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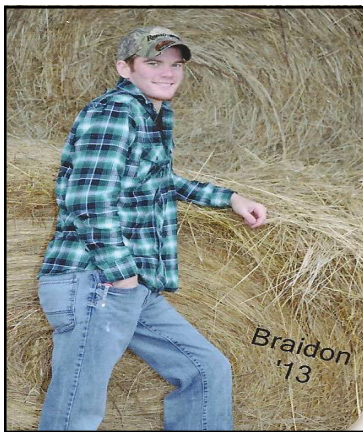
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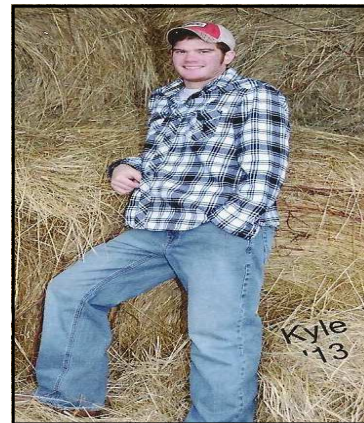
Ryan Caplinger
Parkersburg High



Paige Flanigan
Parkersburg South



Braidon Knotts
Parkersburg South



Kyle Knotts
Parkersburg South



Darlene Pickering
Belpre High



Lindsay Jo Proffitt
Parkersburg South



Emily Saunders
Parkersburg South

Elders:

Pat Barclay
 Jim Galloway
 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
 Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
 Delmas Carr
 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
 Doug Hershman
 Rob Hoover
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 Kyle Inman
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**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Mary Ann Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Chelsea Doonan, Melva Farris, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Akers (Don & Brenda Dougherty's neighbor), Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (Friend of Robin Anthony), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), 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, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (Friend of Bob Miller), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

**Please call the office and update or add names to the
 Prayer List.**

**THANK YOU NOTES**

- ♥ Thanks for the birthday cards, especially the belated one that was not signed. **Dave Nulter**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Belinda Buckley**

Check out
this week's
bulletin

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a meeting this morning after worship and Bible classes in Room 109 for VBS teachers and anyone interested in helping. (VBS will be June 9—12 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Sunday evening we will have the 6:00 service and VBS will begin at 6:30.)

DEACON'S MEETING

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

RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a reception for Dan and Candice Rich June 2 at 2:30 in the MP Room. They were married May 17 in Missouri.

BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The Adult Bible Bowl class will begin Sunday, June 2 at 4:30 in Room 154, studying the first chapter of Mark. Adults interested in this class are asked to attend. The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 21.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a celebration for our High School graduates next Sunday, June 2 in the MP Room after evening services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

WEDDING SHOWER

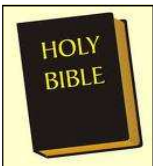
There will be a wedding shower for Brittany Fleak-Josh Gray in the MP Room Thursday, June 6 at 7:00PM.

CAMP HERVIDA REQUESTING ITEMS

OVCYC is asking for donations from local congregations. This list of items needed is on the counter with details. Items need to be here by next Sunday, June 2.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO THE WILDS

The next Golden Agers trip is to The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio Tuesday, June 25. We will eat an early dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.



Daily Bible Reading

May 26—John 7:25-39, I Ki 16-17
May 27—John 7:40-53, I Ki 18-19
May 28—John 8:1-20, I Ki 20-21
May 29—John 8:21-47, I Ki 22
May 30—John 8:48-59, 2 Ki 1-3
May 31—John 9:1-12, 2 Ki 4-5
June 1—John 9:13-41, 2 Ki 6-7
June 2—John 10:1-21, 2 Ki 8-9



Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp (Camp Hervida)

OVCYC is asking for donations from local congregations to hold the campers fees to a minimum.

This list of items needed is on the counter with details.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation to assist with campers fees, please give to one of the Elders by June 2. (Checks need to be made payable to Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp.)



DANA'S DIRECTION

“A Day to Remember”

When I was a child, Memorial Day (or Decoration Day as it was called then) was always a pleasant, meaningful experience. It always corresponded with beautiful weather and the last day of school. My mother would load the trunk of the car with flowers and we would head for two or three cemeteries. As we marked the graves of my grandparents, great grandparent and other ancestors, I would be told stories about their lives. After several years of this, I developed a tie—an understanding of who I was and where I had come from—even though those remembered were only names engraved upon a stone.

