

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store".
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
and when I came to myself I was standing inside.
I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere.
One handed me a blanket and said, "My Child shop with care."
Everything a Christian needs is in that grocery store,
and all you can't carry, come back the next day for more.

First, I got some Patience, Love was in the same row.
Further down was Understanding, needed everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith.
I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this race,
but then my blanket was getting full, and I remembered I needed Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, which like the others was free,
so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
for I thought I had everything to do my master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer and had to put it in,
for I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Song and praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "How much do I owe?"
The Angel smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I politely asked, "How much do I really owe?"
The Angel smiled again and said, "My Child, Jesus Paid Your Bill A Long Time Ago."

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 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Bill Mills
 Ron Riddle
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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



May 1 - *Ted and Rebecca Miller

May 2 - Calvin Martin

May 3 - Kristi Hoover

May 5 - Belinda Buckley, Linda Blair

May 7 - Don Gaston, Madonna Smith, *John and Karen Life

May 10 - Dwain Shears

May 11 - Austin Hennen, Herb Wright, *Scott and Stacy Smith

May 12 - Kiley Goldsmith, Jenny Ware, *Chris and Teri Cox

May 13 - Michael Caplinger

May 14 - Bill Pralley

May 15 - Dave Nulter, Brady Sheppard, Bill Smith

May 16 - Leonard Haid

May 19 - Shannan Hinzman

May 20 - Jay Cheuvront, Rick Stanley, Brenan Yoho

May 22 - Kira Miller

May 23 - Cindy Huxley

May 26 - *Delmas and Naomi Carr

May 27 - Steve Allen, Kaelyn Alexander

May 28 - Sarah Hinzman

May 29 - John Rockhold III

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



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Ann Barclay, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Jim VanCamp, Kelsie Wadlington

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Jack Plumley, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room today following worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

6th-12th GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services for 6th-12th grade students and their parents in Room 109.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW EVENING

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room. We will have dinner at 5:45 with work projects at 6:20. Everyone is invited.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS THIS WEEK

The Ladies class will meet this Tuesday in the MP Room at 6:00 for a covered dish supper followed by class at 7:00.

GOLDEN AGERS OUTLET TRIP THIS THURSDAY

The Golden Agers will be going to the Jeffersonville, OH outlets this Thursday. We plan to leave the building at 7:00AM. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY APRIL 21

The North End Youth Rally for 6th-college age will be this Saturday from 8:30-4:30. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

LADIES TEA AND LUNCH MAY 5

The Ladies Tea and Lunch (formerly the Mother Daughter banquet) will be Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 in the MP Room. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

A THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks for the beautiful anniversary cards. It's been a short eight years.

Dave and Lois Nulter

I appreciate the sympathy cards I received.

Margaret Dawkins



Daily Bible Reading

April 15 - Lu 11:29-54, Jud 5-6
April 16 - Lu 12:1-21, Jud 7-8
April 17 - Lu 12:22-40, Jud 9-10
April 18 - Lu 12:41-59, Jud 11-13
April 19 - Lu 13:1-17, Jud 14-16
April 20 - Lu 13:18-35, Jud 17-19
April 21 - Lu 14:1-14, Jud 20-21
April 22 - Lu 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2



Gospel Meeting

Flyers are available in the foyers that may used to invite others to our Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach May 6-9.



SEVEN WORDS TO LIVE BY

I saw a short article in Reader's Digest entitled "Seven Words To Live By" by John W. Gardner, former secretary of HEW. I found it to be a stimulating little article. He begins by asking, "Suppose that you could offer one word of advice to a person living in the year 2050 – one word! What would it be?"

Seven words to live by . . . I began thinking about these seven words. I asked myself: "From the vantage point of our Christian faith, what seven words would I select? Here are my seven:

BELIEVE. Here is where it all begins. Right where living begins – right where the Bible begins. "In the beginning God . . ." That takes care of all the rest of the questions. At the heart of life must be belief.

LOVE. Love of God and love of man (Mark 12:30). Do you see everyone through the eyes of love? Do you identify with them? Do you share life with them?

GIVE. When you love, you give. Giving of one's self and possessions is an important part of successful living. If you were to name the happiest people you know, who would you name? I am quite sure it would not be a selfish, self-centered person – but it would be an open handed generous person.

