

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

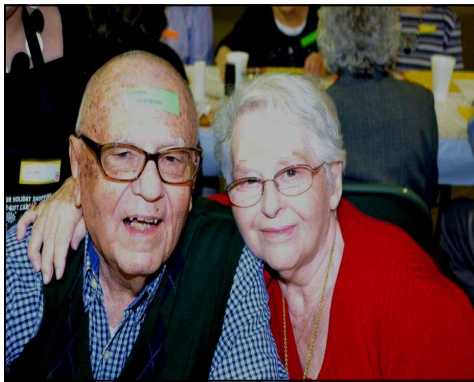
2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Thank you to everyone that made our  
Widows/Widowers/Veteran's lunch a success!



Gilbert & Lucille Hardman have been married 67 years!  
Thank you for serving our country,  
Mr. Hardman.



Our sweet Mildred Gault with  
her forehead nametag.



Jim & Sandy Hughes  
Thank you, Mr. Hughes for serving  
our country.



The church office received  
several requests to thank those  
that prepared the food and to  
the young people that helped.

### 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:

Dana Slingluff  
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# Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for our birthday cards and gifts. **Nina Cheuvront** and **Rochel Young**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and kind notes. Love, **Kimberlee Shears**
- ♥ Thank you very much for the lovely roses and many visits. In Christ, **Madonna Smith**
- ♥ Thanks to **Lenore Vaught** for baking the ham for the fellowship lunch. We appreciate her very much.



### Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Patty Dawson, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, 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 Langer'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), 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.**

### We extend our sympathy to the following families:

- Mike Lucas in the passing of his sister, Patsy Smith. Her service was held Monday.
- Carla Wadlington in the passing of her brother, Dana Miles.
- Van Putnam in the passing of his sister, Rachel Johnson. Her service was yesterday in Newton Falls, OH.

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## **MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS**

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

## **LADIES LUNCH**

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

## **DEACON'S MEETING**

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

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 30 at 8:30 at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Please sign up.

## **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS**

The coin banks are available in the foyers. A representative will be here to pick them up December 1.

## **HOLIDAY OUTING**

We will be going to the 4:00PM show at the Ohio Valley Opry Saturday, December 7. Following the show we will have dinner at the Stockport Mill Restaurant. There are still a few seats available, see Dana for details.

## **LUBECK CONGREGATION BLOOD DRIVE**

There will be a blood drive at the Lubeck congregation tomorrow 2:00PM-7:00PM. Donors are needed.

## **NEW ADDRESS**

Korey Inman's new address is: 5271 West Pea Ridge Road Apt. 17, Huntington, WV 25705  
Congratulations to Korey on his job promotion. He is now the store manager of the Finish Line in the Barboursville Mall in Huntington. We wish him well!



**Ben Haight and Drew Hershman** escorting the ladies from Love and Care to the Widows, Widowers, and Veteran's luncheon.



Thank you to the youth that helped at the luncheon.



Our ladies hard at work...



# Molding Young Lives



Benny Bristow tells the following thought – provoking story:

“A mother once decided that she wanted to do something creative. She procured a lump of clay, softened it, and began molding it with her hands. Whatever she willed to do with the formative substance it obeyed. She felt a sense of joy over the results. After much practice, she decided to do a bust of her little daughter.

It was a beautiful likeness of her child, and after completion, it not only won many honors in a contest, but a visit from a famous sculptor, who urged her to study art, and devote her entire time to it. As she was being tempted to accept the idea, she could see her children through the front window as they were busily at play. At that moment one of the children raised her head and blew a kiss to her mother. She pointed them out to the sculptor and said, ‘There is my clay. You have your substance to mold and fire into something beautiful. Others admire it, pay it high honor, but it is hard, cold, and unresponsive, once it is set. I believe that I will choose the living substance, because it is warm and loving. It has a mind and a soul which can be turned toward God, it can be taught to render service, and it gives me love in return.’”