Our country first designated a day to honor the dead in 1868, when at Arlington Cemetery the graves of soldiers killed during the Civil War were decorated with flowers and small American flags. After WWI, the practice had grown to be a national observance to honor all Americans who have died defending our country. In 1950, the President and Congress passed a resolution declaring that the day so designated should be a day in which Americans united in prayer for peace and unity—and that newspapers, churches and schools should lead the way. (That's hard to imagine in the secular nation we live in today.) In 1971 Memorial Day became one of our national holidays moved to a Monday to accommodate the ever-popular 4-day weekend!

Several thoughts come to mind. One of them is of the undying appreciation we should have for those who have died, not only defending our country, but also bringing freedom to people throughout the world. It is easy, on a weekend devoted to backyard cookouts and trips to the lake, to forget the purpose of the day and the price that was paid for the freedoms that we enjoy. Secondly, people need to be reminded. We attended a Memorial Day parade a few years ago with our granddaughter. When she saw the veterans pass by, not only did it bring the memory of their sacrifice to mind—it also gave me the opportunity to teach her.

As Christians, every Sunday is Memorial Day. “Upon the first day of the week, the disciples came together to break bread” (Acts 20:7). As He instituted the Supper, Jesus said, “this do in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19). Paul admonishes us as Christians, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes” (I Corinthians 11:26). We need to have an undying appreciation to Jesus for dying on the cross so that we might be saved. We also need to be reminded. “Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.”

Have a wonderful Memorial Day—both today and tomorrow.

“Why the Church?”

Matthew 16:13-19



“I say to you that you are _____, and on this rock I will build My _____, and the gates of _____ shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the _____ of the _____ of heaven, and whatever you _____ on earth will be bound in _____, and whatever you _____ on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:18-19)

The church is important to _____. Jesus purchased the church “with His own _____.” (Acts 20:28) “The manifold _____ of God might be made known by the _____ to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 3:10)

What the church is: The Greek word for church (kuriakos) means _____ to God. The word (ekkesia) means _____ out. “You are a _____ generation, a royal _____, a _____ nation, His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the _____ of Him, who _____ you out of darkness into His _____ light, who once were not a _____, but now are the _____ of God.” (I Peter 2:9-10) **Jesus referred to the church as the _____ of heaven.** “Those who gladly received the word were _____ and that day about _____ souls were added to them.” (Acts 2:41) “And the Lord added to the church _____ those who were being _____.” (Acts 2:47)

WHY GOD GAVE US THE CHURCH:

The church exists for Christians to have _____. “The _____ of God, which is the _____ of the Living God, the _____ and _____ of the truth.” (I Timothy 3:15) “Then those who _____ the Lord _____ to one another. And the Lord _____ and _____ them, so a book of _____ was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who _____ on His name.” (Mal 3:16)

The church exists for Christians to _____ together. “And let us consider one another in order to _____ up love and _____ works; not _____ the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some. But _____ one another, and so much more as you see the _____ approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

The church provides an organized way to do _____ works to the _____ of God. “Pure and defiled _____ before God and the Father is this; to _____ the _____ and _____ in their troubles, and to keep oneself _____ from the world.” (James 1:27). “Let your _____ so shine before men, that they may see your good _____ and _____ your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH?

The church must be _____ sound. The church is the pillar and ground of the _____. (I Timothy 3:15) “Preach the _____! Be ready in season and out of season. _____, _____ with all longsuffering and _____.” (II Timothy 4:2) “And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and _____ in the breaking of _____, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

The church must practice _____ living. Because it is written “Be _____, for I am holy.” (I Peter 1:16)

The church must reach _____ to the world. “They went everywhere _____ the word.” (Acts 8:4)

"GOD WILL FIGHT FOR US"

Neil Richey

Have you ever thought to yourself "Well I'll show him," or "I'll get even with him." Perhaps you have seen the bumper sticker, "I don't get mad; I get even." Each of these stem from a vengeful mindset, or a "get even" mentality. God reminds us that "vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

The prophet Nehemiah reminds us that we do not have to fight our battles alone. In fact, he says that "Our God will fight for us" (Neh. 4:20). Throughout the Bible we are reminded of how God fought for his people.

