

# 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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Fort Gay mission work July 16-23

Fort Gay mission trip meeting this evening after service in Room 109 for anyone that has signed the sheet to help and/or those interested in details.

Help is needed distributing literature for their Gospel Meeting with Dana and their Vacation Bible School. VBS teachers, helpers, craft workers, and others are needed.



## **DEACON'S MEETING**

The deacon's meeting scheduled for today has been moved to next Sunday at 5:00.

## **FORT GAY MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a meeting next Sunday evening after services in Room 109 for those who have signed up or are interested in the Fort Gay mission work July 16-23. Anyone willing to help distribute literature, help with their VBS (teachers, helpers) please attend.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet next week in the MP Room. 5:45 dinner, 6:20 short devotional and work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

## **LADIES GARDEN TEA**

The Ladies Garden Tea is being planned for Saturday, April 26 at Noon in the MP Room. More details will be provided.

## **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk. The convention will be April 18-20 in Louisville, KY.

## **CHURCH LAWN CREW**

If you would be willing to help with the church lawn care, please let Dwain Shears know. He is organizing lawn crews. Each crew will mow once a month. So, you will only be asked to mow monthly and you will receive the schedule for the season.

## **NEW ADDRESS**

Chris, Patty, David, Dawnelle and Dawn Mullins have moved. Their new address is 133 Sams Street, Washington, WV 26181. Telephone: 304.861.5019.



### **Daily Bible Reading**

March 23—Luke 1:26-56, De 10-11  
March 24—Luke 1:57-80, De 12-14  
March 25—Luke 2:1-24, De 15-17  
March 26—Luke 2:25-52, De 18-20  
March 27—Luke 3:1-18, De 21-22  
March 28—Luke 3:19-38, De 23-25  
March 29—Luke 4:1-15, De 26-27  
March 30—Luke 4:16-44, De 28-29



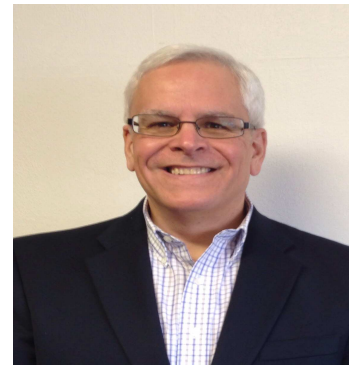
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The "Then"

## Thank You for Ten Years



The "Now"

It is hard to believe! Ten years ago, Sunday March 21, 2004, I began my ministry with the Camden Avenue Church of Christ. It doesn't seem that long, but a casual glance at the church directory from ten years ago leaves a humbling impression of traveling down the road of life together.

Ten years brings about a lot of changes! The babies being born at that time are 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Many of the teenagers from our youth group are still here – faithfully serving God with families of their own. Of course there has been the bitter-sweet realization that many of those who were older when I arrived have gone on to their heavenly reward. Over 50 brothers and sisters in Christ pictured in the directory when I arrived have died in Christ. I have participated in most of their funerals.

There is much to rejoice about as well. There are many new faces in our most recent directory. There are those who attended alone for many years have seen their mates baptized into Christ. Many of the little ones are now active young Christian men and women. Although we have seen some move to work with other congregations, we have also had many seek to be a part of the congregation here.

I am saddened that there are those who were once named among us are no longer serving the Lord. I have recommitted myself to seeing if there is anything I can do to help restore them to their first love.

I will tell you some of the things I have really enjoyed. Soon after arriving, we hosted the Ohio Valley Lectureship. Then, we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. We have had many wonderful gospel meetings with excellent preachers. We participated in an area-wide Campaign for Christ that took us door to door in our community. Monday Night for the Master.

Baseball outings every summer. Traveling with the Golden Agers and Lads to Leaders! Hosting the Area-Wide worship service every year and Annual Bible Bowl. Directing Junior then Immediate Week at Camp Hervida with many Camden Avenue kids attending. Speaking at the OVU lectureship. Summer series with guest preachers from the area. My mission efforts that you have supported in Guyana and Romania. Vacation Bible School. Youth Devotionals.

