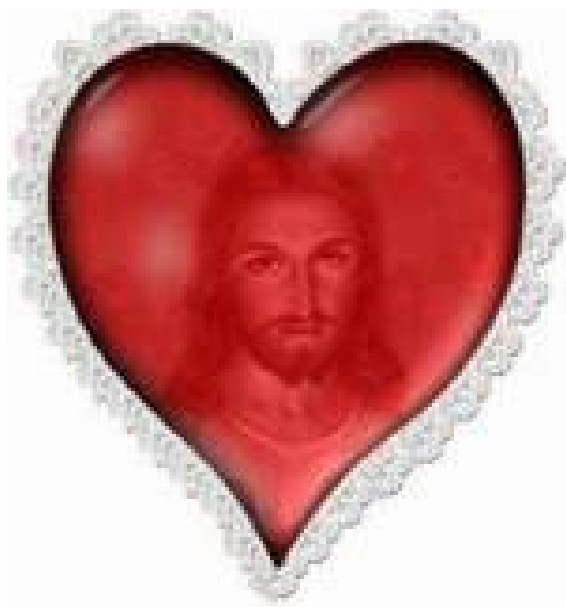


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true---  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.

J. Fuchs

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

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Delmas Carr  
Marion Goldsmith  
Leonard Haid  
Brian Haught  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
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# PRAYER LIST

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone, Jim VanCamp

## 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, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Loreen Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Ed Lemley, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Jack Plumley, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Bob Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' brother), Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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

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We extend our sympathy to Marilyn Kirby in the passing of her mother,  
Ruth Moore. A memorial service was held yesterday in Vienna.

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- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and presents. They were sweet! **Collin Wadlington**
- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards. **Lee and Mary Edwards**
- ♥ Thank you for the pretty anniversary cards we received. **Steve and Rose Allen**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the birthday cards you sent me. They were so beautiful. I really appreciated them all. Love, **Donna McConnell**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and well wishes. I appreciate each one. **Paul Inman**

## **BAPTISMS**

We rejoice that Brenda Brinkman was baptized Sunday morning and Nick Yoho was baptized Monday.

Brenda will be in Care Group 4. Her address is: 3204 7th Avenue in Parkersburg. Telephone: 304.699.5052.

Nick will be in Care Group 1. He is in the fifth grade at Mineral Wells School.

We welcome them into the family at Camden Avenue.

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes.

Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## **LLL GIRLS SPEECH MEET AT 5:00 TODAY**

Girls involved in LLL speech meet today at 5:00 in Room 112.

## **LADIES LUNCHEON TOMORROW**

All ladies are invited to lunch at Rubi's Restaurant tomorrow at 1:00. Bring a baby picture, also an unaddressed Valentine's card (with an encouraging note) to give a sister.

## **CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It is once again time to submit or renew your subscription to Christian Woman magazine. The cost is still \$15.98. Checks need to be made payable and given to Robin Anthony by next Sunday.

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 20**

The Blood Drive will be Monday, February 20 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the foyer.

## **YOUTH - GOLDEN AGERS GAME NIGHT FEBRUARY 24**

Our youth and Golden Agers are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship at Love and Care on Friday, February 24 at 6:00. Bring finger foods, snacks, desserts, and beverages. (We will need some sugar free items.) There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for this event.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 25 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. SMITH!**

Butch Smith's birthday is February 19. Update your church calendar and wish him a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## **FREE SWIVEL CHAIR**

Mildred Gault has a red, floral, over-stuffed swivel chair (like new) for give-away. If you are interested, see her.



