

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Time to Rejoice

Open the windows
and let the sun in.

Oh, listen how sweet the birds sing;

The bond of winter
has broken away,

It's time to rejoice and greet spring.

Hillsides are lovely
in green once again,

And blossoms appear on the trees.

Flowers are waking
aroused by spring's kiss,

And lilac scent drifts on the breeze.

Earth now is bursting
with joy and rebirth.

Oh, how can a soul fail to sing!

After life's winter

comes heart-peace and hope—

All part of Gods promise called spring.

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Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
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Doug Hershman
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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Lee Edwards, Bob and Lillie Fox, 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 Jenny Ware and family in the passing of her mother-in-law, Betty Ware.
Her funeral was Tuesday in Parkersburg.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thanks so much for the cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. The birthday cards were great too! I just should not be having them at the same time. **Marion Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thanks for all the cards, food, visits, and transportation. I love you all. **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each and every one of them. In Christian Love, **Dennis Keller**
- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday cards I received. They helped to make my "half of a hundred" birthday a special one. **Paul Saunders**
- ♥ Sending much thanks for the birthday cards. They are surely appreciated. **Penny Eddy**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **Kayla Inman**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Shorty Frazier**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of roses. Thanks also to all of the members who came to the funeral home for visitation of my Mother's funeral. Your kindness and respect was very much appreciated. God bless you all. **Ron Vaught and Family**

Thank you to Sandy Hughes for baking the communion bread for February.



MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTER'S

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

VBS MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone interested in helping with VBS.

LLL ORAL BIBLE READING

All ladies are invited to Room 112 after services this evening to hear the LLL Oral Bible Readers. This would be a great encouragement to them.

LADIES LUNCHEON

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

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet next week, March 25. Sign-up sheets for food and attendance are on the counter.

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.

CD'S AVAILABLE

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

Daily Bible Reading

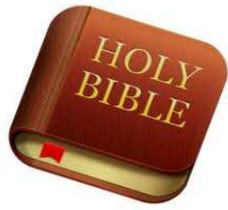
March 17—Mk 14:22-52, Nu 34-35
March 18—Mk 14:53-72, Nu 36
March 19—Mk 15:1-20, De 1-2
March 20—Mk 15:21-47, De 3-4
March 21—Mk 16, De 5-6
March 22—Lu 1:1-25, De 7-9
March 23—Lu 1:26-56, De 10-11
March 24—Lu 1:57-80, De 12-14

CPR/AED Recertification Class

It's been two years and it is time for those who are CPR and AED certified to be **recertified!** Class is set for Monday, April 15 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. We have about 15 people who should be attending this class. Please let me know if you are planning on (or not) attending the class. Plans need to be made.

Please see me with any questions.

Marion Goldsmith



DANA'S DIRECTION

The Pope, the church and the Bible

Well the big news this week was the election of a new Pope by the Roman Catholic Church. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, of Buenos Aires, Argentina was selected with technology both new and ancient, as the 267th head over the church that controls the lives of nearly 1.5 Billion people in the world. While interesting from a traditional, historical, and political perspective, the existence of an earthly head of the church has no basis in scripture.

An official Catholic web sight lists the names of an unbroken line of papacy going back the apostle Peter. You can never read of any supremacy of Peter in the church as we read of it in the New Testament. The only role that Peter claimed for himself in the bible was that of “an apostle” and a “fellow elder” (I Peter 1:1; 5:1). Peter was married (Matthew 8:14), which would disqualify him. In addition, Peter refused to let Cornelius bow before him, stating “Stand up; I myself am also a man” (Acts 10:26). Peter was present when Jesus instructed his apostles about greatness in His kingdom, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you” (Matthew 20:25). The Bible never says Peter was more significant than any other apostle. There is no evidence that he ever went to Rome.

Who then is the head of the church? The apostle Paul speaking of Christ, says, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18). Jesus is the **only head** of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:22-23). As such, you never need to worry about His growing old, lacking the physical or mental awareness to rule, or dying. Christ is God. He is eternal. He will reign forever.

