

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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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

I Chronicles 16:34

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 106:1

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to God for everything—family, friends, and most of all your Son, Jesus.

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
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Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Bob and Lillie Fox, Shorty and Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell
 (Macey Dean is due back Friday from spending a semester in Europe. 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), Michael Casto (2 year old having heart surgery), Max Cowdery (Keith's brother), lone 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), Joann Haddox (Daughter of Gwen Lucas), Tammy Hatfield, Denver Haught (Debbie Tallman's father-scheduled for heart surgery Tuesday at CAMC), John Lowther, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynolds neice), 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), 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.

**Thank You Notes**

- ♥ Thanks to my wonderful Christian family for remembering my birthday.
Wes Cochran
- ♥ Your birthday wishes, notes and cards touched my heart. Thank you so much, **Peggy Riddle**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards at the passing of Mike's sister. It's nice to know someone cares. **Mike & Gwen Lucas**
- ♥ Bill and I would like to thank everyone for the lovely anniversary cards. We appreciate each one. **Mary Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you to Bonnie Sams for baking the communion bread for this month.
- ♥ What a great time we had at our Friday Night sing. We had 200 in attendance and 29 song leaders. Lots of food, fellowship, and fun after the sing. I appreciate the support of our family and friends for our song night. Thanks to all who helped with making it a great success.

John Life



DEACON'S MEETING

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's breakfast will be Saturday, November 30 at 8:30 at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Please sign up.

CD SET AVAILABLE

Free sets of CDs of Tom Butterfield's meeting are on the counter.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

The coin banks are available in the foyers. A representative will be here 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.

ADDIE MILLER

Addie has been staying with her daughter following her surgery. She would enjoy hearing from her church family. Her address is: 810 East Blythe Street, Paris, TN 38242.

MEMBERS NAME LIST FOR HOLIDAY CARDS

The lists of members for holiday cards are available in the foyers.

DANA'S DIRECTION

"The Spirit of Thanksgiving"



At times it seems like holidays exist solely for the purpose of selling merchandise. Greeting cards, toys, candy, decorations. It's no wonder that the Christmas displays appear after Halloween! But, lost in all this shuffle, Thanksgiving seems to be almost overlooked.

We have pretty much developed a "tradition" for how to celebrate this day. We get together with family or friends and "pig out". We eat too much and then sit around watching football on T.V. until dinner settles enough so we can eat some cold turkey sandwiches. The next day we go out and battle crowds at the mall on the heaviest shopping day for the next holiday - Christmas! While none of this is wrong, it has nothing to do with the intended purpose of Thanksgiving.

We have all heard the story of the first Thanksgiving when the pilgrims of the Plymouth Plantation gathered for a day of giving thanks in 1621. The previous year had been an extremely hard one. There had been bad weather, failed crops, disease. Many of the original founders of the colony had died. There was a growing feeling that they should give up and return to England. During this time they had designated many days of fasting and prayer. They determined to do so once more in late October 1621.

But an older, godly colonist challenged their thinking. He pointed out that even though times had been hard—God had blessed them! This year it looked like food was going to be plentiful. Many had died—but others had been blessed with children. And above all else, they now had possessed that which was worth all the sacrifices they had made—their religious freedom. "The time" he said, "was not for fasting and mourning, but rather to celebrate and give thanks to God."

So that is the purpose for which the last Thursday of November has been set aside. To reflect on God's blessings and give thanks to Him. How much will "thanking God" be a part of Thanksgiving in America in 2013? Not as much as it should be—yet, the spirit of Thanksgiving is the spirit with which God teaches us to live every day of our lives.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord, Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:15-17 NIV)

Note the underlined portions: "And be thankful...with gratitude in your heart...giving thanks to God the Father." This is the Spirit of Thanksgiving; this is the spirit of Christianity.



God of All Comfort: (II Corinthians 1:3-7)

“Blessed be the _____ and the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of _____ and the God of all _____, who _____ us in all of our _____, that we may be able to _____ those who are in any _____ with the _____ with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (II Cor. 1:3-4)

All true comfort comes from _____. “Every _____ gift, every perfect _____ is from above” (James 1:17). “If anyone lacks _____ let him ask of God and it will be _____ him” (James 1:5).

God is the God of _____. **God is the God of _____.** **God is the God of _____.** “The Lord is _____ and abundant in mercy, _____ iniquity and _____” (Numbers 14:18).

