

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Time to Rejoice

Open the windows and let the sun in.
Oh, listen how sweet the birds sing;
The bond of winter has broken away,
It's time to rejoice and greet spring.

Hillsides are lovely in green once again,
And blossoms appear on the trees.
Flowers are waking aroused by spring's kiss,
And lilac scent drifts on the breeze.

Earth now is bursting with joy and rebirth.
Oh, how can a soul fail to sing!
After life's winter comes heart-peace and hope-
All part of God's promise called spring.

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Gary Herridge
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Ron Riddle
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We extend our sympathy to the following:



So Sorry For Your Loss

- * Melissa Caplinger and family in the passing of her step-father, Larry Stewart. His funeral was Wednesday.
- * Margaret Dawkins and family in the passing of her brother, Bob Vincent. His funeral was Wednesday in Georgia.
- * Rose Merrill and family in the passing of her brother, Jack England. His funeral was Tuesday.



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.



- ♥ Thank you for all the cards. I appreciate being remembered on my birthday. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for all acts of kindness shown during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Dave Lamp for the visit and prayer. **Allen Coe**
- ♥ For the kind words, gifts, beautiful cards, the surprise of the roses - I sincerely thank you - made my birthday a special one. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. They made my day! **Rob Hoover**
- ♥ Thank you for all acts of kindness shown at the death of my brother. **Rose Merrill**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I have been sick and seem to be on the mend now. Hope to see you soon at church. **Sheila Deems**



RESTORED

Glenn Snider came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers.

MID-OHIO VALLEY GIRLS YOUTH RALLY APRIL 14

The Girls Youth Rally for the 6th grade-college age will be held this Saturday from 9:30-5:30 at OVU. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will next Sunday. Care Group 1 invites everyone to bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages and join in the fellowship.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet next Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 in the MP Room.

GOLDEN AGERS OUTLET TRIP APRIL 19

The Golden Agers will be going to the Jeffersonville, OH outlets Thursday, April 19. Leaving the building at 7:00AM. The sign-up list is in the foyer.

NORTH END YOUTH RALLY APRIL 21

The North End Youth Rally for 6th-college age will be Saturday, April 21 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 will be Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 in the MP Room. More details will follow. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

CHURCH PANTRY

The following items are needed in the church pantry: chicken noodle soup, jelly, spaghetti sauce/pasta, and canned fruit. Items may be left in the library.

All ladies are invited to meet Tuesday at the Western Sizzlin for lunch at noon.



Please bring travel size toiletry items. They will be donated to Vanessa Herridge's mission trip to Honduras.



Our Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach will be May 6-9.

Flyers are available in both foyers for you to use to invite your friends and family.

COUPONS

Remember to bring coupons to the library for the exchange. We have a request for baby product coupons. Also, feel free to take any that you can use.

Daily Bible Reading

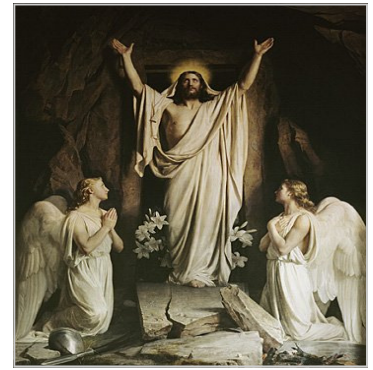


April 8 - Luke 8:40-56, Jos 15-16
April 9 - Luke 9:1-27, Jos 17-18
April 10 - Luke 9:28-45, Jos 19-20
April 11 - Luke 9:46-62, Jos 21-22
April 12 - Luke 10:1-20, Jos 23-24
April 13 - Luke 10:21-42, Jud 1-2
April 14 - Luke 11:1-28, Jud 3-4
April 15 - Luke 11:29-54, Jud 5-6



DANA'S DIRECTION

Fact and Truth



Though it makes a difference to someone, whether a sports team wins a tournament or championship has no effect on my life. Not even on my emotional scale.

Jesus rose from the dead. This is a fact, like the announcement of the winning team of a playoff. But more than a fact, it is a truth. A significant truth. A transforming truth. As Paul said, "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (I Corinthians 15:14 ESV).

The truth that Jesus was raised from the grave demands action. The first time this truth was spoken, an angel hurried two disciples out of the tomb.

