

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Our Gospel Meeting with
Clarence DeLoach will begin
in just two weeks, May 6 - 9.



Topics

Sunday 9:30 - The Fruit of the Spirit is JOY

Sunday Bible Class 11:00 - The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE

Sunday PM Service 6:00 - The Fruit of the Spirit is PEACE

Monday 7:00PM - The Fruit of the Spirit is PATIENCE

Tuesday 7:00PM - The Fruit of the Spirit is KINDNESS

Wednesday 7:00 PM - The Fruit of the Spirit is FAITHFULNESS

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

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Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Herselman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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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, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister, 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, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. It made my day. **Pam Bayer**
- ♥ We appreciate all of the birthday cards. **Anthony, Deanna, and Gavin Hilliard**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and all kind words for our 25th anniversary. **Mike and Pam Bayer**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. I just loved them. **Pat Burkey**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the very nice cards, reminding us once again that we are a year older. **Mike and Teresa Wade**



LLL RECONGNITION TODAY

Everyone is invited to the LLL Recognition in the MP Room today following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The next Fellowship Lunch will be hosted by Care Group 2 on Sunday, May 6 in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring a covered dish or dessert item and join us.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

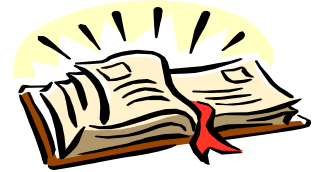
Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida will be Senior week June 10-15, Junior week June 17-22, and Intermediate week June 26-29. To hold the campers fee to a minimum, they are again asking for food donation from the local congregations. The list is on the counter in the foyer and needs to be at the building by Sunday, May 20. Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation with camp costs, see one of the elders by May 6.

OVU A CAPELLA SINGERS CONCERT

The A Capella Singers of Ohio Valley University invite you to a free concert this Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Roberts Chapel.

PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

Our church pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned soups, and spaghetti sauce. Items may be left in the library.



Daily Bible Reading

April 22 - Luke 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2
April 23 - Luke 15, Ruth 3-4
April 24 - Luke 16, I Sam 1-3
April 25 - Luke 17:1-19, I Sam 4-6
April 26 - Lu 17:20-37, I Sam 7-9
April 27 - Lu 18:1-17, I Sam 10-12
April 28 - Lu 18:18-43, I Sam 13-14
April 29 - Lu 19:1-27, I Sam 15-16



Our Gospel Meeting

May 6-9

Clarence DeLoach

Camden Avenue 500

(Friend's Day)

Sunday, May 27

Vacation Bible School

Make plans now to attend
our Super Saturday VBS
June 16.

LADIES TEA AND LUNCH



The Ladies Tea and Lunch
(formerly the Mother
Daughter banquet) will be
Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 in
the MP Room.

An enjoyable afternoon is
being planned for you and
your guest(s). We hope you
choose to attend!

The sign-up list is in the foyer.



GENUINE LOVE

The one thing most people want in this world is joy. But, sadly, many will go through life and never experience it. Some have made a habit of ruining joy by always looking on the dark side of life. Others have confused joy with fun, and so always seem to come up short. They think that if they are not having fun they cannot be joyful.

Somehow they miss the fact that Paul wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice” from the dark, dampness of a Roman prison. (Phil. 4:4). Surely he wasn’t having much fun, but it didn’t stop his joy in the Lord.

Genuine joy comes from understanding four things. When we develop these in our lives, joy naturally follows.

1. **REALIZE YOU ARE LOVED BY GOD.** With God on our side, what else do we need? (Romans 8:31)
2. **KNOW YOU ARE FORGIVEN.** Why carry guilt around like a large boulder weighing us down? Learn that God has forgiven and that will restore the joy of salvation. (Psalm 53:12)
3. **TRUST GOD’S CARE.** The world knows no joy because it is overwhelmed by fear. Some are fearing the effects of “global warming” while others fear a coming ice age. But the Christian knows God is in charge, and he’s on our side.
4. **LIVE BY GOD’S STANDARDS.** The Prodigal Son ruined his joy when he left his father’s home, and insisted on living by his own rules. He chose wrong activities and paid the price. Living by God’s rules does not eliminate joy, it creates it.