## **Daily Bible Reading**

February 12 - Mat 26:14-35, Ex 40  
February 13 - Mat 26:36-56, Lev 1-4  
February 14 - Mat 26:57-75, Lev 5-6  
February 15 - Mat 27:1-26, Lev 7-8  
February 16 - Mat 27:27-56, Lev 9-10  
February 17 - Mat 27:57-66, Lev 11-12  
February 18 - Mat 28, Lev 13  
February 19 - Mk 1:1-28, Lev 14-15  
February 20 - Mk 1:29-45, Lev 16-17

## **Area Wide Teen Devotional**



Transportation will leave here tomorrow evening at 6:30 for the Area Wide Teen Devo. at the Mineral Wells congregation.

**There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

Hope **YOU** join us!

## **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED**

Our church pantry is in need of:



- Jelly (small containers)
- Canned potatoes
- Canned carrots
- Canned soup (tomato or chicken noodle)

**Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.**

Items may be left in the library.

## **Monday Night For The Master**

will meet March 5 at 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 work projects.

MNFTM will meet  
March 5, 19  
April 2, 16, 30  
May 7, 21



**Plan to participate.**

# The Great Need for Tongue-tied Preachers



The book of Ezekiel should be studied by everyone, but especially by preachers and teachers. There are phrases that appear repeatedly and each of them gives great insight into the nature of God and the importance of those who deliver His message. He wants them to speak only what He has said in *precisely* the words He has given. The phrase “the word of the Lord” is found 60 times in this book and the phrase “says the Lord” is found 205 times. *God wants His messengers to speak His message using His words.*

The opening chapters give details of two incidents which emphasize this. First, there is the vision of a hand stretching out to the prophet and spreading out a book before Ezekiel. Then the Lord speaks to him and commands him to eat the book and to digest it. As he eats it there is the sweetness like the taste of honey. Bible students will immediately call to mind the words of David, who described the judgments of the Lord as more desirable “than gold...Sweeter also than the honey and the honeycomb” (Psalm 19:10). This man after God’s own heart also said, “How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Psalm 119:103). Having eaten this book from heaven, God commanded him to go to the house of Israel and “speak with My words to them” (Ezekiel 3:4). God speaks again saying, “Receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you...and go and speak to them, and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord God’” (Ezekiel 3:10-11).

Then there is that other part of this vision when God tells Ezekiel, “I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and not be one to rebuke them, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them ‘Thus said the Lord God’” (Ezekiel 3:26-27).

Do you sense the force of these words? God fastened the tongue of Ezekiel to the roof of his mouth, and the only time he would be able to speak was when he began his message with, “Thus says the Lord.” He was a tongue-tied preacher, unable to say anything unless he spoke precisely that sweet message he had eaten, digested and received into his heart!

Now imagine what would happen today if God did the same to those preachers and teachers who have “eaten” the words of God and stand to teach others. How long would Bible classes and sermons last? Everyone who teaches another should soberly think about the implication of this story.

*God, give us more tongue-tied preachers!*

~Dan Jenkins

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The theme for the convention this year is “Will Work ‘Til Jesus Comes” and will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our group will leave April 5 and return April 8. We have a total of 55 attending. This includes students, parents, grandparents, and other members. We are so blessed with the amount of involvement in LLL!

A lot of hard work has already been done in preparing to go. There are events that have been completed prior to the convention, as well as competitive events during the convention.

Over the next few weeks, we want to share with you the events the youth are participating in. They deserve to be recognized for ALL their hard work!

Todd Kirk

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### **Ben Haught**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Oral Bible Reading  
Song Leading  
Year Round Song Leading  
Speech

### **Lexi Hoover**

Art Says It - Photography  
About My Father's Business  
Songs of Praise - Winner Circle

### **Darlene Pickering**

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching  
Art Says It - Photography

### **Drew Hershman**

Art Says It - Photography  
Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Year Round Bible Reading  
Know the Books  
Good Samaritan  
Group Scrapbook  
Song Leading  
Year Round Song Leading  
Speech  
Group Banner

