

# 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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## 56TH ANNUAL OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP SERIES

April 6-9

Living in today's world presents many challenges to faith. What message does the book of Hebrews have for us? What does God sending a perfect Jesus mean to us at a Christian university, in the Mid-Ohio Valley, in the northeastern quadrant of the United States?

*Perseverance in Faith: Studies in Hebrews* seeks to answer these questions.

Flyers are available in the foyers with details.

### Featured Keynote Speaker:



Dr. Harold Shank, President of Ohio Valley University, brings more than 30 years of education and experience as a bible scholar and author to his study of Hebrews.

We are glad to have him and his wife, Sally worshipping with us. He will be the Lectureship Keynote speaker next Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Alumni Gym. (See page 3 for details.)

## Elders:

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Dearl 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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# Prayer Lists

## Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Keith Smith, Valeria Sprout, Jim VanCamp

## Prayers requested for family and friends:

Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's father), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), lone Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Kim England (Ann Knott's brother-in-law), Michelle Goldsmith, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tammy Hatfield, Janet Heron (Neighbor of Dearl and Carol Vincent), Sikarin Lambamrung (Friend of Drake Logston), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Bev Rine, Darrell Sams (Ray's brother), Karen Newberry Shaw, Tracy Sheppard (Niece of Gwen Lucas), Mary Sims (Billie Coe's aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), 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.

## S Y M P A T H Y

We extend our sympathy to:

Jim Merrill and family in the passing of his aunt, Fayettea Campbell.  
Her service was held Tuesday at Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre.

Also, to Richard Marshall and Susan Haid in the passing of their cousin and Dorothy Weaver's nephew, Greg Bogard. His funeral was held Monday at Sunset.

# Thank You Notes

♥ Thank you for our birthday cards and words of encouragement we received.

**Jim and Charlotte Galloway**

♥ I would like to thank all who sent Christmas cards, birthday cards, brought food and visited, also did small jobs. All have been appreciated.

**Neil Russell**

♥ We want to say thank you to everyone who helped us during Kim's recent illness. Thank you especially for your prayers, those who volunteered to stay with Patrick at night, for the food, visits, and cards. We love you all.

**Pat and Kim Barclay**

♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards and good wishes. Love you all.

**Sherry Hoover**

♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Barbara Cramlet**

♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They were so sweet! **Billie Coe**

A special THANK YOU to **De Fleak** for baking the communion bread this month.

### **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING/ACTIVITY**

There will be a brief LLL meeting this morning after worship and Bible study in Room 109. Also, participants in LLL *Banner* and *Art Says It* meet today after Bible study in the MP Room. Lunch will be provided. (The LLL showcase will be April 13 at 4:30 in the MP Room. Everyone is invited to view the projects.)

### **DEACON'S MEETING**

The deacon's meeting will be today at 5:00.

### **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening 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.

### **LOVE AND CARE SING**

Everyone is invited to attend the monthly sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING**

There will be a VBS planning meeting next Sunday evening at 5:00 in Room 109.

### **LADIES GARDEN TEA**

The Ladies Garden Tea is being planned for Saturday, April 26 at Noon in the MP Room

### **FORT GAY, WV 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

### **MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER**

Ruth Fox transferred her membership to the 36th Street congregation.

### **ADDRESS**

David, Amy, Reese and Parker Nulter's address is: 417 South Miller Drive, Sunbury, OH 43074 (We are so happy for David and Amy as they adopted these little boys March 12.)

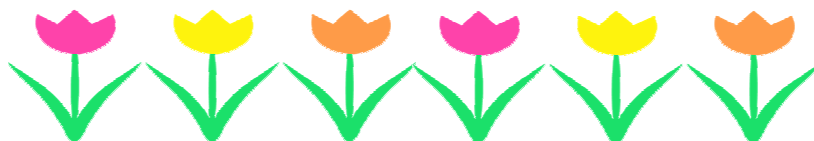
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## **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP**

The elders have agreed to have a short worship service next Sunday evening, April 6 to allow our members to attend the OVU Lectureship opening session.

