

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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For You at Autumntime

May autumntime now bring you these:

The glory of the painted trees,
The flaming hills, the amber fields,
The bounty that the harvest yields.

The beauty of a country lane,
A brilliant redbird's glad refrain,
Chrysanthemums in bright bouquet,
A loyal friend along life's way.

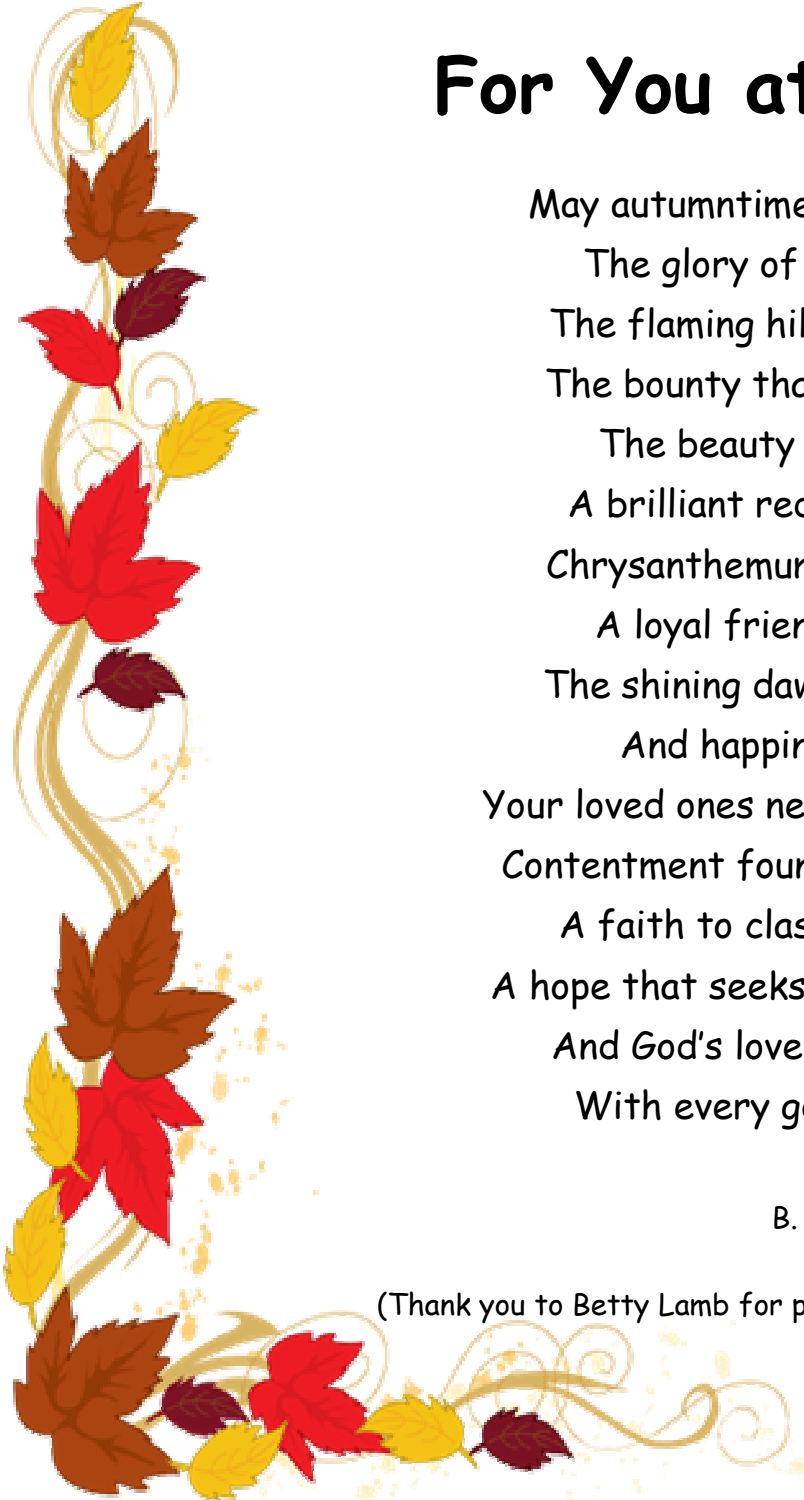
The shining dawn, the sunset's glow,
And happiness to overflow,

Your loved ones near, a child's sweet smile,
Contentment found in things worthwhile.

