

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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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

Let Memorial Day be a day to count our blessings and remember those who serve or have served to protect our country and our religious freedom.

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
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Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Mary Ann Barclay, Zoe Byrum, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Geraldine Pahl, Jane Pralley, John Rockhold, Neil Russell

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, lone 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), Karen Newberry Shaw, Mary Sims (Billie Coe's aunt), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty 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

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

Russ Alton has been in Camden Clark Hospital (ACU 23).

Zoe Byrum fell last week and broke her arm. She would enjoy receiving cards. Her address is: Love & Care, Inc. PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102

Geraldine Pahl has suffered a fall. She is now at The Willows.

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

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Virginia McCutcheon. Her service was held Monday, May 19 at the Leavitt Funeral Home.

Also, our sympathy goes to Ray Sams and family in the passing of his brother, Darrell Sams. His funeral was Wednesday.



- ♥ Thank you for our birthday cards and well wishes. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. It is nice to be remembered. **Jenny Ware**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and all your help moving from the house to an apt. Love you all, **Madonna Smith**



DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Pictures of 2014 high school/college graduates need to be given to Kimberlee or left in the office today. Please include graduate's name and school information. The pictures will be returned. The graduates will be featured in the bulletin next week.

LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. The residents enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER/GAME NIGHT

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 items.

COUPONS

Please bring your coupons to the library or give to Jo Langler for the exchange.

MISSIONS BULLETIN BOARD

Check out the Mission bulletin board in the foyer by the parking lot. It has updates about the mission work we support.

CLOTHING CLOSET

The church clothing room is being reorganized. Gently used clothing is being accepted in all men, women and children's sizes. Also, hangers are needed. Items may be left upstairs in Room 209 or given to Gregg and Cassie Hennen.

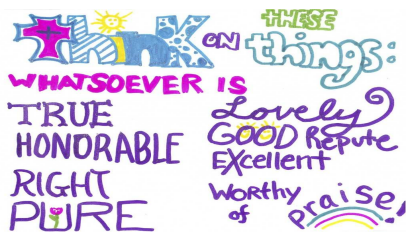


If anyone would be interested in helping some of our elderly members this summer with mowing, please see Rob Hoover.

Daily Bible Reading

May 25—Jn 7:1-24, I Ki 14-15
May 26—Jn 7:25-39, I Ki 16-17
May 27—Jn 7:40-53, I Ki 18-19
May 28—Jn 8:1-20, I Ki 20-21
May 29—Jn 8:21-47, I Ki 22
May 30—Jn 8:48-59, II Ki 1-3
May 31—Jn 9:1-12, II Ki 4-5
June 1—Jn 9:13-41, II Ki 6-7





DANA'S DIRECTION

“Think On These Things”

A radio talk-show host was lamenting the negative focus that seems to be found in the press. To illustrate, he took the top thirteen news articles that appeared in that day's newspaper. Eleven of the articles were either “doom and gloom” (about something terrible that could happen), or “man's inhumanity to man” (the crimes and the conduct that cast the worst reflection on society.) Only one of the thirteen articles (one about a drug that might be helpful in treating Alzheimer's) was positive in any way. He repeated the process in reviewing the headline stories on the television news programs. All of these programs were focused on the same 5-6 stories of national interest that featured war, scandals, corruption, kidnapping, and rape.

He concluded his commentary by confessing that he had been a “news junkie.” “No wonder I am anxious and depressed all of the time.” His solution, “I'm no longer reading or watching the daily news. I will make my own decisions about what is important to my life. There are plenty of good and positive things happening around us if that is what we are looking for.”

Amen! Long ago, Solomon wrote “as a man thinks in his heart—so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7) There are those in this world who want us to be totally focused on the seamy, depressing aspects of life. This, I guess is their excuse to lose themselves in any excess or indulgence that they choose. After all, the world's motto is “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” (I Corinthians 15:32)

Christians do not deny that there are problems in this world— but we can rejoice that even in trials there is hope! That hope is in Christ who has overcome this world! The general attitude of a Christian should be one that is upbeat and positive. It's true that we don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future. This affects our entire outlook on life.

