

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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We will host the Friday Night Sing this week at
7:00.

Please bring sandwiches, snacks, desserts and
beverages to share in the MP Room following the sing.

This will be the last sing this year.

Everyone is invited!

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
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner
David Wadlington

Minister:

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Camden Clark Hospital

Eleanor Slingluff (Room 516B)

Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Patty Dawson, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley,
Neil Russell

(Macey Dean as she is spending a semester in Europe. She is due back
November 29. Please pray for her safe travels.)

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Gert Barnes (Jo Langler's aunt), Naomi Bowen (Dave Wadlington's grandmother) Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Lindsey Campbell (Friend of Nygard's), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's step-father), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), Ione Dusek (Carrie Nygard's mother), Brittany Elliott, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Alice Hale, Wanda Hammett (Patty Sayre's friend), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Joann Haddox (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynolds neice), Robert Metz, Judy Peters (Doug Hershman's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), George Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's uncle), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Earl and Jean Vanosse (Hennen's neighbors), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

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



- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts I received for my birthday. Thank you so much. Love, **Sue VanCamp**
- ♥ A special thank you for the cards, hugs and kind words at the passing of our dear loved one. **Dwain, Kimberlee and Hannah Shears**
- ♥ Our Camden Avenue family means so much to us, from day-to-day and in the times of great need. We want to thank you all for the prayers and well-wishes while my Grandma Lillian was sick, and for the words of comfort, cards, and prayers at her death. I only wish you could have known her while she lived-you would have truly been blessed by her presence! With love, **Carrie, Paul and family and The family of Lillian Paulson**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. **John Rockhold**
- ♥ Thanks for the cards, food and expressions of concern for me after breaking my ankle. I am now starting therapy on it. **Charlotte Galloway**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room after Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

SPRING BANQUET MEETING

High school seniors and their parents are asked to meet this evening after services in Room 112 to plan the spring banquet.

COLLEGE DINNER MEETING

College dinner planning meeting after services this evening in Room 109 for those willing to help. The college dinner is November 13.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/VETERANS LUNCH

Widows/Widowers/Veterans luncheon will be tomorrow in the MP Room at 11:30. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

The Ladies Tuesday evening class will meet this week at 7:00 in the MP Room.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

We will host the Friday night sing this week at 7:00. Please bring sandwiches, snack foods, desserts and beverages to share in the MP Room following the sing.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

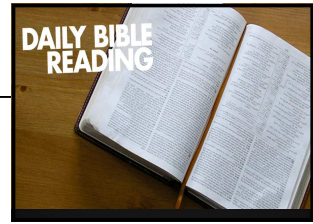
The Men's Meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00. The children will also meet at 5:30 for Bible Busters.

LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are invited to meet at Colombo's Restaurant Tuesday, November 19 at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

HOLIDAY OUTING

Saturday, December 7, we will be going as a group to the 4:00PM show at the Ohio Valley Opry in McConnelsville, OH. Following the show we will be eating at the Stockport Mill Restaurant. There are still seats available, see Dana.



Daily Bible Reading

November 10—Hebrews 1, Jer 46-48
November 11—Hebrews 2, Jer 49
November 12—Hebrews 3, Jer 50
November 13—Hebrews 4, Jer 51
November 14—Hebrews 5, Jer 52
November 15—Hebrews 6, Lam 1-2
November 16—Hebrews 7, Lam 3-5
November 17—Hebrews 8, Eze 1-3

POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill it.

The banks are available in the foyers.

A representative from Potter's will be here to pick them up November 24.



Macey Dean is spending a semester in Austria.

She is a junior at Alderson Broadus College.

She is due back November 29. She would enjoy hearing from her church family.

Her address is:

Macey Dean
Haus Wartenberg
Riedenburgstrasse 2
A5020 Sulzburg, Austria



DANA'S DIRECTION

If you are free—thank a Vet”

Tomorrow, November 11, is Veteran’s Day. It will be a day off for some, kids will be out of school, but otherwise, will we even stop to consider its meaning? I saw a bumper sticker the other day that got me thinking. It said **“If you are free – thank a Vet.”**

I grew up in a generation that was surrounded and shaped by veterans. Nearly all of our fathers had fought in the war. The experience had both humbled them and given them pride – to be Americans. They were and taught us to be patriotic. When I was a small boy, I found a ragged old American flag in the shop behind the garage. I was using it to wipe the frost off of a window. I saw a shocked look in my Dad’s eyes. He didn’t yell at me, he just told me what I didn’t understand. Many of his friends had died defending that flag. He taught me how to dispose of a flag with honor and respect.

