

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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TIS THE SEASON

As the season draws close when we think of others, let us not let this season end, but continue it through the year. And, may the following prayer guide us in His work:

“Lord, let me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way.
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true.
And know that all I’d do for you
Must needs be done for others.
And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven’s begun;
May I forget the crown I’ve won
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yea others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me live for others
That I may live like thee.”

Selected

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Josh Barclay
Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Everett Sams
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HOSPITAL

Camden Clark

Colleen Ash (Room 506), Pat Barclay (Room 127)

Jenny Reynolds is now home recuperating.

Ed Lemley, a member at the 36th Street congregation, is to have cataract surgery December 15. He is blind and this procedure may restore some of his vision.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr. Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Phyllis Johnson, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Jenny Reynolds, Cotton Sayre, Leonard Shears, and Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Linda Keller, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Frank Love, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Wes McIntyre, Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, and Angel White

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

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thanks for all of the beautiful birthday cards. Birthdays are not so bad even at 88 when you receive so many cards with kind thoughts and best wishes. **Jo Florence**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent cards and gifts to me, especially the Sunday morning kindergarten class and the Wednesday evening 4th and 5th grade class. I enjoyed the crafts. I am doing okay. Love ya', **Lidia DiConcilis** (Cotton and Patty Sayre's granddaughter)
- ♥ I want to thank those who gave me the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and best wishes for my birthday. In Christian love, **Bonnie Sams**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one of them. **Don Nesselroad**

- ♥ A special thank you to **Bonnie Sams** for making the communion bread for November.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will be today in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes. Care Group 1 invites everyone to bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages and join in the fellowship.

LADIES LUNCHEON AT COLOMBO'S RESTAURANT

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch Tuesday at Colombo's Restaurant at noon. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship together. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange.

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

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

DEACON'S MEETING CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

The Deacon's Meeting for December has been cancelled.

SING NIGHT DECEMBER 28

Wednesday, December 28 we will have a singing service. Bring snacks and beverages to be served in the MP Room following the service.

NEW YEARS EVE. GET TOGETHER

Saturday, December 31 there will be a get together at Mineral Wells Elementary School. Everyone is invited.

AREA WIDE SERVICE JANUARY 8

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 8 at 3:00. The Sunrise congregation will be in charge. Everyone is encouraged to attend and worship together.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please check the table in the rear foyer for your holiday cards.

CARDS REQUESTED

Gilbert and Lucille Hardman's grandson Justin R. Hardman is serving in the military. He would enjoy receiving cards. His address is: 1009 PLT 1st BN D Co.

PO Box 1009

Parris Island, SC 29905 PLT #1009

THE WEDNESDAY EARLY BIBLE CLASS MEETS AT 11:00.

DANA'S DIRECTION

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?



She was twenty years old and had been attending worship services for years. But the question, “Have you been baptized?” brought her up short. She said she did not remember. It seemed to her that she “joined the church” during a revival but she could not be sure of this. Everything was too fuzzy. She might have been baptized; or again, she might not have been. She just couldn’t recall.

It is beyond our imagination that a first-century Christian would not remember whether or not he was baptized.

The Bible teaches that baptism into Christ is important. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3,4).

Baptism stands at the beginning of one’s commitment to Christ, but it is not the “end of” and “be all” of religion. (“Preacher, don’t worry about me. I quit going to church. Just got out of the habit. But I was baptized over twenty years ago, so I don’t have anything to worry about. I’m saved.”)

The new birth is just that - a new birth! It is not the end. It is the beginning that “we too might walk in newness of life.”

When a little human form is brought into the world, we say that a child is born. Life isn’t completed. It has only begun.

So with baptism and the new birth. Baptism simply sets the stage for successive experiences with the living Lord. After birth comes growth! That’s true in the physical realm and in the spiritual.

I’m thinking now of the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

*“To be conformed with the Risen One--
that is to be a new man before God.”*

SERMON NOTES

Spiritual Growth (2 Peter 1:1-11)



God expects His children to _____. Spiritual Growth requires _____. “As newborn _____, desire the sincere _____ of the word that you may _____ thereby. (1 Peter 2:2) **The object of Christian Growth** “But grow in _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 3:18) “You search the _____, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of _____.” (John 5:39)

#1) Why grow? What will we gain from studying God’s word?

***Answers!** “As His divine power has given to us _____ things that pertain to _____ and _____, through the knowledge of Him.(2 Peter 1:3)

***Promises!** “By which have been given to us exceedingly _____ and _____ promises.” (2 Peter 1:4)

***Power!** “That through these you may be partakers of the divine _____, having escaped the _____ that is in the world.” (2 Peter 1:4)

#2) How? The ways we must grow.

“For this very reason, giving all _____, add to your faith _____, to virtue _____, to knowledge _____, to self-control _____, to perseverance _____, to godliness _____ kindness, and to brotherly kindness _____.” (2 Peter 1:5-7)

***The measure of our spiritual growth is becoming like _____.** “Till we all come to the unity of the _____ and of the _____ of the Son of God, to a _____ man to the measure of the _____ of the _____ of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)

#3) The Benefits and Blessings of spiritual growth:

***Our Christian life will be _____.** “If these things are _____ and abound, you will be neither _____ nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:8)

***We will not _____ what Christian living is about.** “For he who lacks these things is short-sighted, even to _____, and has _____ that he was purged from his old _____.” (2 Peter 1:9)

***Eternal _____.** “Therefore, brethren, be even more _____ to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never _____.” (2 Peter 1:10)

***We will be assured of a place in the _____ of the Lord.** “For so an entrance will be _____ to you abundantly into the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:11)

A Leader's Approach to a Problem

~Paul Nygard

Nehemiah, a godly man, prophet, and leader of men was in great distress over the ruined state of Jerusalem and it's captive people. In great distress and fear he approached King Artaxerxes with a plan to rebuild Jerusalem. (Neh 2.1-20)

God's people today can learn from the example of Nehemiah as to handle difficult problems. We may not be attempting to rebuild a ruined home in hostile lands, but our problems can feel just as devastating to our soul at times.

