

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## December is Sack the Pulpit.



- Any dry cereal
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Soup (chicken noodle and tomato)
  - Peanut butter
  - Jelly
  - Saltine crackers
- Canned vegetables (carrots, potatoes)
- Canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail)
  - Applesauce
  - Spaghetti sauce
  - Spaghetti pasta
- Treet or Spam canned meat
  - Vienna sausages
    - Tuna
    - Gravy



Please leave items on either side of the pulpit area.

Monetary donations may be given to the Elders.

## 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  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Scott Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

## Minister:

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# PRAYER LIST

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr. Sheila Conner, Lee Edwards, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, 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, 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.

## HOSPITAL

### Camden Clark

Pat Barclay (Room 127)

### HealthSouth

Jenny Reynolds (Room 210)



Harvey Caplinger Jr. was to have surgery Friday in Charleston.

Cotton Sayre is home recuperating from back surgery. No visitors at this time.

Gala Miller is home recuperating following eye surgery.

## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I wish to thank you for all the cards and prayers. They have helped so much. I am doing better. I get to go to Michael's in about 2 weeks. Will have another surgery in Feb. to replace the spacer. Love you all. In Christian Love, **Sheila Conner**
- ♥ Thank you so much for inviting our residents to the widow/widowers dinner. It was such a blessing to them to see so many young people there serving the meals. So thank you again for making them feel so welcome. **Treva Daggett, Love & Care Administrator**
- ♥ Frank Love said to thank everyone for their prayers because they worked. Love, **Garrie Miller**
- ♥ I appreciate all the acts of concern shown while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home. **Marion Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. Also, thanks to Garrie and Jo for the blanket. **Van Putnman**
- ♥ I appreciate each and every one of the many birthday cards I received. Birthdays sure are nice. **Carol Vincent**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Bonnie Life**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards we received. **Debby and Mary Nesselroad**

### **COLLEGE DINNER MEETING THIS EVENING**

There will be a meeting after services this evening in Room 112 for those willing to help with the next college dinner.

### **LOVE AND CARE SERVICE TODAY AND THURSDAY EVENING**

We will be conducting the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday at 7:00PM. Care Group 4 will be in charge. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### **"SILVER FOR CHILDREN" CANS DUE TODAY**

A representative from Potter's Children's Home will be here today to pick up the filled Silver for Children coin banks. Return your coin bank to the office.

### **INVITATION TO THE OVU NEW STUDENT CENTER**

OVU and the Student Government Association invite all high school seniors (12th grade) in Wood and Washington Counties to a night of fun at the new student center (which is located on South Campus View Drive off College Parkway) Friday, December 9 from 7:00PM-11:00PM. To R.S.V.P. text your name to 304.615.8955 or contact Lisa West at 304.865.6228.

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA NEXT SATURDAY**

Breakfast with Santa will be next Saturday in the MP Room at 9:00AM. Sign up sheets are on the counter for the attendance count and food donations.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY**

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will be next Sunday 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 DECEMBER 13**

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch Tuesday, December 13 at Colombo's Restaurant at noon. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

### **GOSPEL MEETING CD'S AND TAPES AVAILABLE**

CD's and tapes of the Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Miller are available on the counter in the foyer.

### **NORTH END CONGREGATION CONDUCTING COURSE**

The North End congregation will be conducting a class on *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University*. The 13 week course will begin January 10, 21012 and continue every Tuesday through April 3, 2012. The cost for the kit will be \$100.00. Kevin Weekley will be the instructor. If you have any questions you may call the North End building at 304.422.0489 or Kevin Weekley at 304.863.0548.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “Our precious young people”



According to research done within our brotherhood, 45 percent of our teens leave the churches of Christ. This is a horrible drain, and it means that we are doing something wrong. A directive put out by Abilene Christian University stated that our youth ministry programs have emphasized entertainment and have had “little or no theological grounding.” The article suggested that “if teenagers regularly engaged in prayer, meditation on scripture, confession, praise, and praying, over the lost - you can be much more sure that Christ is making a difference in their lives.”

Among other positive factors they listed were their “parents’ spiritual commitment, good family communication, and church attendance.”

Surprisingly, in the survey, one of the negatives was the family’s income. The greater the family affluence, the less willing a teenager is to rely on Jesus Christ. The bare fact of the matter, however, is that, whatever the cause, we are losing enormous numbers of our young people.