The men of that generation left jobs, wives, and small children behind; they put their educations on hold. The women went into the factories to make armaments and other supplies necessary to win the war. It was all about winning the war. Extended families moved in together to conserve resources and live more frugally. They did without sugar, flour, meat, gasoline, new clothing and cars. They raised gardens, bought war-bonds, volunteered to do all the jobs in the community that needed done because the young men were away at war.

But what they accomplished by their sacrifice was great! Freedom! Dictators and despots that would have ruled the world were defeated. Not forever, but it allowed for another generation (my generation and the next and another) to live free. I’m afraid we are forgetting. A couple of years ago I was watching a veterans’ parade and some young people were laughing about the “old men in funny hats” (veterans). I’m afraid the time will come when we will be called upon to learn these lessons all over again. I just pray it won’t be too late.

We are rapidly losing that generation of men and women who secured our freedom. Approximately 600 WWII veterans die each day. We need to say “Thank you.” Their ranks are now being replaced by the veterans of the conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to say “Thank you.” Why? Because veterans have been the answer to our prayers – the prayers God has told us to pray.

Paul said that “prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

There were rulers who, in defense of the peace and freedom of the world, were willing to go to war. The men and women of our military have put their lives on the line that we might live quiet and peaceful lives.

This pleases God! Why? Because He wants men to hear the gospel and be saved!

Not only should we thank God for our freedom, we must use that freedom to serve Him and seek the lost. Not only should we thank veterans for our freedom, we should live in such a way that they did not “bear the sword in vain.” (Romans 13:4) **If you are free—thank a veteran!**

SERMON NOTES: "The Reason for Rules"

(I Timothy 1:1-11)



"No rules – just right!" "In those days, there was no king in Israel, everyone did what was _____ in his own _____." (Judges 17:6)

What is the purpose of rules? Does God just want to wield His _____ over us, or is there a _____ purpose? "Now the _____ of the commandment is _____; from a _____ heart, from a good _____, from a _____ faith." (I Tim. 1:5)

The commandments are not about _____. "Charge them that they teach no other _____, nor give heed to fables and endless _____, which cause _____ rather than godly _____ which is by _____." (vs.3-5) "The servant of the Lord must not _____, but be _____ to all, in _____ correcting those who are in _____." (II Tim. 2:24-25)

The purpose of the commandment is to produce _____. The first step in learning to be what God wants us to be is learning to _____. Jesus summarized the entire Law by saying "You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your _____, with all your _____. The second is like it love your _____ as yourself." (Matthew 22:35-40)

The commandments teach us to love _____. "He who has My _____ and _____ them, it is he who _____ Me... and he who _____ Me will be loved by my _____, and I will love him and manifest myself in him." (John 14:21) God's _____ is unconditional; _____ is not!

The commandments teach us to love _____. "A new commandment I give you that you _____ one another." (I John 13:35) "You yourselves are _____ by God to _____ one another." (I Thess. 4:9)

The source of love: from a sincere _____. "Since you have _____ your souls in _____ the truth by the _____, in the sincere _____ of the brethren, love one another with a _____ heart." (I Peter 1:21) **Love comes from a sincere _____.** **Our conscience must be purified by the _____ of Jesus in _____.** "The like figure whereby _____ does also now _____ us, not the _____ away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a clear _____ toward God." (I Peter 3:27)

God's commandments are not _____. "Blessed are those who _____ His commandments, that they may have a right to the Tree of _____, and may _____ through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

Welcome To Bible Class

Together, We Can Know God Better.



You are encouraged to read ahead to help be ready for Bible class. Here is where we will be, and when.

Sunday, Nov 10th: Balaam, A Strange Prophet (Num 22).

Wednesday, Nov 13th: Israel's Relations With Moab and Midian (Num 25-31).

Sunday, Nov 17th: Israel's Future in Canaan (Num 32).