Where did the papacy of the Roman Catholic Church truly come from? You certainly cannot read of the title Pope or of any earthly head of the church in the New Testament. Although the claim of the Catholic Church is an unbroken succession of Popes going back to Peter, the truth is the first pope did not come on the scene until several hundred years after the time of Christ. Bishops, Archbishops, and Patriarchs strove for power. In A.D. 588 the Bishop of Constantinople, John the Faster, assumed, with great opposition, the title of universal bishop of the church. In A.D. 606, Phocas, the Roman Emperor, appointed Boniface III, as Universal Bishop of the church. A.D. 606 is actually the beginning of an earthly head of the “church” (apostate now). It was not a part of the church Jesus promised, founded, and for which we have the pattern for its organization and leadership in the New Testament. The claims made for the Pope today include the title the Vicar (representative) of Christ on earth which implies his infallibility as well as his **supreme and universal primacy, both of honor and of jurisdiction over the church of Christ.** (The Catholic Encyclopedia)

The organization and doctrine of the Catholic church is fulfillment of the prophetic statement made by the apostle Paul, speaking of the inevitable return of Christ, stated “for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself about all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (II Thessalonians 2:3-4).

This is not intended to be disrespectful to any of our Catholic friends, but simply to set forth the facts of what can and cannot be found in the Bible. There is no other source of truth regarding acceptable worship and the church which Jesus established and over which He is head. We must be certain that we judge by no other standard than the one which we apply to ourselves. We must not allow ourselves to slip away from the truth! “Let him who thinks that he stands, take heed, lest he falls” (I Corinthians 10:12)

***Some information in this article was taken from sermon by Mark Tonkery, Laings Church of Christ, “Things you cannot find in anyone’s Bible.”**



The Joy of Discovery (Matthew 13:44-46)

The joy of discovering the _____ of God. “Again the _____ of heaven is like a _____ hidden in a field, which a man _____ and hid; and for _____ over it he goes and _____ all that he has and _____ that field.” (Matt.13:44)

The church is the earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God. Jesus preached “repent for the _____ is at hand.” (Matt.4:17) He told people “There are some _____ here who will not taste of _____ till they see the _____ of God coming with power.” (Mark 9:1) Which happened on the _____ of Pentecost.

How Jesus defines His kingdom. “Your kingdom _____, Your will be done on _____ as it is in _____.” (Matt. 6:10) **The church has elements both _____ and _____.** **What two parables does Jesus tell that show that in Judgment the saved in the church will be separated from the lost?** The Parable of the _____ and the _____ (Matthew 13:24-30), the Parable of the _____ (Matthew 13:47-52)

The kingdom of God is worth any _____. “If anyone would come after Me, let him _____ himself and take up his _____ and follow me.” (Luke 9:23) “I count all things _____ for the excellence of the knowledge of _____ Jesus my _____, for whom I have suffered the _____ of all things, and count them as _____ that I may gain Christ.” (Philippians 3:8)

The Pearl of Great _____. “The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seeking beautiful _____, who, when he had found _____ pearl of great _____, went and _____ all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46) **In this parable the kingdom was the _____ who is searching for beautiful _____.**

The value of our soul is shown by what God was willing to _____ for it. “For you were not redeemed with corruptible things such as _____ and _____...but with the precious _____ of Christ, as of a lamb without _____ and without spot.” (I Peter 1:18-19)

Christians must be involved in _____ the lost. Jesus came to do it. “For the Son of Man came to _____ and _____ that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) **Jesus called his apostles to it.** “Follow Me and I will make you _____ of men.” (Matthew 4:18) **He commissioned the church to it.** “God and make _____ of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father, and of the _____, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:18-20) **The church continued even when scattered by persecution.** “Yet those who were _____ went everywhere _____ the word.” (Acts 8:4)

Every Christian needs to discover the _____ of leading lost _____ to Jesus.

What a trip!!

22 people left Friday 2/22 around 7:30AM to go to Gatlinburg, TN to attend the Challenge Youth Conference (CYC). The conference had a great theme (Jesus) and had over 10,000 attendees. We were all challenged by the following speakers :

- Kyle Butt (from Apologetics Press) encouraged the youth that they are the church of today and there is so much they can do to glorify Christ.
- David Shannon challenged them with the idea that Jesus is the sole source of salvation and that our choices should glorify Him.
- Lonnie Jones challenged them that Jesus cares so much for them and faced temptation as well. They can be triumphant also if they trust in the Lord and obey his word.