The word “joy” or “rejoice” is used over 600 times in the Bible, about once every two chapters. Our joy and happiness is important to God, and he tells us how to achieve it. “Rejoice always.” (1 Thess. 5:16)

SERMON NOTES

“Take Time to be Holy” (I Peter 1:13-16)



“But as He who called you is _____, you also be holy in all your _____, because it is _____, “Be _____, for I am _____.” (I Peter 1:3-4)

1) Taking time to be holy, is taking time for prayer. **“Speak _____ with Thy _____.”** “Lead us not into _____, but _____ us from the evil one.” (Matt. 16:13) “Let us therefore come _____ before the throne of grace that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in the time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16) **Holy living requires much _____.** “Pray without _____.” (I Thess. 5:17) “Being _____ in tribulation, continuing steadfast in _____.” (Colossians 4:1) **“Spend much time in _____, with Jesus alone.” “Forgetting in _____ His _____ to seek.”**

2) Taking Time to be holy, is taking time to be _____ by His _____. **“Abide in Him always, and _____ on His word.”** When Jesus was tempted, He answered ‘It is _____.’ “All _____ is given by the inspiration of God and is _____ for doctrine, for reproof, for _____, for instruction in _____.” (II Timothy 3:16)

3) Taking time to be holy, is taking time for _____. **“Be _____ in thy soul. Each _____ and each motive beneath His _____.”** “Be _____ in nothing, but in everything by _____ and supplication, let your requests be made known unto _____.” (Phil. 4:6)

4) Taking time to be holy, is taking time for _____. **“Make _____ of God’s _____; help those who are _____.”** “That He might redeem us from every _____ deed and purify for Himself His own _____ people, zealous of good _____.” (Titus 2:14) “As we have opportunity, let us do good unto _____ people, especially those of the household of _____.” (Galatians 6:10) “Warn those who are _____, comfort the faint-hearted, uphold the _____, be _____ with all.” (I Thess. 5:14). **A holy life is one that is _____ for others. “Abiding in Jesus, like _____ thou shalt be.... Thy friends in thy _____, His likeness shall see.”**

5) Taking time to be holy is taking time to be _____. **“Thus lead by His _____, to fountains above, thou soon shall be _____ for service above.”** “For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____ works, that He has ordained that we should _____ in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Putting The Pieces Together

~P. Nygard



Some people really enjoy putting a jigsaw puzzle together. They will analyze and group shapes, and then set aside similar pieces and colors according to their method of puzzle solving. For a real challenge, they may not ever look at the picture on the box as their nimble fingers place the pieces together.

I have to tell you, this is not me. My puzzle attention span is shorter than a fifteen year old boy's when mom says, "hey, do you want to play some scrabble?" Noooooooooooooo!

The only frustration I have ever really noticed from a master puzzler is when a piece or two is missing from the box. Spending hours snapping cardboard together only to find that the picture cannot be completed can be a true disappointment.

In some ways, God's word is like a puzzle that must be put together. In order to understand difficult passages of scripture, we must search for the pieces of truth and put them together correctly in order to gain clear understanding.

For example, some believe that Jesus did not finish His work here on earth. They teach that He was manifested in order to establish His earthly kingdom, on the throne of David as promised in the Old Testament. Furthermore, they teach that the Jews rejected Jesus. Because of this, God had to change His plans and returned Jesus to heaven until a time when Christ will once again return to earth and set up His kingdom for 1,000 years before the end of the world.

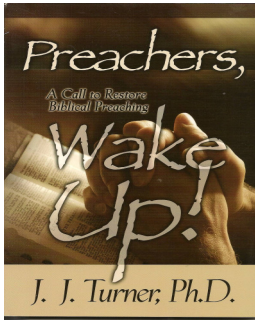
Christians need to know that this doctrine is untrue, and taught by false teachers. With just a few passages in scripture we can gain a clearer understanding of Christ's kingdom.