God comforts us when we _____ it most. “For He Himself has said ‘I will never _____ you or _____ you’ (Hebrews 13:5). **God will not _____ us more than we can _____.** “No temptation has overtaken you except such is _____ to man; but God is _____, who will not allow you to be _____ beyond what you are able” (I Corinthians 10:13)

God’s comfort is bestowed in _____, through the _____. “And I will pray the Father and He will give you another _____, that He may _____ with you forever” (John 14:16). **The Holy Spirit comforts through the _____.** “For whatever things were _____ before were written for our _____, that we through the _____ and _____ of the _____ may have hope” (Romans 15:4). **The Holy Spirit comforts through _____.** “Likewise the Spirit also, _____ in our _____, for we do not know what we should _____ for as we ought, but the _____ Himself makes _____” (Romans 8:26)

God comforts us – to _____ us – to _____ others. “Who _____ us in all our _____, that we may be able to _____ those who are in any _____”

God does not comfort us to make us _____, but to make us _____. (John Jowett) “Now we _____ you, brethren, warn those who are _____, comfort the _____, uphold the _____, be _____ with all” (I Thess. 5:14). **Experience gives the gift of _____.**

What are the consequences of true comfort? Joy in what we have _____, _____ and _____ for those who have similar needs.

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 24th Ten Commandments, The Need For Obedience (Deut 5-9).

Wednesday, Nov 27th: Exhortations to obey the law (Deut 10-15)

Sunday, Dec 1st: Conduct expected in the new land (Deut 16-22).

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

Teacher lesson books are available on the table beside the *Education* bulletin board in the foyer. Please make sure you put your name on the class roster when you get your materials.

There are new class preparation materials in the teacher work room.



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.

Thank you teachers for all of the hard work you do for the Lord! A great teacher is a blessing to every life they touch, and we have some great teachers.

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
- Macaroni and cheese



Please leave items on either
side of the pulpit area.

Monetary donations may be
given to one of the Elders.



Challenge Youth Conference

Friday - Sunday
(February 21-23, 2014)
Gatlinburg, TN

*The \$25 deposit needs turned
in to Paul Saunders today.*

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

How old are you when you're too old to be useful? In a day when physical beauty, and supreme health are prized so highly it's no wonder that many begin to question their worth as they grow older.

The Bible teaches us that there is much more to life than looking good and feeling good. In describing a woman's beauty, the Bible says, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised". It is fine and well to look your best, but to neglect the soul is foolish.

To wonder if you have anything to offer because your outside isn't what it used to be is disgraceful! Know this, "the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

President James A. Garfield once wrote, "If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be upon the heart." The Psalmist said, "So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

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, December 1

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Len Haid

Close—Sean Plant

6:00 PM—Dwain Shears

Close—Steve Gray

SCRIPTURE

AM—Leon Hupp

PM—Cody Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Ethan Ash

PM—Rick Stanley

Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Bill Davis

2—Cody Hoover

4—Carolyn Davis

PM

1. Margaret Dawkins & Linda Camp

2. Ron & Peggy Riddle

3. Brandon & Calle Sheppard

4. Kevin & Becky Inman

5. Lenore Vaught & Martha Metz

6. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

Facts and Figures

November 17, 2013

AM Service.....345

Bible Study.....254

PM Service.....234

Wednesday.....233

Contribution\$7031.00

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

AFTER THANKSGIVING

When Thanksgiving Day is over,
Do we give up giving thanks,
Forget what God has done for us
And rejoin the worldly ranks?
Is Thanksgiving just a holiday,
No work and too much food,
Which helps to change our waistline
But not our attitude?
Or does it serve its purpose
To remind us of what God's done,
How he gave us life and substance,
How he gave his own Son.
Be thankful, you can know the God
Who blesses from above;
You can be a vessel of his grace
And a channel for his love.

(Copied) J. Anderson



Happy 90th Birthday to Jo Florence on
November 25!

She is a wonderful Christian example for all of us.

Daily Bible Reading

November 24—James 2, Eze 21
November 25—James 3, Eze 22-23
November 26—James 4, Eze 24-26
November 27—James 5, Eze 27-28
November 28—I Peter 1, Eze 29-31
November 29—I Peter 2, Eze 32-33
November 30—I Peter 3, Eze 34-35
December 1—I Peter 4, Eze 36-37

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.