The article above reminds me of the statement made by Isaiah of our submission to God. “You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of your hand” (Isaiah 64:8). You often hear careers judged by the impact they have on the lives of others. A doctor helps to heal the sick, policemen protect and serve, teachers educate generations of children, etc. There is, however, no more influential role than that which is played by parents, and no more essential responsibility than that which is had by Christian parents. God expects us to mold the lives of our children through love, teaching and discipline. To bring them up prepared to stand before Him in judgment. “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4) “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

Brother Bristow continues, “Have you ever asked little children at play what they were going to be when they grow up? They often answer “I am going to be a doctor, nurse, fireman, teacher, etc.” This is the answer we expect, but how shocked we would be if they gave the real answer – “I’m going to be whatever you influence me to be!” If we want our children to grow up to be faithful Christians, we must be faithful Christians before them!”

Are you a parent outside of Christ? What effect will this have on your children? Perhaps you plan to obey the gospel before you die, but will it be too late to influence your children for spiritual good? If you are a Christian are you setting the proper example for your children of what it means to live for Jesus? Perhaps you have convinced yourself that they cannot see your weaknesses, but be assured, that God sees and so do your children. We will never successfully influence our children to be what we have not lived before them. Before we shape our children to be what God would have them to be, we must first submit ourselves to the Potter!

Then together, as a family we can sing “Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way!



# Take Heed How You Hear

(James 1:19-22)

“So then my beloved \_\_\_\_\_, let every man be \_\_\_\_\_ to hear, \_\_\_\_\_ to speak, slow to \_\_\_\_\_; for the wrath of man does not produce the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Therefore lay aside all \_\_\_\_\_ and the overflow of \_\_\_\_\_, and receive with \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ word which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:19-22)

**Jesus emphasized the importance of listening.** “Take \_\_\_\_\_ how you \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 8:18). “\_\_\_\_\_ to what the unjust judge \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 8:6). “He that has an \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_” (Rev. 1:7,11,17).

**What are some things that cause us not to hear?**

**Some do not hear the word of God because they \_\_\_\_\_ it.** “Seeing they do not \_\_\_\_\_, and hearing they do not \_\_\_\_\_, nor do they \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of this people has grown \_\_\_\_\_. Their \_\_\_\_\_ are hard of \_\_\_\_\_, and their eyes they have \_\_\_\_\_” (Matt. 13:13-15).

**When we stop listening to (hearing) God, we \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.** “Faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_ and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Romans 1:16). “Blessed is he who \_\_\_\_\_ and those who \_\_\_\_\_ the words of this \_\_\_\_\_ and those things which are written in it” (Revelation 1:3).

**The person who believes in God feels \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ from Him.** “If you \_\_\_\_\_ your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to \_\_\_\_\_, if you seek her as \_\_\_\_\_ and search for her as \_\_\_\_\_ treasure – then you will \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the Lord and find the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, for out of His mouth comes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” (Proverbs 2:2-6).

**We must \_\_\_\_\_. Nor one is ever more of a fool than when he \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

**In order to receive God’s word we must put away the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. “Therefore, lay aside all \_\_\_\_\_ and overflow of \_\_\_\_\_, and receive with \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ word, which is able to \_\_\_\_\_ your souls” (James 1:21). “Friendship with the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Whoever wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the world makes himself an \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (James 4:4).**

**To receive the word of God we must \_\_\_\_\_ it into out \_\_\_\_\_. “Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). “Bringing every \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).**

**We must put the word of God into \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_. “Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God and \_\_\_\_\_ it” (Luke 11:28). “The \_\_\_\_\_ that I have spoken, the same shall \_\_\_\_\_ you in the last day” (John 12:28).**

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>: Israel's Future in Canaan (Num 32).

**Wednesday**, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: From Sinai to the Jordan (Deut 1-4).

**Sunday**, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: Ten Commandments, The Need For Obedience (Deut 5-9).

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Class materials are being received every day. Teachers can check the work room for study materials on Acts.

Teacher lesson books will be available on the table beside the *Education* bulletin board in the foyer.

Join us Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 for a Bible study in James. We will be in chapter four this week.

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Please remember to put your name on the list if you are planning to teach or assist during 2014.

We have excellent teachers here at Camden Avenue. Some of them have just joined us during this last year and are excited to help share God's truth with younger and older students alike. Please welcome them into the classroom as they too use their talents for the Lord.

A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin and the text "Don't forget:".

### Help Needed:



We have a problem that needs your help...but it is a good problem to have!

Our 2-3 year old classroom has grown to the point that we need to split it into two different classes.

