

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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Super Saturday Vacation Bible School

June 14
Theme: Jonah

(There will be a meeting today after worship and Bible classes in Room 109 for those willing to teach or help with VBS.)

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
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 Todd Kirk
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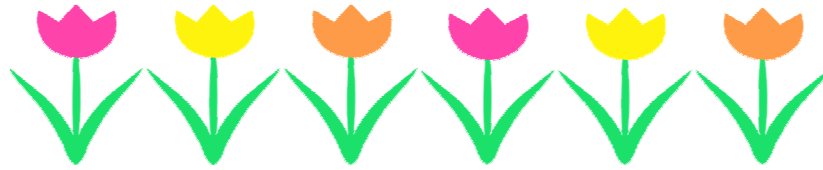
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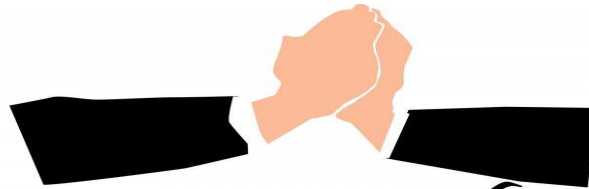
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- ♥ The countless acts of kindness and expressions of love shown to our family will never be forgotten. The prayers, food, cards, hugs, flowers, kind words, and visits were all such a comfort during the illness and death of our wife and mother. Mom loved her family here at Camden Avenue very much. Thanks to everyone for everything you have done and continue to do for our family. Love, **Ron (Holleron), Jody, Jeff, Jasmine, Jackson (Fitchett), and Todd (Holleron)**
- ♥ Thank you very much for all the nice birthday cards and notes. **Jim Hinzman**



Prayers please

Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp
 (Marshall Wagoner, baby son of Woody & Tabettha Wagoner has experienced some health issues.)

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Sam Armstead (Member at Pataskla congregation), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (Friend of Robin Anthony), Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's father), Wirt Cook, Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Janet Heron (Neighbor of Dearll and Carol Vincent), Doreen Kupfner, Josh Kupfner (Dearll and Carol Vincent's grandson), 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), Rick Spaur (Cotton Sayer's son-in-law), Shirley Sutton (Margaret Dawkins' sister), Vicky Truman (Michael Hupp's sister-in-law), Jason Varner (Friend of Alisha Hershman), 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

(Wirt Cook's address is on the bulletin boards in the foyers.)

Please call the office to add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.

Our son-in-law, Rick Spaur, is battling paralysis from his neck downward. He would be encouraged by cards from our church family. Thank you.

Cotton and Patty Sayre

Rick Spaur
 Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (Room 3148)
 Dodd Hall
 480 Medical Center Drive
 Columbus, OH 43210

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a VBS meeting this morning in Room 109 after worship and Bible classes. Anyone willing to teach or help please attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The adult Bible Bowl class will begin today at 4:30 in Room 151. See Bill Mills for details.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

Men's meeting today at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

CARE GROUP LEADER MEETING

Care Group leaders are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 109.

GOLDEN AGERS ANNUAL AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers will be making the annual trip to the Amish country this Thursday, May 22. Agendas are on the counter with the sign-up sheet.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Pictures of 2014 graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by next Sunday, May 25. Please include graduate's name and school information. The graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin.

SEARCH TV PROGRAM

The Search program will air at 7:00 next Sunday due to program scheduling. It will resume the normal 7:30 program time June 1.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be in the MP Room Saturday, May 31 at 8:30. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEWIS LEE!

Wish Lewis a **Happy Birthday** May 31. He would enjoy cards and well wishes.

SPAGHETTI DINNER/GAME NIGHT



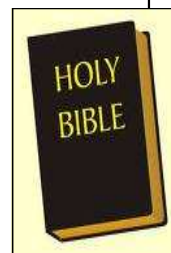
**Spaghetti
Dinner**

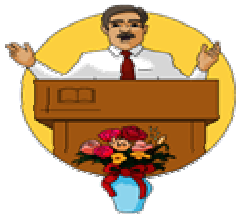
Everyone is invited to a spaghetti dinner and game night Friday, June 27 at 6:00 in the MP Room.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food.