A faith to clasp, a peace supreme,
A hope that seeks some cherished dream,
And God's love in your heart reborn
With every golden autumn morn!

B. Anderson

(Thank you to Betty Lamb for providing poems for use in our bulletin.)





THANK YOU NOTES

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
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- ♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers, and all acts of kindness while I have been ill. I enjoy hearing from my church family. **Lee Edwards**
- ♥ The cards, visits and prayers were appreciated. **Pat Barclay**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my hospitalization. I am still recuperating—and doing much better. I appreciate my wonderful Christian brothers and sisters. **Jo Florence**
- ♥ Thank you, church family, for making my birthday so special with your sweet words, FB wishes, cards, calls, and gifts. You are precious to me. **Patty Sayre**
- ♥ As I continue to recuperate and to need your prayers, I want to thank you for being so kind with your inquiries, prayers, cards, and visits. Prayerfully, I will be well again soon. **Cotton Sayre**

Thank you Annette Kirk and Jo Goldsmith for decorating bulletin boards in the foyers for the fall season. We appreciate their hard work and creativity with this.



Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Lee Edwards, Jo Florence, Bob and Lillie Fox, Susan Haid, Zandra Holleron, Addie Miller, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Cotton Sayre, Butch Smith, Jim VanCamp, Tabetha Wagoner (Macey Dean as she is spending a semester in Strasbourg, Yugoslavia.)

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Tisha Beaver (Breck Hesselrode's sister), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Lindsay Campbell, Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), Mrs. Cummons (Friend of Ray & Phyllis Johnson), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman'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, Donna Ludwig, Olivia McFee (Jenny Reynold's 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), 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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Diana Hesselrode requested prayers Sunday morning. Please continue to pray for her to gain strength as a Christian.



DEACON'S MEETING

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

GOLDEN AGER FALL FOLIAGE TRIP MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone signed up for the Elkins Fall Foliage/American Mountain Theater trip.

FALL FOLIAGE/AMERICAN THEATER TRIP

Our Golden Agers trip to Elkins will be Thursday, September 26 to view the fall foliage and attend a 2:00PM show at The American Mountain Theater. Lunch at the 1863 Restaurant.

Cost of the trip will be \$50.00 each (includes fuel, lunch, and the show). Leaving the building at 8:00AM and returning around 8:00PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 28 at 8:30PM in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

VALERIA SPROUT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to a picnic at the City Park (Pavilion 5) Saturday, September 28 at noon to celebrate Mrs. Sprout's 80th birthday.

LLL MEETING

Todd Kirk would like to meet next Sunday after evening services in Room 109 with anyone involved in Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes.

BEAN DINNER AT HAID'S CABIN

Everyone is invited to the soup bean dinner at the Haid's cabin Saturday, October 12 at 4:00PM. Please bring items to go with soup beans. Also, bring lawn chairs. Sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Butterfield will be October 13-16.

Sunday, October 13 will also be our Friends & Family Day. Gospel Meeting and Friend's Day invitations are available in both foyers.

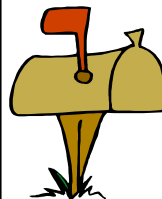
ANNUAL AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

Our annual Amish Country trip will be Tuesday, October 22. Leaving the building at 8:00AM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter with agendas.

Daily Bible Reading

September 22—2 Co 7, Pro 20-21
September 23—2 Co 8, Pro 22-23
September 24—2 Co 9, Pro 24-25
September 25—2 Co 10, Pro 26-28
September 26—2 Co 11, Pro 29-31
September 27—2 Co 12, Ecc 1-3
September 28—2 Co 13, Ecc 4-6
September 29—Galatians 1, Ecc 7-9

CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT



Lee Edwards, Butch Smith, and Zandra Holleron would appreciate cards.

Also, Susan Haid and Addie Miller as they recuperate from surgery.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Friends Day—Who to invite?”

Well - Friend's Day will be here soon - just three weeks from today! What a wonderful opportunity this is to introduce family members, neighbors and friends to our church family at Camden Avenue. But, in order for this to be successful - each of us needs to participate.

Just think of what would happen if all of us who attend regularly would just “duplicate” ourselves; if each individual would invite one friend; if each couple would bring another couple; if each family of four would bring a family of four. We would have the biggest assembly we have had in years.

Our goal is not just to get people into the building - our goal is to introduce them to the Lord and His church. It is actually much easier to invite a first time visitor to a “special event” than it is just to ask them to “attend church with me sometime.” We all think about asking others to attend - this is the time for all of us to put those good intentions to work!

