

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Cold Hands.  
Warm Hearts.  
**Donate Blood.**

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tomorrow in the MP Room  
1:00PM - 6:00PM

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer

### **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  
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Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
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- ♥ Thank you for the pretty dish garden for Mother's funeral.  
**The Grove family - Gary, Jim, and Madonna**
- ♥ Just a short note with a BIG THANK YOU for all of the anniversary cards and well wishes we received for our 5th. We have been told to try and catch up with those of you married 50 plus years. Yippy, we're on our way. Much love,  
**Bill and De Sams Fleak**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They were greatly appreciated. **Geraldine Pahl**



### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, David Frazier, 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, Loreean 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.

### LLL BIBLE BOWL

The LLL Bible Bowl written test will be today at 4:30 in the MP Room.

### MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW

The Blood Drive will be tomorrow from 1:00PM to 6:00PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Donors are still needed. See Marion Goldsmith for more information.

### AREA WIDE TEEN DEVOTIONAL TOMORROW EVENING

Transportation will leave here tomorrow evening at 6:30 for the Area Wide Teen Devo. at the North End congregation. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

### TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS TO MEET THIS WEEK

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet this week at 7:00PM in the MP Room.

### YOUTH - GOLDEN AGERS GAME NIGHT THIS FRIDAY

Our youth and Golden Agers are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship at Love and Care this 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.

### LOVE AND CARE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY - CARE GROUP 1

Care Group 1 will be conducting the services at Love and Care next Sunday at 2:30 and the following Thursday, March 1 at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited. It is wonderful to worship and fellowship with the Love and Care residents and staff.

### DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

### CHRISTIAN FAMILY GET-TOGETHER MARCH 2

Everyone is invited to the Christian Family get-together Friday, March 2 at 6:00 in the MP Room.



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

**February 19** - Mark 1:1-28, Lev. 14-15  
**February 20** - Mark 1:29-45, Lev. 16-17  
**February 21** - Mark 2, Lev. 18-19  
**February 22** - Mark 3:1-19, Lev. 20-22  
**February 23** - Mark 3:20-35, Lev. 23  
**February 24** - Mark 4:1-25, Lev. 24-25  
**February 25** - Mark 4:26-41, Lev. 26  
**February 26** - Mark 5:1-20, Lev. 27

#### **LLL CONVENTION**

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

The Norval Park congregation in Zanesville, OH will be holding their  
37th Annual  
Men's Inspiration Day  
March 10.

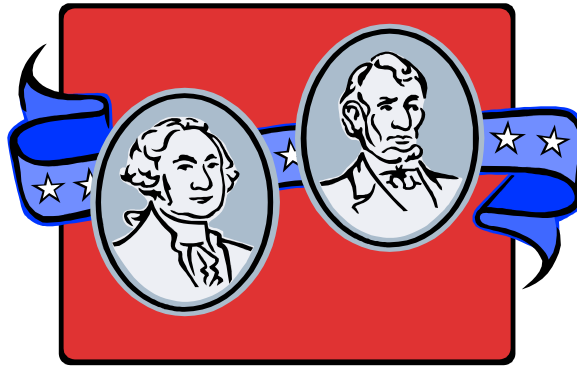
Speaker: Gary Hampton  
Theme: God's Providence



Details are on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## VOICES FROM THE PAST



Attempts to purge all references to God from America's public life cannot stand the scrutiny of recorded U.S. history.

George Washington said: "The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards external rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."

Abraham Lincoln agreed: "It behooves us to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Thomas Jefferson confessed: "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Patrick Henry observed: "Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolotors should be a nation of free men. It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."

Douglas MacArthur wrote: "History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economical decline."

Alexander Solzhenitzen warned: "The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialization. If a nation's spiritual energies have been exhausted it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure or by any industrial development."