The Jewish people wanted to take Jesus by force and make Him their king (Jn 6.15). Jesus did not allow this to happen and departed from them. Later, when Pilate asked Jesus if He was the king of the Jews (Jn 18.33-38), Jesus answered that He was a king, but that His kingdom was not of this world.

Paul describes the return of Jesus in I Thes 4.13-18. In doing so, we see that the faithful will be caught up in the air with Him. Paul never describes an earthly throne.

The Hebrews writer proves to us that Jesus is currently sitting on the throne of His kingdom (in heaven), ruling today (Heb 1).

The simple truth is that the Bible teaches us that Christ's kingdom is a spiritual one, and that all who are in the church are a part of His kingdom already. There are more passages of scripture that show that Jesus will not return to reign for a thousand years. It is our duty to find them and properly put the pieces together so that we may understand and show others.



FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

God, in desiring to spread His word of salvation, choose the means of preaching. (I Corinthians 1:21)

For there to be preaching of necessity, there must be preachers. (Romans 10:13-15) However, we must not have just preaching, but faithful and forceful Biblical conveyance of God's Holy Word.

J.J. Turner writes in the last book of his series for a call to return to Bible matters in **Preachers, Wake Up!** (A call to Restore Biblical Preaching). While written about preaching, the book is extremely valuable to the member in the pew, who has to endure poor or weak preaching. That same listener can however, be refreshed and renewed by plain, positive and thought-provoking presentation of the pure gospel. Lives can be changed, directions given and souls saved by preaching.

An examination of the table of contents should wet the appetite of any Christian - elder, preacher, deacons, old saint or newborn Christian.

Your soul will be imparted by what is preached, therefore, know what Biblical preaching is and demand the best.

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

John Rockhold III

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Joseph Leek, a 90 year old Britisher, was a tightwad. He regularly sauntered to his neighbor's house to watch television in order to reduce his electricity bill. It was a shock to everyone after his death when he left almost two million dollars to an organization that provides guide dogs for the blind.

Too bad he never met the English spinster, Mary Guthrie Essame. She was a retired nurse who also wore hand-me-downs and lived in a ramshackle house. Friends were amazed when she left ten million dollars to charity upon her death.

These kinds of stories - and there are many of them - remind us of two things. First, from a material

perspective, we should live simply and wisely so as to be faithful supporters of God's work. But second, in a spiritual sense, how sad to live as paupers when we're the children of the King. Our God loads us with blessings every day, and we should fully enjoy the peace and pleasure of His promises and His presence.

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



HOW OLD ARE YOUUUU?????

Age is a quality of the mind,
If your dreams you've left behind.
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitions' fires are dead
Then you ARE old.

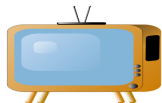
But . . . if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the zest,
If love you hold,
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly-
You are NOT old.



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"The hoary (silver-haired) head is a crown of glory, if it is
in the way of righteousness" **Proverbs 16:31.**

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

April 29
Heaven

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at
5:15 this week for the sing
at the South Logan, OH
congregation.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE APRIL 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash
PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bill Merrill
Close - Jeff Taberner
6:00 PM - Dave Wadlington
Close - Bill Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Camp
PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dana Slingluff
PM - Dearll Vincent
Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week
is the Kirk crew.

They include Steve
Allen, Delmas Carr, Todd
Kirk, and Daniel Nygard.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETINGS

- 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

Warren Apologetics Center presents
THE SECOND ANNUAL SPRING APOLOGETICS LECTURES
ENGAGING MORAL PHILOSOPHY FOR CONTEMPORARY
APOLOGETICS

Speaker: Rolland E. Pack, PhD.

May 10, 2012 9:00-3:00

Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV
RSVP by May 1 to 877.350.9222

Facts and Figures

April 15, 2012

AM Service.....310
Bible Study.....254
PM Service.....217
Wednesday.....205
Contribution.....\$6796.01

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

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