The elders would like to encourage all those who can attend and make this a Camden Avenue night. Brother Shank will be the Keynote speaker at 7:00PM. We also encourage everyone to attend all the lectureship sessions that they can.

The theme of the Lectureship this year is "Perseverance in Faith", studies in Hebrews. Lectureship brochures detailing the speakers and topics are on the counter in the foyer.





# DANA'S DIRECTION

“The church will grow when . . .”

Several years ago, at a leadership retreat I was attending, Charles Hodge announced that the topic for his series of lessons would be “How to double the church in one year.” You should have heard the notebooks snap open! Everybody, it seems, is looking for the secret to church growth. Just tell us what programs we should initiate that will make it happen!

While it is true that most congregations could be better organized and consistent in doing the Lord's work, there isn't really a set “program” that can guarantee the church will grow. Brethren, we are the church! The church grows more because of who we are than it does because of what we do. The church will grow when we as individual Christians grow. When the great church at Jerusalem was scattered by persecution, it did not keep it from growing. Why? Because the individual Christians who were scattered “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Any congregation of dedicated and enthusiastic Christians will grow, with or without a program. We are the secret to church growth! Brother Hodge made the five following points:

**The church will grow when we love.** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31) People will be drawn to us when they see that we love the Lord; we love them; we love the lost; and we love our church!

**The church will grow when we give.** Our concern for something is in direct relation to our investment. I'm not really all that concerned for how the IBM Company is doing. That would be different if I worked for them or was a major stock-holder. When we give ourselves to the Lord—totally – there is no question that we will support His church financially. The assets available to the church should be sum total of the assets of its members. If we really believed that – the church would never lack the financial ability or manpower to accomplish any good work.

**The church will grow when we promote.** When we are really sold on something, we don't have to be persuaded to tell others. We have all known people who were almost evangelistic in their promotion of a particular brand of vitamin or cleaning solution. I met a lady who worked with one of our members. She said “I almost feel that I've been there. All she does is talk about her church!” Each Christian should be an “ambassador for Christ;” a living, walking advertisement for the Lord and His church.

**The church will grow when we fellowship.** Who wouldn't be drawn by a church that really “feels like family?” A church where members are loved, supported, accepted and cared for. Jesus said “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

**The church will grow when we invite people to come.** The simplest “program” for church growth, is actually the most effective. When studies have been made of why people have chosen the church to which they belong, the results have been very informative. Yes, a few people have chosen a church because the building is nice or in a convenient location. Some attend where they do because they like the preacher. A few have been drawn because of church activities and programs. But, the vast majority of people in any church are there because of the influence of another member. Somebody invited them to church! This form of evangelism is as old as the church. When Andrew found Jesus, he went and got his brother Peter. Phillip went and got Nathaniel. (John 1:40-51) Who have you invited?

Inviting others is something that we can all do. If we would all just reach out to our own circle of associates, family members, and friends! If every single week we would invite people until somebody agreed to come with us to church! When they come they will be able to see the love, and fellowship, and commitment that we have to the Lord and His church.

This really is the only way the church will grow – one at a time – when each of us lives a life of dedicated service to the Lord.