If we can get teachers soon, we will go ahead and make the new class. Please let Paul know if you are available.

*Take time this week to thank God for our little ones.*

# Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



How often do we see people “laughing off” things in an effort to diffuse an uncomfortable moment? Someone has just challenged an individual on some issue or choice in their life. What is the person to do? He can either engage in the conversation and consider the validity of the statement, or he can “laugh it off”. Instead of facing the issue, he pushes it off by laughter, using statements like “everybody is doing it” or by assuming the grace of God will take care of the problem.

However, there is nothing “laughable” about disappointing God.

In the end, it has never and will never matter what WE think about sin. What really matters is what God desires of me!

As Paul told the Philippians, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, 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.” (Phil. 4:8)

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

December will be  
**SACK THE PULPIT**  
to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Pancake mix/syrup
  - Soups
- Peanut butter
  - Jelly
- Saltine crackers
- Canned potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Treet/Spam—canned meat
- Vienna sausages
- Applesauce



Please leave items on either side of the pulpit area.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.



## Challenge Youth Conference

Friday (2/21/14) - Sunday (2/23/14)  
Gatlinburg, TN

*The \$25 deposit needs turned in to Paul Saunders by Sunday, November 24.*

## November 22,23

Bridgeport Youth Rally

Be at the building Friday, Nov. 22 by 4:45PM.

Bring sleeping bag and pillow.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

When you are going through difficulties and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during the test.



Worry doesn't eliminate tomorrow from its griefs, but it does empty today of its joys!



## December Birthday/Anniversary

December 2—Bob Eddy  
 December 3—\*Chris & Debbie Tallman  
 December 4—Sheri Gaston  
 December 7—Rhonda Barclay, Don Nesselroad  
 December 9—Shannan Hinzman  
 December 10—Ryan Gaston, Jeff Taberner, \*Jim & Sallie Hinzman, \*Ira & Nancy Kimes, \*Mike & Teresa Wade  
 December 11—Allen Coe, Kathy Hoover  
 December 12—Barbara Saunders, \*Gary & Melva Farris  
 December 13—Haley Johnson, Hayden Kelly, Cindy Slingluff  
 December 14—Mary Daniel, Darrell Vaught  
 December 15—Gene Cooper, Janet Looney, Jean Martin  
 December 16—Tammy Kerns, Annette Kirk, Linda Moncrief, Amy Young, Eric Young  
 December 17—\*Don & Sheri Gaston  
 December 19—Jordan Kirk  
 December 20—\*Larry & Janet Plant, \*Ray & Bonnie Sams  
 December 21—Brian Haught, Tori Plant  
 December 24—Kim Ledsome, \*Herb & Joyce Wright  
 December 25—Josh Gray  
 December 26—Dana Sponseller  
 December 27—\*Cotton & Patty Sayre  
 December 28—Rosemary Merrill  
 December 29—Mike Fleak, Jay Goldsmith  
 December 30—Madison Taberner  
 December 31—James Dailey

\*Anniversary

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

## Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, November 24

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman**

### SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Dana Slingluff

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ron Riddle

Close—Russ Alton

6:00 PM—Kevin Cochran

Close—Keith Smith

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Camp

PM—Brandon Sheppard

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Mills

PM—Jon Hescht

Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

### DOOR GREETERS

**AM Door** 1—Josh Barclay  
 2—Donovan Walton  
 4—Felicia Barclay

### **PM**

1. Steve & Julie Moser
2. Patty Dawson & Betty Lamb
3. Dana Sponseller & Dustin Hughes
4. Bob & Gala Miller
5. Chris & Debbie Tallman
6. Bruce & Kelly Brown

## Facts and Figures

November 10, 2013

AM Service.....344

Bible Study.....249

PM Service.....255

Wednesday.....254

Contribution .....\$7102.00

### 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

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 24  
LET US GIVE THANKS

## Daily Bible Reading

November 17—Heb 8, Eze 1-3  
 November 18—Heb 9, Eze 4-7  
 November 19—Heb 10, Eze 8-11  
 November 20—Heb 11, Eze 12-13  
 November 21—Heb 12, Eze 14-16  
 November 22—Heb 13, Eze 17  
 November 23—James 1, Eze 18-20  
 November 24—James 2, Eze 21