But you ask, “Who should I invite?” The list is nearly endless! Start by inviting other members of your family - especially those who are not members of the church or who have stopped attending. Invite the people you know from work, your next-door neighbor, the people you bowl or play golf with. Ask your child's school teacher, your hair dresser, the fellow that works on your car. Invite your friends; the people you went to school with that you only see occasionally. Send an invitation to former members who have moved away or changed congregations. Don't be afraid of asking the same people as someone else - the more invitations the better.

In order for this effort to be successful we need to keep asking people until we get a commitment. Don't stop asking until someone says yes. Offer them transportation if needed - if there are too many for your car let us know in the office and we will arrange for somebody to pick them up.

Then, most importantly, all of us must make this day a positive experience to all who attend. Get out of your “comfort zone.” Introduce yourself to everybody that you do not already know. Enter into the worship with zeal. Have a wonderful time yourself - this will assure that all visitors will as well!

Brethren, we need to sow some seed! God will bless us with the increase.



Raising Children Like Jesus: (Luke 2:39-52)

And He said to them, “Why is it that you _____ Me? Did you not know that I must be about My _____ business?” Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was _____ to them, but his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in _____, and - _____ and in favor with _____ and _____. (Luke 2:49-52)

God chose for His Son to be _____ in a family. “When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His _____, born of a _____, born under the Law, to _____ those who were under the Law.” (Gal. 4:4-5)

Jesus was totally _____ AND totally _____. “Who being in the _____ of God, did consider it robbery to be _____ with God, but made Himself of no _____, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the _____ of men.” (Philippians 2:6-7)

Joseph and Mary lived their lives in _____ to God. “So when they had performed _____ things according to the _____ of the Lord...” (Luke 2:39)

The foundation for Christian _____ in the _____. “And you _____, do not provoke your children to wrath, but _____ them up in the _____ and the _____ of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4)

Jesus understood his _____. “Did you no know that I must be about My _____ business? (Luke 2:49)

Decisions about serving God should _____ in Childhood. “Remember now your _____ in the days of your _____.” (Eccle. 12:1) **Children submitting to parents is God’s _____ of things. It prepares us to have a _____ with God.**

Jesus was _____ to his _____. “Children _____ your parents in the Lord, for this is _____. Honor your _____ and _____, which is the first commandment with _____.” (Eph. 6:1-3) “Though He was a _____, yet He learned _____ by the things that He _____. And having been _____, He became the author of eternal _____ to all who _____ Him.” (Hebrews 5:8-9)

The results of How Jesus was _____. “And Jesus increased in _____, and _____ and in _____ with God and _____.” (Luke 2:52)

Wisdon: _____ Stature _____ Favor with God _____ Favor with men _____.

The home is where _____ education takes place. “Train up a _____ in the way that he should go, and when he is _____ he will not depart from it.” (Prov.22:6)

Are you a Slave?

~Paul Nygard



James begins his epistle by talking to Christians about how they face trials in life which test their moral character and loyalty to God. Simply existing or surviving through temptations is not enough. Our spiritual reaction and earthly conduct matter to God.

He talks about serving the lord from the position of being a *bondservant*. See how he begins his letter, “James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.” James is not the only one to say this; Paul, Peter, Jude and John all identified themselves as servants, bondservants, and even slaves! Slaves? Really? I thought that we were to be free in Christ, after all, Jesus said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”. (Jn 8.32)

Isn't a slave a person who is bound in chains and forced to do what his master says? Aren't they deprived of their personal freedom? Well, yes, that is exactly right. In most cases this results in poor treatment, harsh punishment, and social upheaval. Just look at how the Hebrews were treated in Egypt.

Jesus is a different type of master however. He said to “take up our cross and *follow* Him.” (Mt 16.24-27). Could it be that He understood because He too had a cross to bear? Christ also said for us to ‘take His yoke upon us’, that He is ‘gentle and lowly in heart’, and ‘we will find rest in Him’ (Mt 11.29).

Perhaps we misunderstand sometimes simply because we have just not had the right experiences. Would it be different if we had witnessed what happened in this story?