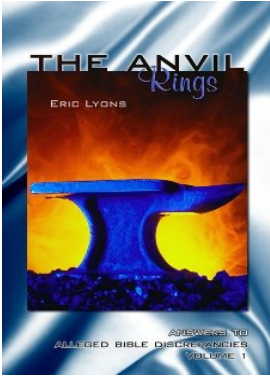
### **Alex Saunders**

Bible Bowl Test  
Bible Bowl Team  
Good Samaritan  
Group Scrapbook  
Group Banner

## **LADS TO LEADERETTES CONVENTION**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.





## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK

As Christians, we face subtle and full-blown frontal attacks on our faith. One of the most frequent charges, 'the Bible is filled with discrepancies', is alleged. Eric Lyons, an author with Apologetics Press, deals directly in The Anvil Rings - Volume One with many of the "alleged discrepancies." A quick glance at the index highlights ten chapters dealing with:

"Contradictions in the Creation Account"

"Numerical Contradictions"

"The Reality of Copyists' Errors"

"Contradictions Surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus"

Instead of cowering in fear or turning to run and hide, this book will assist in strengthening your faith. Knowledge is power. We live in a time with great opportunities, wonderful resources, and challenges that can be met and overcome.

Are you willing to pay the price for success? The choice is yours. Meet the Devil with truthful, godly answers that will help to save you, your family, your friends and all who will listen to you.

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

John Rockhold III

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## Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Everyday we're called upon to trust someone in the experiences of life. If we fly in an airplane, we must trust the pilot. If we cross over a bridge, we must trust the bridge and the builder of the bridge. And often we're brought face-to-face with upsetting experiences we cannot understand, but we can trust Him who has never betrayed a trust. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)



The supporting piers of the bridge are down deep beneath the water, and we do not doubt their strength; we do not worry when they shake in the storm; we must trust the builder. But even more vitally important, life's highway has its bridges resting deep down in the wisdom of God and no bridge of God has ever collapsed. Just remember, it is easy to trust the bridge if you can really trust the builder!

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

# Opportunities to Serve Today

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Stan Inman

## SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Jim Galloway

## PRAYER

9:30 AM - Kyle Inman  
Close - Rob Hoover  
6:00 PM - Don Gaston  
Close - Cody Hoover

## SCRIPTURE

AM - Ethan Ash  
PM - Clyde Yoho

## COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Leonard Haid  
PM - Barry Mills  
Bill Mills

## DOOR GREETERS

**AM** (Doors Listed)

- 1 - Jim VanCamp
- 2 - Dearll Vincent
- 4 - Lenore Vaught

**PM**

1. Josh & Felicia Barclay
2. Ed Collins & Jack Newberry
3. Mary Daniel & Peggy Dearth
4. Herb & Joyce Wright
5. Keith & Peggy Cowdery
6. Pat Burkey & Zoe Byrum

## MEN SERVING FEBRUARY 19

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Paul Inman

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Keith Smith

## SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash  
PM - Brian Haught

## PRAYER

9:30 AM - Gary Herridge  
Close - Chris Tallman  
6:00 PM - Paul Saunders  
Close - Steve Allen

## SCRIPTURE

AM - Dave Kimes  
PM - Dennis Keller

## COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Rick Stanley  
PM - Kody Inman  
Donovan Walton

**PA SYSTEM** - Todd Kirk

## Door Greeters

**AM Door** 1 - Dave Nulter  
2 - Gilbert Hardman  
3 - Lois Nulter

**PM**

1. Paul & Carrie Nygard
2. Sheila Deems & Margaret Dawkins
3. Scott & Gwen Johnson
4. Dennis & Sandy Keller
5. Valeria Sprout & Linda Camp
6. Bob & Gala Miller

# American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 20

1:00PM - 6:00PM

MP Room

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

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



## UPCOMING TOPIC

February 19  
Freewill

## Facts and Figures

February 5, 2012

AM Service.....283  
Bible Study.....210  
PM Service.....204  
Wednesday.....225  
Contribution.....\$9896.56

## OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....2  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....1  
Placed Membership....1

## 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