Paul writes “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice! Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:4-6)

Instead of being preoccupied with all the negativity of the world, Christians have so many blessings and opportunities to rejoice in. What kind of things should we focus on? What kind of thoughts should fill our minds? Paul continues “finally, brethren, whatever things are noble, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy— think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Our whole outlook will change if we “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” (Matthew 6:33) Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. We are “in the world, but we are not of it.” (John 17:15) If we set our “minds on things above, not on the things of this earth” (Colossians 3:1-2) good things will result. Our life will be filled with the joy of helping others; the excitement and satisfaction of seeing lives changed by the gospel. The acts of kindness that we show to others will be returned to us one hundred-fold. Soon we will find more opportunities to do good than we can take advantage of, and a sense of satisfaction and joy will prevail. Good news doesn't just happen—it is created! “And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:7)

The Urgency of the Lord's Work (Mark 1:16-22)



Then Jesus said to them "Follow _____, and I will make you _____ of men."
They _____ left their nets and followed Him" (Mark 1:17-18)

The Urgency of Jesus' Mission: "The _____ truly is great, but the _____ are few." (Luke 10:2) "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and _____ no one along the road" (Luke 10:4). Do not say, "There are still _____ months and then comes the _____." Behold, I say to you, "lift up your _____ and look at the _____, for they are already _____ for harvest" (John 4:35).

The Urgency of the Christian Life: "And do this knowing the _____, that now it is high time to _____ out of sleep; for our _____ is nearer than when we _____ believed. The _____ if far _____, the _____ is at hand. Therefore let us _____ off the works of _____, and let us _____ on the _____ of Christ" (Romans 13:11-12).

Urgent - Because of the _____ in which we are living. "For men will be _____ of themselves, lovers of _____, boasters, _____, blasphemers, disobedient to _____, unthankful, unholy, unloving, _____, slanderers, without self - _____, brutal, despisers of _____, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of _____ rather than lovers of _____, having a form of _____ but denying its power. From such turn away" (II Timothy 3:2-5).

Urgent - Because we have been _____ sleeping. "Let us cast off the _____ of darkness, and let us put on the _____ of light. Let us _____ properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in _____ and lust, not in _____ and envy. But _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:12-14).

Urgent - Because _____ is running out. "I must _____ the works of Him who sent Me while it is _____, for the _____ come when no man can _____" (John 9:4).

Urgency of _____ the _____. "Why do you _____? Arise and be _____ and wash away your _____, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

Choose This Day



Whether we recognize it or not, we've already made a big decision today: What (or whom) are we going to serve? What will determine our decisions, our priorities, our attitudes? What's going to define who we are?

And it's important to remember that the thrones of our hearts only seat one, so we can't give two answers to these questions. We've got dozens of important concerns in our lives, but only one is Lord. Only one calls the shots.

Your heart's throne is a coveted place, so you've got all sorts of things competing to sit on it. Your job might be a competitor, either because your boss demands it or because you seek fulfillment and happiness there. You might feel compelled to put your family on the throne—after all, Christianity is a family-oriented life, right? It could be a hobby—sports, shopping, hunting, fishing, decorating. We all know the person who works all week only so that he or she can _____ on the weekends, don't we? And, of course, it could be money. Yes, Jesus is still talking about money. We might wish for him to move on, but he's got one more thing to say before he changes subjects:

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (Mt 6.24).

Notice how absolute his first statement is. There's not much wiggle room here: *No one can serve two masters*. I've tried it before, haven't you? I've thought that I could serve God *and* _____ without really choosing one or the other. Maybe God *and* career. Maybe God *and* family. Maybe God *and* entertainment. Maybe God *and* self. It doesn't work, because we've only got one throne. Something—a principle, a person, a pursuit—determines everything that we do.

In fact, we can summarize the Bible's message in one sentence: God wants to be Lord of our lives. He wants to be in charge of everything about us, not because he's some egotistical, self-centered deity, but because he knows it's best for us to run wholeheartedly after an infinitely loving, merciful God.