Explore the word of God with me for a few minutes. Perhaps we can discover how a great leader's approach to a problem can help us do the same.

Nehemiah **looked for an opportunity to help.** (Neh 2.5-10) He was concerned about the people's well-being, acknowledged their needs, and offered himself as a worker to meet those needs.

Nehemiah took the time to **observe before acting.** (v. 13-18) Too many times, people react to a problem without thinking it through. We should take the time to understand a problem and find the correct solution.

He **asked for help.** (v.1.17b, Mt 9.36-38) There is no shame in asking for the right kind of help when it is needed, Jesus did the same, especially through prayer.

He **desired to remove reproach,** (v.2.17, Prov 14.34, 2 Thes 3.6) that is, he wanted God's people to not be a burden, a disgrace, or a shame to the rulers of the land.

Nehemiah **stressed God's role** in the plan. (v.18-20) We must never forget that Christians are to be obedient to God's will. (Rom 8.31)

Nehemiah was **humble.** (V.2.20, 4.6) He did not have the "I" disease. (I Tim 3.6, I Pet 5.5-6)

He would **not be stopped by opposition** (Neh 4.1-3,6) in the form of sarcastic words or planned attack. (Neh 4.7-9)

He was an **encourager of the people.** (Neh 4.6, 12-14, 19-20)

Nehemiah **dealt with problems openly and honestly.** (Neh 5.1-7, Lev 25.36-36) He did not keep true problems behind closed doors where they could fester and grow larger. He faced issues in a godly manner.

The actions of Nehemiah may not be the answer to our everyday problems, but the character and method by which he approached a great difficulty in his day can aid us as we seek to be godly people in the world.

January 2012 Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 - Jim Merrill

January 3 - Teri Cox, Nick Drake, Ryan Gaston, Carolina Walton

January 7 - Nancy Kimes

January 10 - Lorna Marshall, Amy Walton

January 11 - Jessica McKenzie

January 12 - Lucille Hardman

January 14 - Harvey Caplinger Jr., Bill Hoover, Bill Smith

January 15 - David Houser, Sam Merrill

January 16 - Rose Allen, Tara Goldsmith

January 17 - Gala Miller, *Bill & De Fleak

January 18 - Merilee Morgan

January 19 - Barry Mills, Keith Smith

January 23 - *Jim & Sue VanCamp

January 24 - Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Ashley Nygard, Joyce Wright

January 26 - Brittany Fleak

January 27 - Michael Caplinger, Rym Drake, Betty Lamb

January 28 - Nathan Caplinger, Donna McConnell

January 30 - Cotton Sayre

January 31 - Zandra Holleron, Kaleb Tanner



Please notify the office this week if your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Two boys were walking along a street when they encountered a large dog blocking the sidewalk. "Don't be afraid," one of the boys told his more timid companion. "Look at his tail - how it wags. When a dog wags his tail, he won't bite." "That may be," admitted the other boy, "but look at that wild gleam in his eye!" He looks like he wants to eat us alive. Which end are we going to believe?"



Do you have two sides to your personality? Do you show one face for some people and a completely different face to others? God tells us how we should be at all times, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

God expects us to be consistent in our Christianity. Our friends and family should be confident in knowing we will always be the same regardless of the situation. Trust takes a lifetime to build, but only a few seconds to destroy. Be consistent in all you do!

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

MEN SERVING DECEMBER 18

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ed Collins

Close - Keith Smith

6:00 PM - Ron Riddle

Close - Jim Hughes

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Rob Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - David Kimes

PM - Rick Stanley

Kevin Inman

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

Door Greeters

AM

Door 1 - Jeff Taberner

2 - Bill Davis

3 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Kevin Inman & Jim Dailey

2. Herb & Joyce Wright

3. Bill & Carolyn Davis

4. Cotton & Patty Sayre

5. Zandra Holleron & Valeria Sprout

6. Leon & Judy Hupp

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders

Close - Clyde Yoho

6:00 PM - Ryan Gaston

Close - Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem

PM - Cody Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Paul Inman

David Wadlington

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Mike Bayer

2 - Wes Cochran

4 - Pam Bayer

PM

1. Sheila Deems & Barbara Cramlet

2. Josh & Felicia Barclay

3. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

4. Richard & Lorna Marshall

5. Tammy Kerns & Sarah Buckley

6. Keith & Eloise Smith



The best place to find a
helping hand is at the end of
your arm.

Facts and Figures

December 4, 2011

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....210

PM Service.....215

Wednesday.....224

Contribution.....\$10029.51

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Early Bible Study.....11:00

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

every Sunday morning at
7:30 on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

December 18
How Jesus Viewed Scripture

Weekly Bible Reading

December 11 - 2 John-3 John, Dan 10-12

December 12 - Jude, Hos 1-3

December 13 - Rev 1, Hos 4-7

December 14 - Rev 2, Hos 8-11

December 15 - Rev 3, Hos 12-14

December 16 - Rev 4-5, Joel 1-3

December 17 - Rev 6, Amos 1-5

December 18 - Rev 7, Amos 6-9

We have almost finished reading the Bible
through for this year!