LEARN. We need to learn from our mistakes and failures as well as from our successes. People are like Mark Twain's cat. His cat sat down on a hot stone. "It would have been wonderful," said Mark Twain, "if the cat had just learned something from the experience, which is, 'do not sit down on a hot stone,' but the cat learned too much. He never sat down on any stone at all again." He over-reacted. Just because one stone is hot doesn't mean all stones are hot. People today need to learn from crisis, not just react.

FORGIVE. No happiness is possible unless you forgive. Having been forgiven of our sins, saved by grace through faith, we then should forgive others when they sin against us. "Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

WORK. The world is divided into two basic groups. Those who have initiative, drive, purpose, dedication and those who are lazy, lethargic and indolent. In which group are you? We have been given the greatest privilege in the world: living in a land of opportunity for education and achievement.

HOPE. Jesus said to eleven ordinary men, "Go ye into the world. . ." (Matthew 28:19). What if they had said, "THIS IS HOPELESS"? Hope – dream. We need to see stars.

Here are seven words to live by: **Believe, Love, Give, Learn, Forgive, Work, and Hope.**

SERMON NOTES

To Obey is better! (1 Samuel 15:10-24)



Some misconceptions about obedience. To Saul obedience meant: Doing _____ of what God said to do. Doing what _____ felt was best. Choosing _____ of God's commandments were essential and which were not.

Obedience in the eyes of God: To God obedience means to do _____. He says to do - the _____. He says to do it! Saul _____. God - he did _____ do what _____ told him to do. "I greatly _____ that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned _____ from _____. Me, and has not _____ My commandments." (1 Sam. 15:11)

Many believe they are saved - but won't be because they are _____. They believe in Jesus - but have not _____ the gospel. (Mark 16:15-16) They worship, but not in the _____ that _____ has instructed. (Matthew 15:9) They teach God's word - but do not _____ it. (James 1:22)

1) Pride kept Saul from being obedient. Pride makes us think that _____ that apply to others do not _____ to us. Pride makes some _____ that they know more than God. "Has the Lord as great _____ in burnt offering and sacrifices as in _____ the voice of the Lord? Behold to _____ is better than to _____." (1 Sam. 15:22)

2) Stubbornness kept Saul from obedience. A proud man will stubbornly rationalize and _____ the effort of his way. The rebellious spirit does not obey God - because it does not _____ to. "For _____ is as the sin of witchcraft; and _____ is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the _____ of the Lord, He has also _____ you." (1 Sam. 15:23)

3) Saul was more concerned about pleasing _____ than pleasing _____. "I have _____, for I have _____ the commandment of the Lord... because I _____ the people and obeyed their voice." (1 Sam 15:24)

Obedience is the _____ consideration. You may say "I believe in Jesus." "Faith without _____ is dead." (James 2:20) You may say "I love God." "If you love Me, _____ My commandments." (John 14:15) You may say "I am an active member of the church." "Not everyone who _____ Me Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who _____ the will of My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

Only the obedient will be _____. "Though He was a Son, yet he learned _____ by the things which He suffered. And having been _____, he became the author of eternal _____ to all who _____ him." (Hebrews 5:8-9) "Let us hear the _____ of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his _____ for this is the whole _____ of man." (Eccle. 12:13)

Small Things = Big Difference

~ Phillip Johnson



Do not despise the day of small things. Steve Jobs became one of the greatest technological innovators who has ever lived. His inventions including the iPhone and iPad have changed how we live. Steve Jobs had an initial exposure to computers. Michael Jordan is considered by many to be the greatest basketball player ever.

Once upon a time, Michael Jordan took his first dribble and his first shot. Evgeny Kissin is one of the great pianists of our time. There was a day when his fingers touched the piano keys for a first time.

Do not despise the day of small things. It's the small things that can help you build a strong relationship with your spouse. A simple compliment and a small touch can make a big difference. Simply saying, "Thank you", "I love you", "I'm proud of you", and "I appreciate you", can be huge building blocks in a marriage relationship.

Do not despise the day of small things. Look what Jesus started with a small beginning. John 1 is a record of the beginning of Jesus' ministry from an eyewitness account. Jesus' ministry started with the calling of Andrew, Peter, John, James, Philip and Nathanael. This marked the beginning of a huge, lasting movement. There wasn't a huge public display to mark the launch of Jesus' ministry. There wasn't a big fireworks show to kick everything off. It was simply willingness on the part of others to follow Jesus when He called them.