Every day we make the choice, and then we live according to our answer. Who's Lord of your life today? What's really most important to you? Will you choose wisely as Joshua did and boldly say, "*as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*"? (Josh 24.15)

Submitted to the bulletin by P. Nygard



Our Super Saturday Vacation Bible School will be June 14
9:30-2:30. Theme: Jonah

Youth Group

Today

Young men conduct the evening service

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

June 1

High school graduates recognition
ceremony in MP Room after evening
service



Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

(Camp Hervida)

They are requesting help with supplies for the
camp this year. Items need to be here by
next Sunday, 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.

*Congratulations to our 2014
High School graduates!*



Ruthanne Bush, Jon Drake, Evan Fleak,
Ryan Hesselrode, Lexi Hoover, Daniel
Nygard, Cailin Yoho, and Cody Young!

Everyone is invited to the High School
Graduates Recognition in the MP Room next
Sunday evening after services.

Please bring snack foods, desserts and
beverages.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

One cold, rainy night while a man was near a bus stop, an elderly lady got off a bus and walked slowly over to where he stood. "Could you tell me when the next bus is due?" she asked.

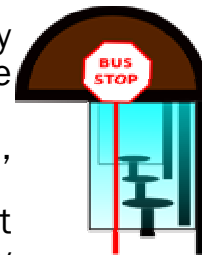
The man asked where she was going. Upon hearing her reply, he said, "but you just got off a bus that was going to your destination!"

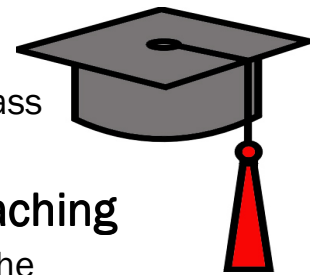
"Well," she stammered shyly, "there was a crippled young man on that bus and nobody offered him a seat. I knew he'd be embarrassed if an old lady like me got up for him, so I pretended it was time for me to get off, so he could have my seat. He wasn't embarrassed and I - - - well, there's always another bus."

What a great lesson for all of us! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could demonstrate a little more of that lady's attitude!?

The apostle Paul expressed it so well when writing to the Philippians, "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 2:3-5)

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





The Faculty and Graduation Class
of the
West Virginia School of Preaching

Take pleasure in announcing the
Commencement

of the Class of Two thousand and fourteen
Friday, June 13
At 6:00 in the evening

During the ceremony Brother Denver Haught and his wife, Dortha will be honored for their many years of faithful service. (This is Debbie Tallman's parents.)

A catered dinner will be provided at that time.
Come and enjoy the fellowship and celebration.

They have provided a sign-up sheet that is on the counter.

Opportunities To Serve
Sunday, June 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - David Wadlington

SONG LEADER

AM—John Life
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Paul Nygard
Close—Bill Camp
6:00 PM—Paul Saunders
Close—Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Gary Alton
PM—Kevin Cochran

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Russ Alton
PM—Chris Tallman
Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week
is the Shears crew.

They include Bob
Armstrong, Mike
Bayer, David Mullins,
Alex Saunders, and
Dwain Shears.



Ladies of all ages are invited to

Ladies' Inspiration Day

"ALIVE in CHRIST"

New Concord church of Christ

Saturday, June 7, 2014 9:00-1:00

Speaker: Sameea Collins

"Christian in a Muslim World: One Woman's True Story"

Flyers on the bulletin board on the foyers



Facts and Figures

May 18, 2014

AM Service.....290

Bible Study.....201

PM Service.....243

Wednesday.....200

Contribution.....\$7152.00

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.....7:00PM

Watch
**"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S
WAY"**

Sunday mornings at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV, Dish Channel 259,
DIRECT channel 367, 6:30AM on
local cable channel 4, Sunday at
7:00PM & Monday 2:00PM on
GBN, and WGN America Sundays
at 7:30AM (Dish) Ch. 239 and
(Direct) Ch. 307.



Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
at 5:15 for the sing at
the East Side
congregation in
Lancaster, OH.