Junior-Senior Banquets. Men's breakfasts. Cook-outs at the Haid's cabin, The annual "I cannot believe it is not a holiday dinner." Yes, it does seem that we have eaten a lot together!

My fondest memories are of people. Difficult times that I helped you through. Difficult times that you helped me through. Baptizing, marrying, burying – such are the milestones that mark our journey down the road of life together.

I would be remiss if I did not thank you for the opportunity you gave me to share the ministry of this fine congregation. I hope my efforts have in some way helped to strengthen and encourage you in your Christian life. I assure you that I have received much more than I have given.

I will conclude with the words Paul wrote to the church at Philippi ***"I thank God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you with all joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."*** (Philippians 1:3-6)

# What Kind of Soil are You?

(Matthew 13:10-23)



## The Kingdom of God:

“Jesus began to preach and say ‘\_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom of heaven is at \_\_\_\_\_’ (Matthew 4:17). “My kingdom is not of this \_\_\_\_\_; My kingdom is not from \_\_\_\_\_. You rightly say that I am a \_\_\_\_\_. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world” (John 18:36-37). “The \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not come with \_\_\_\_\_; nor will they say, ‘See \_\_\_\_\_’ or \_\_\_\_\_ there.’ “For indeed, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ you” (Luke 17:20-21).

The kingdom of God is the \_\_\_\_\_. “Upon this rock I will \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_, and the gates of \_\_\_\_\_ shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto you the keys to the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven” (Matthew 16:18). “We have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of His dear Son” (Colossians 1:13). “Your \_\_\_\_\_ come; Your \_\_\_\_\_ be done on \_\_\_\_\_ even as it is in \_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 6:9-10)

## The Parable of the Soils:

Jesus is asking “What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ am I? The Sower is \_\_\_\_\_. “He who sows the good \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of man” (Matthew 13:37). The message of the kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_ message. “The seed is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Luke 8:11). The parable of the sower is about \_\_\_\_\_. “He who has ears to \_\_\_\_\_, let him hear” (Matthew 13:9).

The soil of the wayside is soil that is \_\_\_\_\_.

The soil on the rocky ground is \_\_\_\_\_.

The seed that is sown among the thorns is \_\_\_\_\_. “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have \_\_\_\_\_, go out and are \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, riches, and \_\_\_\_\_ of life, and bring no \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 8:14). Even \_\_\_\_\_ things can crowd \_\_\_\_\_ our of our \_\_\_\_\_. “If you were \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ those things which are \_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ is. Set your \_\_\_\_\_ on things \_\_\_\_\_, not on things of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Colossians 3:1-2)

Finding the Kingdom of God. Our \_\_\_\_\_ must be prepared for it. We must have “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hearts” (Luke 8:15). “He who \_\_\_\_\_ the word, \_\_\_\_\_ it and bears \_\_\_\_\_”(Matthew 13:23).





As we finish our preparations for the Lads/Leaderettes convention our children have broadened their efforts this year. This year we have 10 from our group that will be in the Debate event. The topic is the use of instrumental music in our worship service. I believe that this is the first time any of them have done anything like this. What a growth opportunity for them. Also this year there is a new event that the young ladies can be part of. It is called "Keepers". This helps them understand how to be keepers of the home. These are a few different ways our children have grown in new directions this year. As always our goal is each one of them will grow into Christian leaders one day. Please watch for Lads to Leaders information in the next few weeks and support our children in any way that you can.

Thank You.      Todd Kirk

**Rachel Cumberledge**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Art Says It - Painting  
Good Samaritan - Bronze  
Individual Scrapbook

**Emma Hershman**

Art Says It Drawing/Sketching  
Art Says It - Photography  
Bulletin Board - Informative/Decorative  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Year Round Bible Reading/Study - Silver  
Centurion of Scripture - Bronze  
Debate  
GIFTS - III  
Good Samaritan - Platinum  
Mass Media - Video Presentation  
Mass Media - PowerPoint  
Pearls Test  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise  
Year Round Songs of Praise - Gold  
Speech - Winner Circle  
Group Banner  
Keepers - Sewing, Ironing, Laundry