Ladies Class **(Titus 235 Girls)**

The ladies are invited to join in fellowship with each other this Tuesday evening (12th) at 7:00pm in the multi-purpose room.

The theme for the night is '*the summer season of our Christian lives*'. Carrie Nygard will be presenting the evenings thoughts.

This is a perfect opportunity for sisters in Christ to grow closer together. Please come and join us!

Winter session teacher materials will be available soon. We are just waiting on some binders to be delivered so the lessons can be put together. Study books are arriving as well and will be available in the teacher work room.

The study for next session will cover Acts & I-II Thessalonians. Teachers, please add your name to the schedule on the education board (in the foyer) if you are available to teach next session so we can be sure to meet our classes needs.

The story of Balaam is found in Numbers 22-24, but that is not the only place in the Bible he is mentioned.

What does Peter say of Balaam in II Pet 2.15-16 and how does it fit into his letter?



There will be a meeting for teachers tonight at 5:00pm.

We will discuss the holiday schedule and the topics for the end of session discussions.

This is most important for middle school through adult classes, but all are invited to attend.

An in-depth Bible study of the book of James will meet Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 in Room 109.



YOUTH EVENTS

Today—Meet after the Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room to prepare for the luncheon tomorrow.

November 11—Widows/Widowers/Veterans Luncheon in the MP Room at 11:30

November 16—Girls Day at North End congregation 9:00AM-4:00PM. Be at the building at 8:45AM. (See Annette Kirk)

November 22,23—Bridgeport Youth Rally
Details on the youth bulletin board.

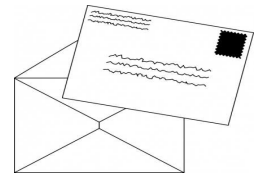
Sign-up sheets are on the counter.
Details on the bulletin board by the office.

Points to Ponder

Weak Faith Causes You To Be Double Minded.

For Example, You'll Pray To God
To Watch Over You While You Sleep,
But Stay Awake To Make Sure He Does.

A letter is like a soul,
It can be delivered . . .
or lost.



Before you ask God for what you want. . .
Thank Him for what you already have!

Bulletin Digest

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

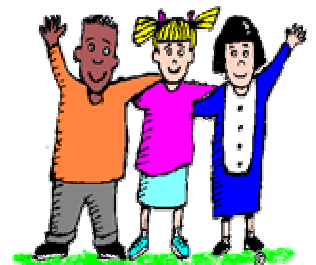
A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. They looked intriguing, so the man took the bag out of the cave with him.

As he strolled along the beach, he would throw clay balls out into the ocean as far as he could. Then he happened to drop one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! He broke open the remaining clay balls and found similar jewels. Then it struck him. He had thrown 50-60 balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean!

This same story can apply to us as well. We look at someone and see the clay on the outside. But, there is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth!

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendship because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them!

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, November 17

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Ethan Ash
PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Rick Stanley
Close—Rob Hoover
6:00 PM—Chris Tallman
Close—Mike Wade

SCRIPTURE

AM—Josh Barclay
PM—Kevin Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Steve Moser
PM—Ryan Gaston
Bill Lemley

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Doug Hershman
 2—Martha Metz
 4—Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Cody Young & Evan Fleak
2. Mike & Kelly Fleak
3. Leon & Judy Hupp
4. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman
5. Delbert Beach & Donovan Walton
6. Kevin & Amanda Cochran

Facts and Figures

November 3, 2013
AM Service.....304
Bible Study.....233
PM Service.....227
Wednesday.....268

Contribution\$9081.25

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....8
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....8
Placed Membership...19

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11:00AM & 7:00PM



Bless Them Abundantly: A Veteran's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans,
worthy men and women
who gave their best
when they were called upon
to serve and protect their country.
We pray that you will bless them, Lord,
for their unselfish service
in the continual struggle
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,
and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made,
for their many different contributions
to America's victories
over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them, we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people
and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen

By: J. Fuchs (Copied)

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERAN'S!

College Student Pick-Up Schedule



11/13—Doug Hershman
11/17—Scott Johnson, Josh
Barclay
11/20—Dwain Shears

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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

UPCOMING PROGRAM

November 17
LISTENING TO GOD