Daily Bible Reading

May 18—John 4:1-26, 1 Ki 2-3
May 19—John 4:27-54, 1 Ki 4-5
May 20—John 5:1-18, 1 Ki 6-7
May 21—John 5:19-47, 1 Ki 8
May 22—John 6:1-24, 1 Ki 9
May 23—John 6:25-51, 1 Ki 10-11
May 24—John 6:52-71, 1 Ki 12-13
May 25—John 7:1-24, 1 Ki 14-15





DANA'S DIRECTION

What to pray for the preacher

I am encouraged when Christians support my efforts as a preacher through prayer. On at least three different occasions, Paul concluded his letters to churches with the request, “brethren, pray for us.” Certainly, I feel the same need.

I appreciate the mentions of our work that are often part of our public prayers. At times God is thanked for our efforts. Requests are made for our health and that we might have a long and productive ministry. The most common concern seems to be that we might be able to “remember the things that we have studied” (as I get older, this prayer becomes more important!) A teenage boy once prayed for “Brother Dana to have a rocky recollection.” There are times when I have!

But of all the prayers offered for me over the years, I can't remember anyone asking for what Paul asked in his behalf. What did early Christians ask God to give to their preachers? **Boldness!**

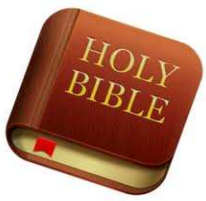
In Acts 4 the church first began to suffer persecution. The rulers of the Jews noticed how these “uneducated and untrained men” (the Apostles) preached with such boldness and realized that they had been with Jesus. (vs.13) Peter and John were brought before the court and commanded not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. Their only response was that they would listen to God instead of man (vs.18-20). When the church learned of this danger, they prayed in their behalf. Did they pray for them to be delivered from danger? No. They prayed for them to have courage! “Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to your servants that **with all boldness they may speak** your word.” “And **they spoke the word of God with boldness**” (vs. 29-31).

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul, disregarding the fact that he was already in prison, asked the church to pray for him. “That utterance may be given to me; that I may **open my mouth boldly** to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it **I may speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.” (Ephesians 6:19-20) Or, as I once heard a brother say in his prayer, “Give our preacher the courage to tell it like it is!”

Why don't we pray for our preachers to be bold any longer? Could it be the times in which we live? Paul warned that the time would come when men “would not endure sound doctrine.” They would be more interested in fables and stories that would soothe their “itching ears” than they would be concerned about learning the truth. (II Timothy 4:3-4) I heard a lady say about a friend she had brought with her to church “I just hope the preacher doesn't say anything that will offend her.” Did she really mean anything that might lead her to the truth?

God's message has always been a bold one. Yes Jesus spoke of God's love and gift of salvation, but He did so in a bold way that left little doubt. “Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3) “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe, shall be condemned.” (Mark 16:16) Bold preaching is necessary for people to know their condition in the eyes of God. At times bold preaching offends and is rejected. Those who heard Stephen preach “stopped their ears and ran at him with one accord;” they cast him out of the city and stoned him to death. (Acts 7:57-58) At other times, people with good and sincere hearts are moved to obedience. Peter preached essentially the same message as Stephen but the Jews on Pentecost were “cut to the heart” and cried out “men and brethren what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37)

Times will change, but our preaching shouldn't. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Always has been; always will be. Paul said “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.” (II Timothy 4:2) What does that mean? Brother Marshal Keeble said it means “preach it when they want to hear it, and preach it when they doesn't.” Pray for our preachers. Pray that they will be bold in preaching the truth!