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - Psalms 33:12



# SERMON NOTES

## LOST (Matthew 18:11-14)

Sin is the reason that all are \_\_\_\_\_. “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 6:23) Sin is a violation of God’s \_\_\_\_\_. “Whoever commits sin transgresses the \_\_\_\_\_: for sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.” (1 John 3:4) Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God. “But your \_\_\_\_\_ have separated you from your God; and your \_\_\_\_\_ have hidden His \_\_\_\_\_ from you, so that He will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2)

One who dies in \_\_\_\_\_ will not go to \_\_\_\_\_. “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will \_\_\_\_\_ in your sin. Where I go you cannot \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 8:21)

One who dies in \_\_\_\_\_ will go to \_\_\_\_\_. “Then she He say also to those on the left hand, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ and his angels.” (Matthew 25:41) “And these will go away to everlasting \_\_\_\_\_, but the righteous to eternal \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 25:46)

It is because men are \_\_\_\_\_ that God sent \_\_\_\_\_ into the world. “For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world, that He gave His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that whoever believes in Him should not \_\_\_\_\_, but have everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 3:16) God loves us in \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin. “But God demonstrates His own \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us.” (Romans 6:8)

If we are lost – we cannot blame \_\_\_\_\_. If we are lost we cannot blame \_\_\_\_\_. “He tasted \_\_\_\_\_ for every man.” (Heb. 2:9) If we are lost it won’t be because God didn’t make us feel \_\_\_\_\_ or welcome. “The Bride and the \_\_\_\_\_ say come! Whoever will, may \_\_\_\_\_.” (Rev. 22:17)

Because we are lost, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. “For I am not ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 1:16)

What Jesus has said we must do to be \_\_\_\_\_. We must \_\_\_\_\_. “Except you \_\_\_\_\_, you will all likewise \_\_\_\_\_.” (Luke 13:3) We must \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in Him. “Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ Me before men, him will I also confess before My \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33) We must be \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins. “He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is baptized will be \_\_\_\_\_; but he who does not believe will be \_\_\_\_\_.” (Mark 16:15-16)

Because the world is lost, we must take \_\_\_\_\_ seriously. Jesus’ mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.



# Do you....know it all?

~Paul Nygard



I recently had a conversation with a friend in which this question was asked, "What type of person is the most difficult for you to relate to?" Immediately he said, "I can't stand to be around a *know it all*." Have you ever felt that way? If yes, then what is so frustrating about someone who comes across as a *know it all*? Perhaps these are some things you find annoying:

**A know it all never seems to listen, they only talk.**

**A know it all seems to always believe their opinion is the best, no matter what anyone else has to say.**

**A know it all cannot be taught anything or shown a new way to do something; after all, they already know that.**

**A know it all does not value anyone else.**

I am sure that you could add many things to this list. Consider this, a *know it all* is a person that needs God most in their life. It will not be long that their friends stop talking to them, their co-workers are angry with them, and their family says things like 'that's just the way they are'. This person has to always be meeting new people and building new relationships, while all the time wondering why their old friends never want to be around them.

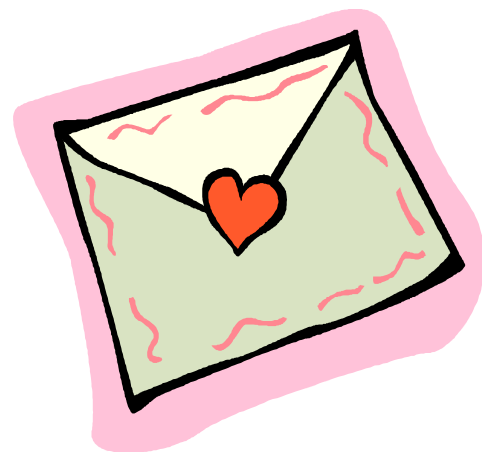
Perhaps this is one reason why Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5.3). A person who is poor in spirit is one who is the opposite in demeanor of the *know it all*. Someone poor in spirit is like an empty glass, just waiting to be filled. This soul seeks out God's knowledge, wisdom, and teaching fills himself with it.

A person who is poor in spirit never becomes full, realizing that there is a never ending supply of wisdom in God. No matter how much they learn about God, there is always room for more. Age does not matter, neither does race, nor background or gender. You can always spot a person who is poor in spirit, they are the ones walking around with a Bible that looks like it has been read a thousand times (because it has) and is falling apart. Mightily blessed are they.

So I ask you: Are you poor in spirit, blessed each day because you realize when it comes to God, 'I can never know it all', but I can search His word daily in order to know more than I knew yesterday?