Do not despise the day of small things. We want to do great things in the kingdom for God. We want to serve in big ways. We want to be a part of something that's big and grand and memorable. Remember...it's the small things that can make a big difference. Listen to Jesus' words in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much..." Small opportunities may be turned into great blessings. Take time to do the small things in your spiritual walk. Read your Bible every day. Pray continually. Write a note of encouragement to someone who is sick, shut-in or struggling spiritually. Take a few minutes to walk across the street and invite your neighbors to worship. Express thanks to your elders and Bible class teachers. Be faithful to God today. Do not despise the day of small things. It's the small things that can make a big difference.

(More of Phillip's encouraging writing can be found at

<http://phillipjohnson.wordpress.com/>)

FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

Our age is a time when many proponents, through false information and logic, attempted to discredit Christianity by challenging the age of the earth. Because evolution cannot explain itself, it demands an old earth. The evolutionists have to reject both science and scriptures. Bert Thompson, PhD., in his Scripture and Science Series presents **The Bible and the Age of the Earth.**

Our children are being bombarded by false science. Secondly, whether we realize it or not, every day in print, on television, and even on computers, false science is being spread as truth at an alarming rate. Only by knowing the pure truth, can Christians stand against the tidal wave of the Devil's schemes.

These featured books were donated in memory of my mother, Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.

John Rockhold III

THANK YOU

We would like to thank each person who has helped support our recent trip to the Lads/Leaderettes Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Without you this experience for our kids would not have been possible. There were many different ways that your support was shown. A lot of hours of your time were sacrificed by supporting the kids as event coordinators and mentors.

Your generosity in the picnic supplies that were donated for our trip. The financial support of countless number of people who gave money.

Bill and I would like to say a special "Thank You" to the parents, grandparents and adults who went on our trip. What a wonderful way to express to our children how important they are to us, but more important in serving God.

In whatever way that you helped it was very much appreciated.

Bill Mills and Todd Kirk

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor, noticed a pattern when he studied the advance and decline of the world's democracies. He wrote that a democracy would continue to exist until the voters discover that they can literally vote themselves gifts from the public treasury. From the moment that revelation is made, the majority proceeds to vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits. The final result is that every democracy finally collapses due to loose fiscal policy. And that collapse is always followed by a dictatorship.

In every example Tyler studied, each democracy progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; and finally from dependence back into bondage. Does this scare you about our nation? I think it should!

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE APRIL 22

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life
PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ryan Gaston
Close - Dwain Shears
6:00 PM - Leon Hupp
Close - Kyle Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Todd Kirk
PM - Delmas Carr
COMMUNION TABLE
AM - Jimmy Galloway
PM - Rick Stanley
Josh Barclay

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray



GOSPEL MEETINGS

- Rosemar congregation
April 15-18
Various speakers
- West Union congregation
April 15-18
Speaker: Gary C. Hampton
- Spencer congregation
April 15-20
Speaker: John Keith
- Hopewell congregation
April 27-29
Speaker: Garry Jones
- Walter Street/Rt. 23 and
Kyle Avenue in Salem, WV
April 29-May 4
Speaker: Melvin Rogers

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES' DAY

Saturday, April 21
Lynn Street Church of Christ
Speaker: Sally Shank

* Details are on the bulletin
boards in both foyers. *



Events this week. . .

Today

- ✓ Fellowship Lunch
- ✓ 5:00 Men's Meeting
- ✓ 5:30 Bible Busters

Monday

5:45 Monday Night For
The Master

Tuesday

6:00 Tuesday Evening
Ladies Class

Wednesday

7:00 Bible Study

Thursday

Golden Ageds Outlet
shopping trip

Friday

Friday Night sing at the
Lubeck congregation

Saturday

North End Youth Rally

The Lawn Crew for this week is
the Dean crew.

They include Mark
Dean, Dwain Shears,
Chris Tallman, and
Donovan Walton.



Facts and Figures

April 8, 2012

AM Service.....334
Bible Study.....217
PM Service.....208
Wednesday.....197
Contribution.....\$10895.42

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....4
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....2
Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00



Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
at 6:30 this week for the
sing at the Lubeck
congregation.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF
THE LORD'S WAY" each
Sunday morning at 7:30
on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

April 22
THE JUDGMENT