He is Able to Deliver You (Mark 4:35-41)

“And they awoke Him and said, ‘Teacher, do you not _____ that we are _____?’ And he arose and _____ the wind, and said to the sea, ‘_____, be still!’ And the wind _____ and there was a great _____. But He said to them, ‘Why are you so _____? How is it that you have no _____?’” (Mark 4:38-41)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS STORY: The miracles of Jesus are recorded to produce _____ in us. “These are written that you might _____ that Jesus is the _____, the Son of _____, and that _____ you may have _____ in His name” (John 20:30-31).

Trials will happen. Don’t _____ God. “Every _____ and _____ gift is from above” (James 1:17). “Man that is born of woman is of few _____ and full of _____” (Job 14:1). **God has promised us (ultimately) _____ - _____ over life’s trials.** “In this world you will have _____; but be of good _____, I have _____ the world” (John 16:33).

The ‘natural’ reaction to facing trials alone is _____. The only way to win over worry is _____. “This is the _____ that has overcome the world – even our _____” (I John 5:4). **Only way to overcome worry – is to learn to _____ God.**

Having faith in trials is to know that _____ if _____.

Having faith in trials is to know that God _____ and He _____. “Casting all your _____ upon Him, for He _____ for you” (I Peter 5:6-7).

Having faith in trials is to know that God has the _____; He is _____ to deliver us. “With God _____ is _____” (Hebrews 1:3). “And we _____ that all things _____ together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are _____ according to His _____” (Romans 8:28).

God will _____ the _____. “And the Lord will _____ from every _____ work and _____ me for His kingdom” (II Tim. 4:18).

To have faith in trials is to _____ God. The result of facing trials with faith is _____. “Be _____ in nothing, but in _____ by _____ and supplication, let your _____ be made known unto God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses _____, will guard your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:4-6).

Is Baptism Always the Right Argument?

~R. Mansel



We should want desperately to reach the lost for Christ (Matthew 28:18-20). Laying out the truth of salvation, we face ridicule and, at times, open hostility. The pervasive division in the religious world creates endless complications.

In matters of the gospel, this is also true. We must find a way to convince more people that Scripture is clear in its plan of salvation.

Salvation comes by grace because we cannot merit salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5). We show from God's Word that we must have faith that Christ is the Savior and Son of God (Hebrews 11:6). Having done so, we repent of our sins (Luke 13:3-5) and confess Jesus as the new Lord of our lives (Matthew 10:32).

Having submitted to Christ, we come and have our sins washed in the blood of Christ through the waters of baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21).

With the mention of these clear passages comes the aforementioned ridicule and hostility. The argument that these teachings violate grace and constitute salvation by works quickly spills out of many mouths. They are wrong, however.

Experience and meditation lead us to wonder if baptism is the right point to begin the debate. We hasten to add that baptism for the remission of sins is true and should be taught vigorously. Instead, we may need to stop and realize that their stubborn attitudes on baptism are not because they refuse to hear or that they hate baptism.

In truth, almost every religious group teaches baptism in some form or another. However, they teach it erroneously because they have problems before they reach baptism.

Teaching the lost, the gospel must affect them at the point of their misunderstanding. Otherwise, it is just an academic argument. We must be wise and see the source of contention so we can reach their souls with the good news.

If the student perceives baptism as a violation of grace and constitutes salvation by works then we need to back up and address their misunderstanding. The debates that have occurred through the years on baptism have been useful, but thousands have left unimpressed. If we can help them see the truth on grace and works then we can possibly reach more souls for Christ.

Baptism for the remission of sins and the impossibility of salvation by meritorious works are both Scriptural doctrines. We must study to see how they coexist.

Meritorious works cannot save us (Ephesians 2:8-9). Yet, Ephesians 2:10 teaches that good works must be existent in our lives if we wish to be saved. These works glorify God rather than force God to act on our part (Ephesians 3:20-21).

The process of being born again through water and the Spirit occurs because we have submitted ourselves completely to Christ (John 3:3-5; James 4:10). Christ's blood saves us through the cleansing waters of baptism.