Parents, let me speak to you. What can you do? May I be so bold as to suggest that you reevaluate your own goals in life? If your goal is “affluence,” you are likely working against the spiritual wellbeing of your people. They can see this, and nothing you say, or command, or require of your children is going to change this. On the other side of the coin, if our goal is spirituality, and if your young people can see real spiritual commitment in your lives, constant family communication about the church, and the kind of attendance pattern that says that the church is the number one priority in your lives, the chances of their being faithful will increase. When I noticed that we are losing 45 percent of our young people, I looked at our attendance figures and noticed that 42 percent of our young people do not attend Sunday evening services. Do you suppose there might be a connection?

Gene Carrell

# SERMON NOTES

## Joy in Trials (I Peter 1:1-9)



"In this you greatly \_\_\_\_\_, though now for a \_\_\_\_\_ while, if need be, you have been grieved by various \_\_\_\_\_, that the genuineness of your \_\_\_\_\_ being much more precious than \_\_\_\_\_ that perishes, though it is \_\_\_\_\_ by fire, may be found to praise, \_\_\_\_\_, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 1:6-7)

**We can have joy in trials – Because of what we have in \_\_\_\_\_. True joy is found in the Lord.** "Rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ always, and again I say rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)

**We can have joy in trials knowing what the \_\_\_\_\_ holds, which gives us \_\_\_\_\_. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant \_\_\_\_\_, has begotten us again to a living \_\_\_\_\_, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the \_\_\_\_\_. (I Peter 1:3) The hope of something beyond the grace enabled \_\_\_\_\_ to face His trials. "Who for the \_\_\_\_\_ that was set before Him, endured the \_\_\_\_\_, despising the \_\_\_\_\_, and has set down at the right hand of the throne of \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 12:2)**

**Our future \_\_\_\_\_ is of an inheritance.** "To an \_\_\_\_\_ incorruptible and undefiled and that does not \_\_\_\_\_ away, reserved in \_\_\_\_\_ for you." (I Peter 1:4)

**We can have hope in trials – knowing they serve a \_\_\_\_\_. Trials are the source of \_\_\_\_\_ and blessings.** "Count it all \_\_\_\_\_ when you fall into various \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that the testing of your faith \_\_\_\_\_ patience." (James 1:2-3) "My \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in \_\_\_\_\_... therefore I will boast in my infirmities, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ may rest in me." (II Corinthians 12:9)

**The Good News about trials" #1) They are \_\_\_\_\_. "For our \_\_\_\_\_ affliction, which is but for a \_\_\_\_\_, is working for us a far more exceeding and \_\_\_\_\_ weight of \_\_\_\_\_. (II Corinthians 4:17) #2) We are not \_\_\_\_\_. "We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (I Peter 1:5) #3) They change us, \_\_\_\_\_ us, perfect us, making us \_\_\_\_\_. "But let patience have its \_\_\_\_\_ work, that you may be perfect and complete, \_\_\_\_\_ nothing." (James 1:4)**

**Overcoming trials strengthens our \_\_\_\_\_. Faith is trusting \_\_\_\_\_. "May be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of \_\_\_\_\_ Whom having not \_\_\_\_\_ you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet \_\_\_\_\_ you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of \_\_\_\_\_. (I Peter 1:7-8) Trials cannot take away our \_\_\_\_\_.**



# What Did They Say?!

~Paul Nygard

I was recently asked a simple Bible question from a sincere young lady concerning the subject of cursing and profanity.

"I know the Bible talks about not taking the Lord's name in vain", she said, "but how do we really *know* what bad language is?" This is actually quite an intelligent question from one of our young people and one that may be more difficult to answer than you might believe.

The Bible does not provide us with a handy list of which words or phrases that are to be avoided. How could it? Our language changes over time. For instance, would you be offended if someone asked you if you are feeling 'gay' this morning? To be gay is to be happy or carefree...or is it? You see, words change meaning.

Thankfully, God does not leave us without guidance. The Bible warns against evil uses of language. Consider that words convey ideas and reveal a person's heart. Therefore it is the idea associated with a word or phrase that can create a sinful pattern in speech.

The scriptures speak of "filthy" or "foolish" talking in Eph 5.4. The word *filthy* entails behavior that flouts social and moral standards, shamefulness, and obscenity. Paul warns of using "filthy language" (Col 3.8); a kind that is generally considered in poor taste, obscene, or dirty talk. The words of emptiness that Peter speaks of, (2 Pet 2.18) refer to those that conjure up illicit sexual images and ideas (lasciviousness). "Corrupt" communication is morally unwholesome and harmful speech. (Eph 4.29) "Foolish talking" is quite literally moronic speech that reveals a stupid mind, while "jesting" suggests off-color jokes or humor. (Eph 5.4)

So we see, while the Bible does not say "Thou shall not say common curse words", it does clearly warn us about them and many other uses of language that are sinful.

