP Room.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTER'S

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 and Bible Buster's at 5:30.

LADIES LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to meet at Shoney's Tuesday, March 19 at noon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

PANTRY ITEMS

The church pantry is low on the following items: evaporated milk, jelly, applesauce, gravy, spaghetti pasta, canned peas, carrots, and potatoes. Items may be left in the library.

LADS TO LEADER/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention (March 28-31 in Louisville, KY), please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.

Estate Planning Services at OVU Correction—Harold Shank's correct number is 304.482.2842.



Daily Bible Reading

- March 10—Mk 11:1-14, Nu 21-22
- March 11—Mk 11:15-33, Nu 23-24
- March 12—Mk 12:1-27, Nu 25-26
- March 13—Mk 12:28-44, Nu 27-28
- March 14—Mk 13:1-23, Nu 29-30
- March 15—Mk 13:24-27, Nu 31
- March 16—Mk 14:1-21, Nu 32-33
- March 17—Mk 14:22-52, Nu 34-35

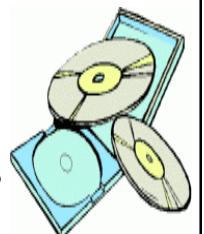


Jordan Matthew Alton was born March 5 weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and 20 inches to Lindsay Alton.

Congratulations to grandfather Gary Alton.

CD'S AVAILABLE

CD's are available at no charge on the counter of the area-wide service and Paul Nygard's series on the Holy Spirit.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Sin lies at the door”



In Genesis chapter 4, we read of the first worship offered to God by man. Abel, a keeper of sheep, offered the firstlings of his flock. Cain, a tiller of the ground, offered Him a sacrifice of grain. *“And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but he did not respect Cain and his offering.”* (Genesis 4:4-5)

I have heard much discussion about why God accepted one sacrifice and rejected the other, but it really boils down to the words of the Hebrew writer, *“By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous.”* (Hebrews 11:4) Cain was accepted because he had faith—whatever God commanded regarding this sacrifice—he obeyed.

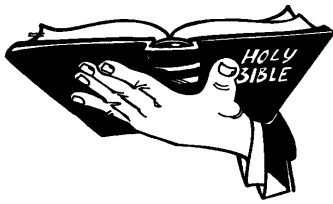
But I am particularly interested in God’s words to Cain. Cain was angry and jealous that God would choose his brother over him. God had no sympathy! Cain (and all of us) had the same opportunity to win God’s approval. He told Cain, *“if you do well, (obey) will you not be accepted? And if you do not well, (obey) sin lies at the door.”*

In much the same way, God has commanded certain acts of worship and devotion in the lives of Christians. **Bible study:** *“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.”* (II Timothy 2:15) **Attending:** *“Forsaking not the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some.”* (Hebrews 10:25) **Worship:** *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* (Colossians 3:16) **Communing:** *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”* (I Corinthians 11:26) **Prayer:** *“Pray without ceasing.”* (I Thessalonians 5:17)

All of these activities have been commanded of us by God. They are all designed to keep us close to God, strengthen us, and promote spiritual growth. God doesn’t “suggest” that Christians participate in these spiritual disciplines, He demands it! This is the good that God expects us to do. God’s word remains true, *“if you do well will you not be accepted?”* (Genesis 4:7) The answer is yes! If we are faithful in worshipping and serving God according to his will, He will be pleased—He will accept us! But God’s warning to Cain also remains true, *“if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.”* (Genesis 4:7)

There is a real danger in being unfaithful in the service of the Lord—sin. **If we do not study** we will not grow. Our faith will grow weak. We will be led astray by false teachers. **If we do not attend** we will never encourage or be encouraged by other Christians, we will be spending all of our time in the world, isolated from God’s people. **If we do not worship** we will dampen those emotions that stir us up, and will be denying God the praise that is due Him. **If we do not commune** we will forget. The cross of Jesus will become less and less significant to us. “For this reason” (not properly observing the Lord’s Supper) Paul said *“many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.”* (I Corinthians 11:30) **If we do not pray** we will be vulnerable to every temptation that comes our way. (Matthew 26:41)

God told Cain how simple it really is to follow Him. If we do well, we will be accepted. If we don’t, we will be overcome by sin. If we serve Him faithfully, we can *“make our calling and election sure.”* (II Peter 1:10) If we don’t, sin lies at the door. *“Therefore to him who knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.”* (James 4:17)



Overcoming Temptation

(Matthew 4:1-11)

Temptation is not a sin – when we give into it is. “But each one is _____ when he is drawn away by his own _____ and _____. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to _____; and sin when it is full-grown, brings forth _____.” (James 1:14-15)

When we are tempted, Jesus knows, Jesus _____, and Jesus will _____. “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot _____ with our _____, but was in all points _____, as we are, yet without _____. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of _____, that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to _____ in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Jesus taught us to pray: “Lord, lead us not into _____, but _____ us from the _____ one.” (Matthew 6:13)

What we learn from Jesus’ Temptation

1) We have the same _____. “Be _____, be vigilant, because your adversary, the _____, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may _____.” (1 Peter 5:8) We are in a spiritual _____. “For we do not _____ against _____ and _____, but against principalities, against _____, against the rulers of this _____, against the hosts of _____ in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

2) We face similar _____. Satan has not come up with anything _____. “Do not love the _____ or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the _____ is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life – is not of the Father but is of the _____.” (1 John 2:15-16) Satan appealed to Jesus’ flesh. “If you are the Son of God, _____ these stones to become _____. Jesus answered “It is _____ ‘Man shall not live by _____ alone, but by every _____ that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Matt. 4:4) Satan appealed to Jesus’ pride. “If you are the Son of God, _____ yourself down.” Jesus answered “It is written, ‘You shall not _____ the Lord your _____.’” (Matt. 4:5-7) Satan appealed to Jesus’ eyes. “All these things I will give you if you fall down and _____ me.” Jesus answered “Away with you _____! For it is written ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him _____ shall you serve.” (Matt. 4:8-10)