We do not force God because he owes us anything or because we have lived perfectly enough, because neither is possible. He cleanses our sins so we can enter his kingdom and become tools to glorify him through good works (Acts 2:47). It is all about Christ, not man's goodness.

Submitted to the bulletin by P. Nygard

YOUTH EVENTS

May 25—Young men conduct the evening service

May 25—6th-12th grade devotional in MP Room after evening service

June 1— High school graduates recognition ceremony in MP Room after evening service

June 14—Super Saturday Vacation Bible School





Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida)

They are requesting help with supplies for the camp this year. Items need to be here by June 1.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter to indicate what you would be willing to provide.

Camp registration forms are on the youth bulletin board by the office.

June 15-20 (Senior Week)

June 22-27 (Junior Week)

June 29-July 4 (Intermediate Week)



28th Bible Bowl will be held here
Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Topic: The Books of Ruth Esther, Jonah
and Malachi

(1st–6th grade will only cover the books
of Ruth, Esther and Jonah.)



WORK CAMP

Mid Ohio Valley work camp will be
June 23-26.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and he began to talk with the barber. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. If God exists, would there be so many sick people? I can't imagine a loving God who would allow these things!"

After he left the shop, the customer saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair. The customer turned back and entered the shop again and said to the barber; "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that? I am here, and I am a barber, and I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist, because if they did, there would be no people with dirty, long hair, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is that some people do not come to me."

"Exactly" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God ALSO exists! What happens is, some people simply don't go to Him!"

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, May 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

SONG LEADER

AM—Jon Hescht
 PM—YOUNG MEN

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ryan Gaston
 Close—Sean Plant
 6:00 PM—Steve Moser
 Close—Paul Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bob Smith
 PM—Paul Saunders

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Barry Mills
 PM—Keith Smith
 David Mullins

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



June Birthday and Anniversaries

- June 1**—Dana Slingluff
- June 2**—Khadija Drake, Jansen Goldsmith, *Tim and Nancy Proffitt
- June 3**—Glenn Snider, *Len and Susan Haid
- June 5**—Bill Mills
- June 6**—Jim Hughes
- June 8**—Peggy Dearth, Stormi Frazier, Holly Haught
- June 10**—Ed Collins, Brenda Feick, *Chris and Patty Mullins
- June 11**—Debbie Tallman, *Gary and Sharon Herridge
- June 12**—*Cody and Kristi Hoover
- June 14**—Paige Flanigan, *Jim & Sandy Hughes, *Walter and Marilee Morgan
- June 16**—David Frazier, Claire Moser, *Jim and Charlotte Galloway, *Kevin & Becky Inman, *Ron & Peggy Riddle
- June 17**—Hayden Moser, Larry Plant
- June 18**—Pat Barclay, Joni Rouse, *Jay and Nina Cheuvront
- June 21**—Darlene Pickering, *Kyle and Sarah Inman
- June 22**—Jon Hescht, *Josh & Brittany Gray, *Gregg and Cassie Hennen, *Kelly and Sandy Sheppard
- June 23**—Kyle Cox, Ann Knotts
- June 24**—Mary Ann Barclay, Wilma Davis, Jo Langler
- June 25**—Jennifer Thomas, *Todd and Annette Kirk, *Don and Brenda Dougherty
- June 26**—Lori Smith, Dorothy Weaver
- June 27**—*Breck and Diana Hesselrode
- June 28**—*Bill and Carolyn Davis
- June 29**—Daniel Nygard
- June 30**—Robin Anthony, Stan Inman, Lenore Vaught

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.



They include Austin Hennen, Greg Hennen, Jon Hescht and Kyle Inman.

Facts and Figures

May 11, 2014

AM Service.....276
 Bible Study.....208
 PM Service.....207
 Wednesday.....203

Contribution.....\$6680.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Baptisms.....0
 Restored or Requested Prayers.....1
 Placed Membership.....2

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

*Anniversaries

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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

May 25
HAS GOD SPOKEN?

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 6:15 for the sing at the George Street congregation.