**Ben Haught**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Know the Books - Gold  
Debate  
Mass Media - PowerPoint  
Song Leading - Winner Circle  
Year Round Song Leading - Gold  
Group Banner

**Lizzy Hoover**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Good Samaritan - Silver  
Group Scrapbook  
Group Banner  
Keepers - Sewing, Ironing

**Alivia Moser**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Debate  
Know the Books - Gold  
Year Round Songs of Praise - Gold  
Speech - Winner Circle  
Keepers - Sewing, Ironing

**Danielle Mullins**

Keepers - Sewing, Ironing, Laundry



## Valet Parking Service

### March 23 and 26

Kevin Cochran, Jeff Taberner

### Wednesday 11:00 Bible study

Chris Tallman, Herb Wright

### March 30 and April 2

Jimmy Galloway, Dwain Shears



## OVU Student Pick-Up

### Sunday, March 23

Kyle Inman, Ted Miller

### Wednesday, March 26

Mike Bayer

### Sunday, March 30

Doug Hershman, Mike Bayer

### Wednesday, April 2

Kyle Inman

There is a new tool available on the internet. It's called QR. It is a series of shapes that you can scan (with the app) on your smart phone, and it automatically opens the associated web page. You will begin seeing them all over the place in stores, on products, on books and advertisements. This is the one for the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue. We will begin to use it on our printed material to make it quicker and easier for all of our congregation, as well as helping us to reach those outside of the faith, to access our website.

Have you visited our website, or recommended it to a lost soul lately? It is chock full of teaching aids, sermons, and other information to not only help us, but to help us reach the lost.

[www.camdenavenuechurchofchrist.com](http://www.camdenavenuechurchofchrist.com) or scan this:

Submitted by Pat Barclay



## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Samuel Walker wrote a book entitled 212 Degrees. In the book he discussed the difference made by just one degree of additional effort! At 211 degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees it boils. And with the boiling water comes steam. And with steam you can power a train. One degree! Applying one extra degree of temperature to water means the difference between something that is simply very hot and something that generates enough force to power a machine!



We often look at the enormity of a task and become discouraged before we even begin. We fail to see that even the greatest accomplishments are achieved "one step at a time."

I think we could all do just a "little more" than we are doing. If you don't encourage others as you should, then do a "little more". Choose one person each week who needs to know you care and just send them a card or give them a call.

Doing this consistently WILL raise the temperature of our Christian service by at least one degree! And then watch that power develop!

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, March 30

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Gary Herridge

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Leonard Haid

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—SING NIGHT

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jimmy Galloway

Close—Dustin Hughes

6:00 PM—Ron Riddle

Close—Dave Nulter

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Dan Rich

PM—Daniel Nygard

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Todd Kirk

PM—Dearl Vincent

Bill Camp

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1—Herb Wright

2—Rosie Knox

4—Joyce Wright

### **PM**

1. Kyle & Sarah Inman

2. Stan & Debi Inman

3. Chris & Patty Mullins

4. Marion & Jo Goldsmith

5. Keith & Eloise Smith

6. Martha Metz & Lenore Vaught

## Facts and Figures

March 16, 2014

AM Service.....315

Bible Study.....232

PM Service.....206

Wednesday.....220

Contribution.....\$7130.00

### 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.....11:00AM & 7:00PM



## Area Spring Gospel Meetings

March 23-26

Sandyville congregation

Speaker: Andy Robison

A Series of Studies on Islam

April 13-16

Central Church of Christ—Clarksburg

Speaker: Robert “Bob” Vincent

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

## 26th Annual Golden Agers Day

April 12

New Concord OH Church of Christ

*“Gifts from God”*

Speakers: Harry & Arlene Summers

**SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE COUNTER**

## SENIOR SAINTS DAY

April 29

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

*“SENIORS KEEP ON TICKING”*

Details on the bulletin board in the foyers.

Watch

**“IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”**

Sunday mornings at 7:30 on  
WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,  
DIRECT channel 364, and  
6:30AM on local cable channel 4.



**UPCOMING TOPICS**

March 30

**THE ALL SUFFICIENT WORD**

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here  
Friday at 6:30 for the sing at  
the Waverly congregation.