God fought for a nation in bondage. After a series of plagues were presented upon the people of Pharaoh, Pharaoh allowed Israel to leave the land of Egypt. Imagine the excitement in the minds of these who were being set free from captivity, and heading for a land of prosperity and joy. It wasn't long that Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his great army after the Israelites. Many of God's people became fearful. Surely they thought that death was imminent. Moses declared to them "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day. . . **The LORD shall fight for you,** and ye shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14:13-14). AND HE DID! "The difference between utter defeat and complete victory was God: He was fighting this battle. "

God fought for a man facing the giant. David was chosen by God to face Goliath. Goliath was a monster of a man who made light of the army of God. David said, "who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Sam. 17:26). With great courage, David said, "...Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine" (1 Sam. 17:32). We know the rest of the story. David was victorious over the giant, David won over the giant because of his faith that God was the one "fighting the battle,"

God fought for a man in chains. By the command of Herod, Peter was placed in chains and imprisoned for being faithful to God. Four squads of soldiers were posted in order to guard the prisoner. Peter fell asleep (no doubt a sign of his faith, that God would take care of him -- how else might he have been able to sleep in such circumstances). An angel then appeared before Peter and said, "Arise up quickly" (Acts 12:7). Peter escaped prison and likely death. How did he do that? It was God "fighting his battle."

God will fight for us today. The psalmist expressed these comforting words, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because **thou defendest them:** let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee" (Psa. 5:11). God will fight for Christians. We must do our part to be faithful. When we have done all we can we must "let go and let God." We must trust in Him and forsake those desires of revenge. We must learn to turn our problems over to God.

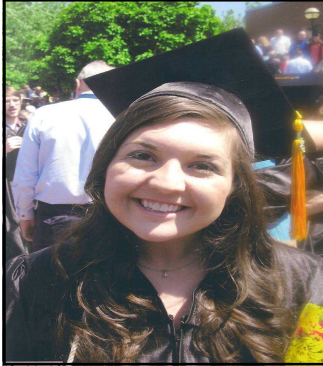
Submitted for the bulletin by P. Nygard

A big thank you to all those that helped with the post office food drive. The food received will help many families in the Camden Ave. area. Thank you for all the help sorting and putting the food away in our pantry and with the help some of you provided with the use of your trucks and/or time to gather the food.

Josh Barclay

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Brittany Cowdery
Harding University
Graduate



Haylee Smith
5th Grade
Criss Elementary
School



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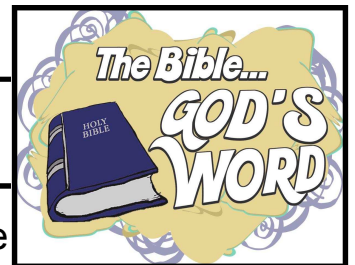
Please bring finger foods and desserts.

Graduates—Please turn in your bio. to Paul Saunders **by** Wednesday, May 29.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors:

Ryan Caplinger, Paige Flanigan, Braidon Knotts, Kyle Knotts, Darlene Pickering, Lindsay Proffitt, and Emily Saunders!

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM



Many today in our State and Federal government who are proponents of same-sex marriage argue that this is a civil rights issue. In their judgment religion should play no part in the matter. But the last time I checked, don't all American citizens have the same rights! It is only when a small segment of our population demands an additional right to a union contrary to nature that we have a problem. Homosexuality is not a civil rights issues—it is a moral issue!

Not only homosexual activity, but also adultery and fornication are clearly condemned in scripture. (Romans 1:26-27; I Corinthians 6:9-10) No amount of human reasoning or twisted logic can change that!

So what is the conclusion of the whole matter? Is there an absolute moral code? If so, where is it found? Do our politicians have it? Can they change what is an absolute right or wrong to suit the whim of the electorate?

God's word has been the foundation of moral law for literally thousands of years. Why do some today think this has to change!

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



Thank God

Thank God,
 For the citizens of the USA!
 Who put their lives on the line,
 Each and everyday.
 Who walk in bravery every step of the way.

Thank God,
 For the citizens of the USA!
 Thank God,
 For the citizens of the USA !
 Who sacrifice their life long stay,
 To cut it short at any day,
 For the peace and the freedom of us,
 Who in the homeland stay.

Thank God,
 For the citizens of the USA!

D. Alsup

Happy Memorial Day!

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, June 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht

PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jeff Taberner

Close—Paul Inman

6:00 PM—Brian Haught

Close—Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM—Cody Hoover

PM—Braden Hesselrode

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Mike Fleak

PM—Ron Riddle

Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, Doug Hershman, and Dwain Shears.

Facts and Figures

May 19, 2013

AM Service.....295

Bible Study.....222

PM Service.....221

Wednesday.....229

Contribution\$6285.10

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....0

Placed Membership....8

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"
each Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

June 2

THE NEW COVENANT

Friday Night Sing



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