## **Food for thought:**

What about euphemisms? When we say things like "Oh my (blank), or "gosh" are we really fooling anyone? People can fill in the blanks or interpret substitute words as fast as we can say them, they are not dumb. Cursing through substitution is still cursing, and is condemned by God in scripture.

*Our young people sure are observant. Thank you for this great question.*



# CHECK OUT OUR HONOR STUDENTS!

**Blennerhassett Elementary** - Ben Haught (Principal's List), Avery Goldsmith, Kiley Goldsmith (Honor Roll)

**Criss Elementary** - Drew Hershman, Haylee Smith (Scholarship List), Emily Williamson (Principal's List)

**Fairplains Elementary** - Haley Johnson (Principal's List)

**Lubeck Elementary** - Jordan Kirk (Scholarship List)

**Mineral Wells Elementary** - Lizzy Hoover (Honor Roll), Nick Yoho (Principal's List)

**Warren Elementary** - Gavin Hilliard (Honor Roll)

**Blennerhassett Middle School** - Holly Haught, Alex Saunders (Principal's List),

**Edison Middle School** - Hannah Shears, Madison Taberner, Brenan Yoho (Principal's List), Stormi Frazier, Cayleigh Walton (Honor Roll)

**Hamilton Middle School** - Emma Hershman (Principal's List), Brenden Smith (Commendation List)

**Jackson Middle School** - Gillian Anderson (Honor Roll)

**Van Devender Middle School** - Jill Ballengee (Principal's List)

**Parkersburg High School** - Jon Drake (Principal's List), Luke Ballengee Ruthanne Bush (Honor Roll), Tori Plant (Commendation List)

**Parkersburg South High School** - Zoe Merrill, Emily Saunders, Cailin Yoho (Principal's List), Lexi Hoover, Cody Young (Commendation List)

**We are proud of all of the students at Camden Avenue!**

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## Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Did you know that one of the biggest miracles in the world occurred when the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years? They had to be fed! And the approximately 3 million people would have required a lot of food!

According to the Quartermaster General of the Army, it would have required over 1,500 tons of food each day. If it were today's Army, that would require two freight trains, each a mile long, to bring each day's rations. They would also need water. If they had only enough to drink, it would take 3 million gallons daily. This would require another freight train 2 miles long. Did Moses figure all of this out before they left Egypt? No, he simply believed in God, and God took care of them.

Each of us should be encouraged, for we serve the same God today. Our problems become much smaller when we believe God and trust Him to take care of us! - Jesus made this point very clear in Matthew 16:8 when He said, "Oh ye of little faith"!

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



## **MEN SERVING DECEMBER 11**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Marion Goldsmith**

### **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

**PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk**

### **Door Greeters**

#### **AM**

Door 1 - Mike Bayer

2 - Wes Cochran

4 - Pam Bayer

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



## **Weekly Bible Reading**

**December 4 - II Peter 2, Eze 42-44**

**December 5 - II Peter 3, Eze 45-46**

**December 6 - I John 1, Eze 47-48**

**December 7 - I John 2, Dan 1-2**

**December 8 - I John 3, Dan 3-4**

**December 9 - I John 4, Dan 5-6**

**December 10 - I John 5, Dan 7-9**

**December 11 - II John - III John, Dan 10-12**



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

### **UPCOMING TOPIC**

December 11  
Forgiving Others

## **God's Gift of Love**

God blesses me so many ways  
I never can repay,  
And I thank Him with all my heart  
Each morn and close of day.  
I never can be worthy  
Of all His gifts of love,  
That he bestows upon me  
From His great realm above.  
Despite all sins that I possess  
And wrong that I may do,  
He blesses and forgives me  
Day after day anew.  
Though oft I feel I fail Him  
And sinner that I be,  
He never fails to show His love  
And blessings unto me.

Selected

Thanks to Betty Lamb for contributing these poems.



## **Facts and Figures**

November 27, 2011

AM Service.....308

Bible Study.....215

PM Service.....200

Wednesday.....238

Contribution.....\$5265.25

### **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

## **Opportunities to Serve Today**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Gary Herridge**

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Jim Galloway

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Dennis Keller

6:00 PM - Barry Mills

Close - Dave Nulter

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Dave Lamp

PM - Mike Wade

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Len Haid

Delmas Carr

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** (Doors Listed)

1 - Chris Tallman

2 - Ray Sams

4 - Carolyn Davis

### **PM**

1. John Rockhold & Bill Pralley

2. Harvey & Mary Caplinger

3. Jimmy Galloway & Ryan Gaston

4. Margaret Dawkins & Zoe Byrum

5. Betty Lamb & Martha Metz

6. Pat Burkey & Bonnie Sams