The meaning of *doulos* (servant) is well illustrated in the story told by Clayton Wallers: They were in Africa trying to translate the N.T. into five different dialects and came to the word “redeemed.” They would take each word and explain it as fully to the people as possible and then asked them what word in all five dialects explained it best. They spent 30 minutes explaining the word “redeemed” and asked them for the correct word. The word they gave meant, “to take the neck out.” The translators decided they needed to explain the word better, so they started all over, but the men said, “No!” They said they understood exactly what the word meant but that the translators did not understand the word they gave back as its meaning. Back when the slave traders came over to capture their people they put their necks in chains. If one of the locals who was rich enough and a freeman he could buy back one of these people and they would “take his neck out.” Their custom then was to bow down in front of this person and become his slave voluntarily for the rest of his life.

This is exactly what Jesus has done for us! He has spilled His blood so that we could be purchased in our sinfulness, cleansed by Him, then set aside for God's use for life, and as a faithful servant we have the hope and promise of eternal reward with Him in heaven after we depart from this world. If that is what it means to be a bondservant of God, then put the chains on me! How about you? Are you a willing servant of the Lord? Think about it.



K-5th GRADE DEVOTIONAL TODAY

All K-5th graders are invited to a devo. today at the home of Mike and Pam Bayer after morning services. (In the case of rain, this will be held in the MP Room.)

6th-12th GRADE DEVOTIONAL

There will be a 6th-12th grade devo. at the home of Dustin Hughes Saturday, September 28 at 6:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

YOUTH RALLY

There will be a Youth Rally hosted by the Duffy, OH congregation Saturday, October 5 at the Hannibal Elementary School. Leaving our building at 7:30AM and returning approximately 8:30PM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

K-12TH GRADE HOTDOG ROAST/DEVOTIONAL

All K-12th graders are invited the annual Hotdog Roast at the home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith Saturday, October 12 at 4:30PM. Hotdogs, buns and beverages will be provided. Please bring items to go with hotdogs such as baked beans, potato salad, chips, and desserts. Also, please bring lawn chairs. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The following listing of “can not’s” was written in the early 20th century, but its message is still viable for us today!

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people’s initiative.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they can do for themselves.

You cannot lift up the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.



2000 years ago Jesus also made a “cannot” statement when he answered Peter’s question, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus said, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.” (John 13:36)

Yes, there are some things we “cannot do”, but there is one thing we “can do” - - - FOLLOW JESUS!

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, September 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht
 PM—Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Jim Galloway
 Close—Doug Hershman
 6:00 PM— Paul Saunders
 Close—Donovan Walton

SCRIPTURE

AM—Daniel Nygard
 PM—Doug Hinzman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Lemley
 PM—Scott Johnson
 Dan Rich

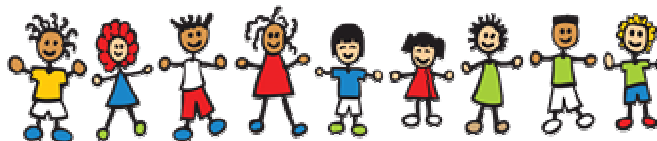
PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Saturday, September 28

Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH
 Registration 9:00-9:30
 “Becoming A Woman After God’s Heart”
 Speaker: **Sally Shank**



Parenting Workshop:

Parenting on Purpose

October 25-26, 2013

Friday 6:30-8:00PM, Saturday 10:00AM-3:00PM

Lunch will be provided.

Lubeck church of Christ

Speaker: Rick Stanley

Details on the bulletin board in both foyers.

*Area Gospel Meeting flyers are also on the
 bulletin boards in both foyers.*

**The Lawn Crew for this
 week is the Kirk crew.**

They include Josh
 Barclay, Delmas
 Carr, and Todd
 Kirk.

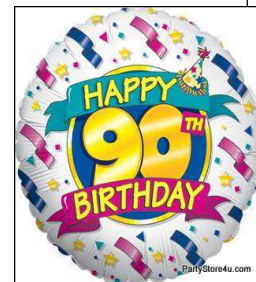


Facts and Figures

September 15, 2013
 AM Service.....317
 Bible Study.....233
 PM Service.....240
 Wednesday.....243
 Contribution\$6865.00
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013
 Baptisms.....3
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....7
 Placed Membership...17

**Happy 90th Birthday to Gilbert
 Hardman this Friday, September 27th!**

We pray you will enjoy many more
 years of health and happiness!
 Thanks for your wonderful Christian
 example!



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, Dish Channel 259,
 DIRECT channel 364, and at
 6:30AM on local cable channel
 4.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

September 29
 WHAT GRACE TEACHES

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
 Friday at 6:00 for the sing at
 the Lower Paw Paw
 congregation.