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you" (Matthew 28:6-7).

This truth yanks a fisherman back away from the nets. This truth turns moping and mourning into joy. This truth converts a listless saint into white hot running.

Because this truth changes the whole game. It explodes the locked door of death. It blows away the mists of eternity. It locks down the hope of a happy future. It guarantees our follow-up experience.

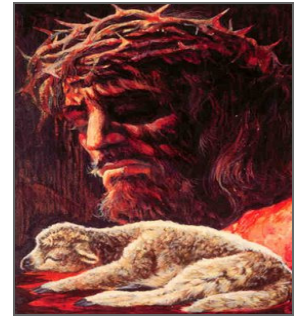
"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

His resurrection truth becomes our resurrection truth.

This transformation truth we celebrate each Lord's Day as we eat the bread and drink the cup.

SERMON NOTES

Are you washed in the blood? (Hebrews 9:22-28)



Blood is essential for our eternal life. “For the _____ of the flesh is in the _____: and I have given it to you upon the alter to make an _____ for your souls: for it is the _____ that makes an atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11)

Blood has always stood between _____ and his relationship to _____. With _____ and Abel, the Patriarchs. During the _____ “When I see the _____, I will _____ over you; and the plague will not be on you to _____ you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Ex. 12:13) **Under Mosaic _____.** “The High _____ went alone once a year, not without _____ which he offered for himself and for the people’s _____. (Hebrews 9:7)

Forgiveness requires the _____ of blood. “Without the shedding of _____ there is no _____.” (Hebrews 9:22) For it is not possible that the blood of _____ and goats could take away _____.” (Hebrews 11:4)

Jesus was the _____ sacrificed for our _____. “Behold the _____ of God that takes away the _____ of the world.” (John 1:29)

Jesus is our High _____. “Not with the blood of bulls and calves, but with His _____ blood He entered the Most Holy Place, _____ for all, having obtained eternal _____.” (Hebrews 9:12) **Jesus is the _____.** “For He made him to be _____ for us, who knew no sin.” (II Cor. 5:21). **Jesus is the _____ that was slain.** “He was brought as a _____ to the slaughter, and as a _____ before his shearer is _____, so He opened not His mouth.” (Isaiah 53:7)

We are _____ by the _____ of Jesus. “but with the precious _____ of Jesus, as of a _____ without _____ and without spot.” (I Peter 1:19).

The blood of Jesus brought into effect the _____ covenant.

Because of the blood of Jesus – we can have _____ of our sins. “This is my blood of the new _____, which is shed for many for the remission of _____.” (Matthew 26:28) “In whom we have _____ through His blood, the _____ of sins.” (Colossians 1:14)

Because of the blood of Jesus – We can be part of His _____. “Shepherd the church of God, which He _____ with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

Because of the blood of Jesus – we can have _____ of salvation.

There is but one way to contact the blood of Jesus – through the obedient act of _____.

Crumbling Home Fronts

~Paul Nygard



America's ambassador to Japan, Douglas MacArthur II, served as Counselor of the State Department under John Foster Dulles. Like Dulles, MacArthur was a hard worker. Once when Dulles telephoned the MacArthur home asking for Douglas, Mrs. MacArthur mistook him for an aide and snapped irately, "MacArthur is where MacArthur always is, weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and nights – in that office!"

Within minutes, MacArthur got a telephone order from Dulles: "Go home at once, boy. Your home front is crumbling." (Source Unknown)

In fact, many home fronts are crumbling away across our nation because spouses do not spend enough time with each other or their children. Parents often work two or three jobs while at the same time making sure the homework gets done, the children are engaged in sports, scouts, or other interests. To be honest, they don't even spend much time in the same room together, and family meals around the supper table have become a relic of a bygone era

A couple can become more like roommates than husband and wife, spending more time with everything else in life than they do with each other.

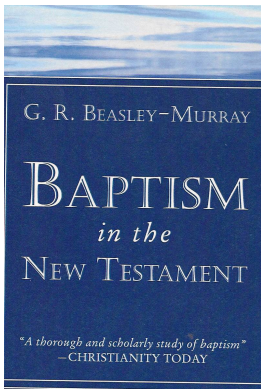
Love is a decision to be made and nourished, not just a feeling to be shared once and a while (Eph 5.22-23). A husband *must* love his wife as much as he cares for himself and wives *must* give respect to their husband in the same manner.