The singing was tremendous as well. I think one thing we learn when we are in a setting like this is that we are not alone as Christians making our journey to heaven.

Thank you to our elders, to all the adult chaperones and to the special donors from this congregation who all contributed to the success of this trip. We have a great group of young people here and it is my hope that their faith was strengthened and that the group grew closer together on this trip. May these young people continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord. These young people acted in an exemplary fashion and are definitely fun to be around. I encourage each young person to plan on being a part of CYC 2014. The dates are February 21-23, 2014. Please mark your calendars.

One additional lesson I learned: Don't take a 5 minute nap on the bus—because if you do you will soon be on Facebook. Thanks, Jeff. I guess that is part of the fun.

The Canton Youth Rally and LLL are right around the corner.

Sincerely,

Paul Saunders



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES (REQUESTED PICNIC ITEMS—SHOWCASE)

- If you would like to make a LLL monetary donation, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills. The convention is March 28-31 in Louisville, KY.
- The sign-up sheet is on the counter if you would be willing to donate items for the LLL picnic.
- The LLL Showcase will be next Sunday at 4:15 in the MP Room. Come view the projects and encourage the students.

April Birthdays/Anniversaries

April 2—Macey Dean
April 3—Pam Bayer
April 4—Oren Gore, *Mike & Pam Bayer
April 5—Edwin Hoover
April 6—Calle Logston, Mike Wade
April 8—Alex Saunders
April 9—Little Patrick Davis (Bill & Carolyn's grandson)
April 10—Delbert Beach, Sarah Gray, Sharon Smith,
*Dave & Lois Nulter
April 12—Deanna Hilliard
April 13—Steve Gray, Marcella Mullins
April 14—Pat Burkey, Jimmy Galloway
April 15—*Doug & Alisha Hershman
April 17—Dustin Hughes
April 19—Zoe Byrum
April 20—Bob Miller
April 21—Lauren Proffitt, Carly Taberner
April 24—Lizzy Hoover, Lois Porter
April 27—Mandy Camp, *Gilbert & Lucille Hardman
April 28—Carolyn Davis
April 29—Sarah Buckley

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please call the office this week.



Youth Events

March 22-23—Canton Youth Rally
(Speaker: Lonnie Jones, from CYC)

March 28-31—LLL convention in
Louisville, KY.

LLL Showcase next Sunday at 4:15 in
the MP Room.

LLL picnic items needed.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In 1848, someone had the bright idea of building a suspension bridge across the Niagara River. It was a good idea. It would save miles of travel and solve many problems. However, no one was sure how to get the first cable across the chasm.

Then someone said: Let's offer a ten dollar prize to the first kid than can fly a kite from one side to the other. When the engineers heard the plan they laughed. But in 1848, history had the last laugh. A young boy flew his kite from one side to the other. His kite was tied to a larger string, which was then tied to a small rope, which was then tied to a steel cable which began the construction across the Niagara. What began with a small kite eventually became the supporting cable of a suspension bridge that nobody thought was possible. And the boy got his \$10!

God works through us in the same way be teaching us through the Bible to do the "little things". Paul said, "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise". (I Corinthians 1:27)

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 High 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 24
MUST DO

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
here at 5:30 for the sing at
the Chapel Hill congregation
in Gallipolis, OH.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, March 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Dave Wadlington

SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay
PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught
Close - Russ Alton
6:00 PM - Rick Stanley
Close - Ira Kimes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Dustin Hughes
PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Ron Riddle
PM - Barry Mills
Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1 - Bill Lemley
2 - Chris Tallman
4 - Mary Lemley

PM

1. Robin Anthony & Sonya Hescht
2. Brandon Lawson & Daniel Nygard
3. Larry & Janet Plant
4. Scott Smith & Donovan Walton
5. Calvin & Jean Martin
6. Clyde Yoho & Ed Collins

Facts and Figures

March 10, 2013

AM Service.....291
Bible Study.....218
PM Service.....227
Wednesday.....194
Contribution\$6130.62

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