# SERMON NOTES

## In The Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)

Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_, even to death. Stay here and \_\_\_\_\_ with me." He went a little farther and fell on his face and \_\_\_\_\_, saying "O My Father, if it is \_\_\_\_\_, let this \_\_\_\_\_ pass from me; nevertheless, not as I \_\_\_\_\_, but as \_\_\_\_\_ will." (Matthew 26:38-39)

**Things that Happened on the Night Jesus was betrayed:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the apostle's feet. He revealed who would \_\_\_\_\_ Him. He instituted the \_\_\_\_\_. He told Peter that he would \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

Jesus came to the Garden for a time of great \_\_\_\_\_ struggle. For Jesus, the Garden was a place of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus suffered great \_\_\_\_\_. "My soul is \_\_\_\_\_ and what shall I say? Father \_\_\_\_\_ me from this hour? But, for this \_\_\_\_\_, I came to this hour." (John 12:27) "And being found in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and became \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8)

Jesus endured intense \_\_\_\_\_. "My soul is exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_, even to death." (Matthew 26:38) "Who in the days of His \_\_\_\_\_, when he had offered up \_\_\_\_\_ and supplications, with vehement \_\_\_\_\_ and tears to Him who was able to save him from \_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrews 5:7)

Jesus encountered extreme \_\_\_\_\_. "Reproach has \_\_\_\_\_ my heart and I am full of heaviness. I looked for someone to take \_\_\_\_\_, but there was none, and for \_\_\_\_\_, but I found none." (Psalm 69:20)

Jesus found the garden to be a place of \_\_\_\_\_ and strength.

He released his \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer. He fell upon His \_\_\_\_\_. "If you are \_\_\_\_\_ remove this cup from me." (Matthew 26:39)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. "If this cup cannot \_\_\_\_\_ away unless I drink it, \_\_\_\_\_ will be done." (Matthew 26:42) "Though He were a \_\_\_\_\_, yet he learned \_\_\_\_\_ by the things which He \_\_\_\_\_." (Hebrews 5:8)

Jesus received the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_. "An \_\_\_\_\_ appeared and \_\_\_\_\_ Him." (Luke 22:43)

Jesus was restored in his \_\_\_\_\_. "Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ is at hand. Rise, Let us be \_\_\_\_\_." (Matthew 26:45-46)

Jesus entered suffering – He left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in his resolve. "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us, leaving us an \_\_\_\_\_, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ in His steps." (1 Peter 2:21) **We need to take it to the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_.** "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our \_\_\_\_\_, but was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin. Let us, therefore come \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne of \_\_\_\_\_, that we may obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and find \_\_\_\_\_ to help in the time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16)





As we draw nearer to convention time many of our groups projects are finishing up. They are working hard to prepare for our time in Louisville. Each year as we approach the convention I see all of the effort our children put into this and I am so proud of them. The theme for the convention this year is "Here I am I send me". This is a very good thought for each of us. We all need to be ready to go where ever God needs us. As I think of the theme and our children, it makes me understand that one day very soon for the parents we will have to send our children out into the world. I am comforted that they will be prepared because of our Lads/Leaderettes program.

Thank You

Todd Kirk

**Claire Moser**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Oral Bible Reading  
Know the Books - Gold  
Songs of Praise  
Year Round Songs of Praise - Gold  
Keepers - Sewing, Ironing

**Alex Saunders**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Good Samaritan  
Group Scrapbook  
Group Banner

**Haylee Smith**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Good Samaritan - Bronze  
Songs of Praise

**Holly Haught**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Art Says It - Photography  
Bulletin Board - Informative/Decorative  
Bulletin Board - Teaching  
Year Round Bulletin Board - Bronze  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team

**Debate**

Know the Books - Gold  
GIFTS III  
Mass Media - PowerPoint  
Group Scrapbook  
Songs of Praise  
Speech

**Group Banner**

Keepers - Sewing, Ironing

**Collin Wadlington**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Art Says It - Photography  
Group Banner

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.



## THE BUTTE/EHRMAN DEBATE WILL AIR ON GBN

The Christian Student Center of the University of North Alabama will be hosting a debate between Apologetics Press author Kyle Butt and University of North Carolina professor Bart Ehrman.

The debate will be on the subject of suffering and the existence of God. Ehrman will be affirming: "The pain and suffering in the world indicates that the Christian God does not exist.". Kyle will be denying that proposition.

Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) will be live-streaming the debate April 4 beginning at 5:30 Central Standard Time at [www.gbntv.org/live](http://www.gbntv.org/live). The debate will also be streaming on all GBN outlets, including: the GBN Roku channel, iOS, Android and Windows Phone 8 devices and cable networks which carry the Gospel Broadcasting Network.



## OVU Student Pick-Up

Sunday, March 30

Doug Hershman, Mike Bayer

Wednesday, April 2

Kyle Inman

Sunday, April 6

Scott Johnson, Doug Hershman

Wednesday, April 9

Mike Bayer



## Valet Parking Service

March 30 and April 2

Jimmy Galloway, Dwain Shears

Wednesday 11:00 Bible study

Chris Tallman, Herb Wright

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

President Teddy Roosevelt once noted, "When all is said, it is the mother only who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother is the one who does her part in faithfully rearing and training her boys and girls, who are to be the men and women of the next generation. This contribution occupies a more honorable as well as more important, position than any man in it.

Roosevelt's statement reminded me of the old adage, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." We need to continue to emphasize to our mothers how important their role is in our world.

Often the problems of our society are blamed on the absence of fathers. While this has clearly played a part in our nation's demise, we cannot overlook what the absence of mothers can do!

Mothers, thank you for the sacrifices you make for your children. You are Vital! We must redeem the time we have with our children (Ephesians 5:16). We must waste no time in training them in the way that they should go. (Proverbs 22:6)

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, April 6

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman**  
**DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover**

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Ethan Ash  
PM—Evan Fleak

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Paul Saunders  
Close—Brian Haught  
6:00 PM—Chris Mullins  
Close—Scott Smith

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Cody Young  
PM—Ben Haught

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Mike Wade  
PM—Don Gaston  
Scott Johnson

**PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray**

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM** 1—Bill Davis  
2—Cody Hoover  
4—Carolyn Davis

### **PM**

1. Evan Fleak & Hayden Moser
2. Emma Hershman & Jordan Kirk
3. Kevin & Becky Inman
4. Paul & Nancy Inman
5. Tammy Kerns & Jennifer Thomas
6. Dennis & Sandy Keller

## Facts and Figures

March 23, 2014

AM Service.....308  
Bible Study.....249  
PM Service.....215  
Wednesday.....214  
Contribution.....\$6387.00

### 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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Area Spring Gospel Meetings

April 6—11

Pennsboro congregation  
Speaker: Steve Stevens

April 6—10

Mineral Wells congregation  
Speaker: Andy Robison

April 13—16

Central Church of Christ—Clarksburg  
Speaker: Robert “Bob” Vincent

## 26th Annual Golden Agers Day

April 12

New Concord OH Church of Christ  
“Gifts from God”

Speakers: Harry & Arlene Summers  
We will provide transportation if enough sign up.  
The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## Senior Saints Day

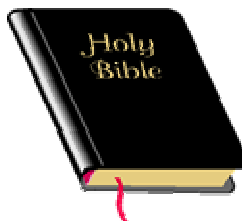
April 29

Dewey Avenue Church of Christ  
“SENIORS KEEP ON TICKING”

Flyers on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

## Daily Bible Reading

March 30—Luke 4:16-44, De 28-29  
March 31—Luke 5:1-16, De 30-31  
April 1—Luke 5:17-39, De 32  
April 2—Luke 6:1-26, De 33-34  
April 3—Luke 6:27-49, Jos 1-4  
April 4—Luke 7:1-17, Jos 5-7  
April 5—Luke 7:18-50, Jos 8-9  
April 6—Luke 8:1-18, Jos 10-12



Watch  
“IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S  
WAY”

Sunday mornings at 7:30 on  
WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,  
DIRECT channel 367, and  
6:30AM on local cable channel 4.

### UPCOMING TOPICS

April 6  
LOVING GOD



## Friday Night Sing



The sing will be at the  
North End congregation at  
7:00 this week.