God instructs couples to *enjoy* one another (Prov 5.15-19). How can they do that if they do not willingly build their relationship through mutual love?

Parents are to love their children and in truth, most do. Their love however, must go beyond providing for their physical growth and driving them to their games before making sure the homework is done and finally collapsing into bed, exhausted.

Godly parents show true love to their children by bringing God into their homes and making Him the center of it (Eph 6.4, Mt 10.37, Deut 6.4-9).

As God's people, we have to turn to Him and His way for living our lives. We will be happier when we do. It is time for families across the nation to shore up our foundations, strengthen our homes, reunite with our spouses, and provide our children with the greatest gift of all, a personal relationship with God who loves them deeper than we ever could.



FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

One fact that every reader should be aware of is that every writer has a prejudice. So it seems that a Baptist scholar would advocate baptism as a sign of already being saved. However, the British Baptist theologian, G.R. Beasley-Murray has written the definitive work on Baptism in the New Testament.

The six chapters are not for the causal reader. Beasley-Murray starts with antecedents of Christian Baptism. He moves to the Foundation of Christian Baptism. Time is devoted to examining the Acts of the Apostles.

A lengthy development is made of New Testament scriptures dealing with Baptism beginning with Pauline Literature, followed by Johannine Literature and concluding with Hebrews and Peter.

Chapter five makes the connection between Christian Baptism and other New Testament Doctrines of Grace, Faith, the Spirit, the Church, Ethics, Hope and finally, the Necessity of Baptism.

The sixth and final chapter investigates “the Rise and Significance of Infant Baptism.” Since baptism is necessary for salvation, and in view of the fact that most people do not understand, it is imperative for us as New Testament Christians to comprehend all the facets of baptism. Therefore, this book is highly recommended.

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



It was a sunny Saturday afternoon, and the father wanted to take his two young boys out to play miniature golf. He walked up to the ticket counter and asked, “How much for the three of us to play a round of golf?” The teenager behind the counter replied, “\$5 for you and \$5 for any kid older than six. We let them play for free if they are six and younger. How old are they?” The father said, “One is three and the other is seven, so I guess I owe you \$10.” The teenager said, “Hey, mister, did you just win the

lottery or something? You could have saved yourself 5 bucks. You could have told me that the seven year old was six, and I wouldn’t have known the difference.” The man replied, “Yes, but they would have known the difference and so would I.”

Integrity is a choice we make. Our integrity is not just being honest toward one another, but also toward God. And if God can hear silent prayers, He also knows what we are thinking! Honesty truly is “the best policy!”

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 15**

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

SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay
PM - Ethan Ash

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Walter Morgan
Close - Paul Saunders
6:00 PM - Paul Inman
Close - Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson
PM - Korey Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - John Hall
PM - Len Haid
Delmas Carr

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

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



UPCOMING TOPIC
April 15
THE RESURRECTION

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
this week at 6:00 for the
sing at the Harmar Hill
congregation in Ohio.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETINGS

- Pennsboro congregation
April 8-13
Speaker: J.D. Conley
- Mineral Wells congregation
April 9-12
Various speakers
- 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
- Hillview Terrace congregation in Moundsville
April 29-May 4
Speaker: Ken Burton
- Walter Street/Rt. 23 and Kyle Avenue in Salem, WV
April 29-May 4
Speaker: Melvin Rogers

STARK COUNTY MEN'S RETREAT

April 13-14

Hosted by the Northwest congregation in Canton, OH, where Earl
Ash preaches.

7th ANNUAL LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

April 14

Pursley congregation
Speaker: Janna Menear

24th ANNUAL GOLDEN AGERS DAY

April 14 10:00AM - 2:30PM

New Concord congregation

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. ***
We will provide transportation to some of these events.
Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.

The Lawn Crew for this week is
the Taberner crew.

They include Josh Barclay,
Korey Inman, Kyle Inman,
Scott Johnson, and
Jeff Taberner.



Facts and Figures

April 1, 2012

AM Service.....271

Bible Study.....206

PM Service.....207

Wednesday.....227

Contribution.....\$9025.06

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