# March Birthdays and Anniversaries

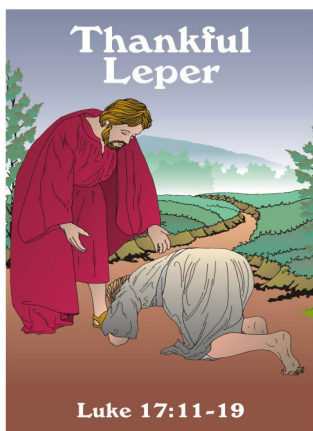
**March 1** - Norma Cooper  
**March 4** - Gary Herridge, Paul Hoover  
**March 5** - Haylee Smith, Cody Young  
**March 6** - Gavin Hillard, Kayla Inman, Virginia McCutcheon  
**March 7** - Harvey Caplinger Sr.  
**March 11** - Garrie Miller  
**March 12** - Penny Eddy  
**March 13** - Allie Plant Moore  
**March 14** - Jim Galloway  
**March 15** - Mark Dean, Anthony Hillard, Paul Saunders  
**March 16** - Dennis Keller, \*Bill and Kay Mills  
**March 18** - Billie Coe  
**March 19** - Felicia Barclay, Lee Edwards  
**March 21** - Sheila Deems, Lillie Fox  
**March 22** - Barbara Cramlet  
**March 25** - David Lamp  
**March 26** - Sherry Hoover, Ted Miller  
**March 27** - \*Stan and Debi Inman, \*Leonard and LeeAnn Shears  
**March 28** - Kathleen Albright, Jon Drake, Donovan Walton  
**March 29** - Josh Barclay, Rob Hoover, Teresa Wade  
**March 31** - Scott Smith, Norma Vaught



If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to appear on the church calendar, let the office know this week. The church calendar will be available next Sunday.

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## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



The third grade Bible class was studying about being thankful. In the course of the study, the teacher discussed the account of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus as described in Luke 17. The story tells us that when the lepers saw they had been healed, they all went away except for one who turned back and thanked Jesus. Upon learning that only one came back to give thanks, one third grader observed in all seriousness that, even though the nine did not come back to personally thank Jesus, she was sure that they all sent Him a Hallmark card!! To her, it was incredible if they did not at least do this much!

We all need to be thankful. We need more of the face-to-face kind of giving thanks!

I have many things for which to be thankful -- My Lord Jesus; my family; friends; health; living in a free country; and many others. I will never be able to adequately express my appreciation to all those who have helped me and encouraged me. But that doesn't mean that I can't TRY!! THANK YOU for listening to these words today!

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

## MEN SERVING FEBRUARY 26

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Kyle Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Bill Hoover

6:00 PM - Leonard Haid

Close - Ira Kimes

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston

PM - Drake Logston

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Camp

PM - Mike Wade

Jim Hughes

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

### Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Janet Cook  
2 - Mike Wade  
3 - Teresa Wade

### PM

1. Harvey Jr. & Melissa Caplinger  
2. Connie Hickman & Jenny Ware  
3. Marion & JoAnn Goldsmith  
4. Barbara Cramlet & Garrie Miller  
5. Steve & Linda Gray  
6. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

## Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

### 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

### DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Dave Nulter

2 - Gilbert Hardman

4 - 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

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



### UPCOMING TOPIC

February 26  
CAN CHRISTIANS BE LOST?

### Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
here this Friday at 6:30 for  
the Friday Night sing at the  
Hopewell congregation.

## Facts and Figures

February 12, 2012

AM Service.....276

Bible Study.....208

PM Service.....203

Wednesday.....229

Contribution.....\$5223.50

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

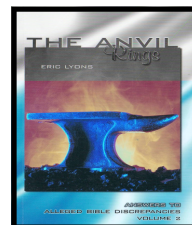
Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....1

## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...



If you run and hide when challenged about so-called alleged Bible discrepancies, then study Volume Two of **The Anvil Rings** by Eric Lyons.

Chapter one hits head-on in investigating - "Biblical Inerrancy." Other contradictions covered include such areas as "God's Attributes, the Flood, Chronological Contradictions, Ethical Contradictions, and Contradictions Pertaining to Salvation."

The final chapters examine "Evidences for the Bible's Inspiration."

Do not cover in fear, but boldly contend for the faith from the vantage point of knowledge.

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

## 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

John Rockhold III