3) We have the same ways of _____ temptation as Jesus did. First, we have a _____ of God’s word. “Above all, taking the shield of _____, by which you will be able to _____ the fiery darts of the _____ one.” (Eph. 6:10) “Faith comes by _____ and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Second, we have _____. “Watch and _____, lest you enter into _____ - the spirit indeed is _____ but the _____ is weak.” (Matt. 26:41.) Third, we have the power and opportunity to say _____. “Resist the _____ and he will _____ from you.” (James 4:7)

It's God's Nature

~P. Nygard

Spring is almost here, and for most it cannot come soon enough. The fragrance of blooming flowers, warmth of the sun, and even the aroma of fresh cut wild onions with the mower are welcome after months of wet, cold, drizzle.

How many times have you looked at the changing season and heard someone say, "mother nature sure is beautiful?" We instinctively know as Christians what they are saying; this world God has created is filled with wonder and reflects His beauty. Why do we sometimes refer to the works of 'mother nature' rather than the works of God? Is it so that we do not offend people who are not Christians? Are we embarrassed to outwardly express our joy that God created such a wonderful place? Does it camouflage our faith in God to the world? Maybe it is simply an innocent phrase we picked up in life and have never given it much thought.

Whatever reason we have for using the title 'mother nature', don't you think that more glory and honor would be directed toward God if we talked about what He has done for us rather than 'mother nature'?

Who is it that takes care of the wild animals in the winter? How does the dormant seed know to sprout in the spring? Who is it that created the seasons in the first place? We all know the answers.



You get the idea. If we just change our words a little, then we will honor God more. Who knows, we may even find opportunities to talk about God with someone who only believes in mother nature, and that...would be truly beautiful.

UPcoming EVENTS

Monday Area Wide Devotional

All youth and parents are invited.
Please bring your Bible. 7:00-8:30

March 11— Area wide youth (*Dewey Avenue*)
Transportation leaving here at 6:00.

Please sign the sheet on the counter and
indicate if you need a ride or if you are
meeting us there.

March 22-23—Canton Youth Rally
(Speaker: Lonnie Jones, from CYC)
Cost: \$15.00—Your completed medical
form is required. Information must be to
given Paul Saunders TODAY.

The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

6th-12th grade devo. this evening
after services at the home of
Mike and Teresa Wade.

Youth Rally

at the
North End Church of Christ

Friday, April 19 (6:30-8:30)
Saturday, April 20 (9:00-3:45)

A collaborative effort with the Grand Central
congregation.

Grand Central Rally

Grades 3–6

North End Rally

Grades 7 –12 and Adults

Pre-register by April 12 to 304.422.0489
or 304.295.5116.

Details are on the “Youth” bulletin board
by the office.

Minute of Meditation— Heard on 910 AM WLTP



The unusually high tornadic activity in 2011 affected the Midwest, especially the Missouri town of Joplin. It was reported that 75% of the town was virtually “gone”. Among the stores devastated by the tornado was a Fastrip Convenience Store.

Approximately 20 people were in the store when the storm hit. They retreated into a storage freezer as the tornado passed through the front of the store. The store video caught much of what happened inside that freezer. At first there was some profanity, but then for a solid two minutes or more there were only cries made to “Jesus” and “the heavenly Father”. At the moment of impact, there are no curse words but rather only pleas to God and screams.

Journalist Ernie Pyle is credited with saying, “There are no atheists in foxholes.” Perhaps that could be modified to say, “There are no atheists in freezers during a tornado!”

Situations like these often awake a feeling, that there is one greater than ourselves upon whom we must rely. Truly, as David said, “The fool has said in his heart, There is no God” (Psalms 14:1).

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Area Gospel Meetings/Events

March 17-21

Virginia Avenue & Second Street in Chester, WV

Speaker: Ed Melott

March 24-27

North End congregation

Various Speakers

March 24-28

Harmar Hill

Speaker: Jody Apple

March 31-April 3

Bridge Street congregation

Speaker: Steve Stevens

April 12-13

Stark County Men's Retreat

Registration deadline April 1.

Forms available in the foyers.

April 13

Senior Christian Day

Congregation at Virginia Avenue & Second Street
Chester, WV

Details on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

Warren Christian Apologetics Center CHRIST, LIFE, AND AMERICAN CULTURE

Four week seminar series presented by:
Warren Christian Apologetics Center

March 21 & 28

April 4 & 11

Registration 6:30-7:00 Program 7:00-8:30

To be held at:

Ritchie County Hugh School Auditorium

Details are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

March 17
PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at
5:45 for the sing at the
Sissonville congregation.

OVU is currently accepting applications for the position of Office
Manager for the President's Suite. Submit resumes to
human.resources@ovu.edu by March 18 or ASAP.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, March 17

ELDER IN CHARGE - Bill Mills

DEACON IN CHARGE - Dave Wadlington

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Ethan Ash

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Dwain Shears

Close - Kody Inman

6:00 PM - Josh Barclay

Close - Paul Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - John Hall

Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Mills
2 - Jim Hughes
4 - Sandy Hughes

PM

1. Emily Saunders & Lauren Proffitt
2. Malorie Fleak & Lindsay Proffitt
3. Margaret Dawkins & Rebecca Miller
4. Bill & Carolyn Davis
5. Keith & Eloise Smith
6. Keith & Peggy Cowderly

Facts and Figures

March 3, 2013

AM Service.....302

Bible Study.....225

PM Service.....218

Wednesday.....195

Contribution\$9095.27

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM