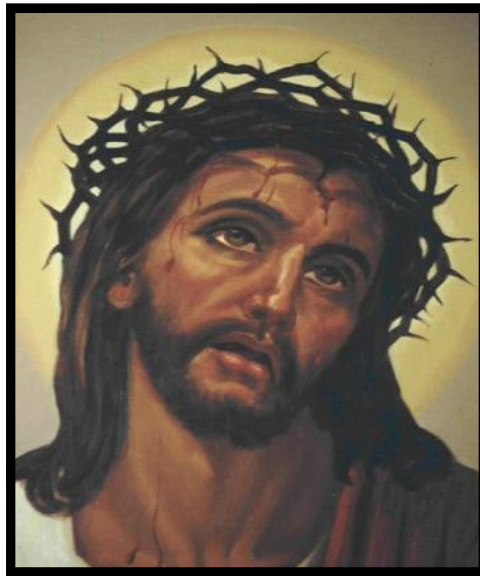


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Volume 45, Number 3 - January 15, 2012



Did someone hurt my feelings?

Every now and then, somebody quits attending church because someone hurt their feelings. When we consider this, it does not make much sense for us to take it out on God.

Someone suggested that asking these questions might help:

- Did anyone spit on me? They did Him.
- Did anyone beat me on the back? They did Him.
- Did anyone press a crown of thorns on my brow? They did His.
- Did anyone hang me on a cross? They did Jesus.

They did all this to Him and more. Yet, He did not quit because He came to pay the price for OUR salvation. Anyone who lets anyone or anything cause them to forsake the Lord Jesus has forgotten the price paid for them.

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:

Dana Slingluff
304.483.3546

Associate

Minister:

Paul Nygard
304.966.6842

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue
Parkersburg, WV
26101

Office: 304.428.0504

Fax: 304.428.0505

E-mail: camdencoc@
casinternet.net

Website:

Camdenavenuechur-
chofchrist.com

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ A special thanks to all who sent holiday cards and gifts. It was all greatly appreciated. **Dave Kimes**
- ♥ I want to thank all my Christian friends for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. I enjoyed them all. **Betty Lamb**
- ♥ We thank you for the many anniversary cards. We enjoyed your sharing our day with us in that way. Love, **Cotton and Patty Sayre**
- ♥ Thanks for the lovely roses for Daddy's service. They went home with a family member. **John Hall**
- ♥ Thank you all for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts. I feel so blessed to have such a loving church family. Thanks for remembering me. Love, **Gypsy Newberry**
- ♥ Thank you for the Christmas and birthday cards. We enjoy hearing from you all. I am doing great and plan to have surgery in March. **Sheila Conner**
- ♥ **Justin Hardman** thanks everyone for the cards he has received while in boot camp. He said they really made his day.
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday and holiday cards I received. I appreciated each one. **Janet Looney**
- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards. They helped make our day special. **Herb and Joyce Wright**



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, Kenadie Barclay, 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, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, 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, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, and Angel White

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

MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

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

COLLEGE DINNER MEETING THIS EVENING

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

K-5th GRADE DEVOTIONAL THIS EVENING AT THE WADE'S HOME

There will be a devotional for the K-5th graders this evening after services at Mike and Teresa Wade's home.

"AFTER THE HOLIDAYS" GET-TOGETHER TOMORROW

Everyone is invited to an "AFTER THE HOLIDAYS" get together at Western Sizzlin Restaurant at 5:30PM tomorrow. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS MEETS THIS WEEK

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet at 7:00PM this week in the MP Room. If you would like a book, see Naomi Carr.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY GET-TOGETHER FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Everyone is invited to a Christian Family Get-Together in the MP Room Friday at 6:00PM. Bring finger foods, snacks and beverages.

DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Deacons will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER/GAME NIGHT

There will be a Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner/Game Night Monday, January 23 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets for attendance and food are in the foyer. Also, bring your favorite game.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the foyer.

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29 - "ASK THE PREACHER"

On Sunday evening, January 29, Dana will be answering questions that are submitted by the congregation. Place your question in the boxes provided or give them to him by January 22.

POTTER'S CHILDRENS HOME COIN BANK CANS AVAILABLE

Everyone is encouraged to pick up a coin bank for the "Silver For Children" campaign on the counter in the foyer.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin meeting February 20 at 5:45 for dinner and being work projects at 6:20. Our projects include a card ministry, visitation, working around the building, and much more. Please make plans to participate.

2012 STARK COUNTY MEN'S RETREAT

The Stark County Men's Retreat information is available on the bulletin boards in both foyers. It will be conducted by the Northwest congregation in Canton, OH April 13-14. (This is the congregation where Ethan Ash's father preaches.)



DANA'S DIRECTION

A NEED TO WORSHIP

Worship was an important part of first century Christianity. The Lord's Day (Sunday) was a special time of remembrance and celebration. Christians came together to partake of the Lord's Supper as a memorial to the broken body and shed blood of Christ the Lord (1 Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7). They worshipped a living Lord, not a dead Savior. Jesus had resurrected, and there was cause for celebration. In the words of Luke, historian of the early church: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Not everyone understood the importance of their weekly gatherings or the benefits to be derived from them. The writer of the Hebrews epistle urged his readers to be faithful in this matter. He admonished: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:22-25).

I frequently talk to people who express a strong distaste for "going to church." They claim to be as religious as the next guy, but have little use for boring religious services. Personal experience, as well as Scripture, has taught me that worship is neither boring nor useless. I have never left a service without gaining something of benefit. We need the fellowship, encouragement, and instruction that the worship setting provides. It is a grave mistake to forsake the assembly of the saints.

Don't be misled by those who suggest that worship is unimportant or unnecessary. The Bible offers a much different view of worship and its importance. If you come to the assembly with an earnest desire to worship and learn, you will not leave disappointed. The Lord knew what He was doing when He summoned His church to faithful worship, and we need to hear Him.

~Roger Rush

* For the remainder of the month of January, we will be focusing on Christian worship. This morning's sermon is entitled "What is Worship?" Next Sunday morning we will study "The Music of Worship." On Sunday, January 29th, we will do an in-depth study of "The Lord's Supper." With such a wide variety of worship styles found in denominational churches, and changing attitudes found within our own fellowship, it is important for us to seek to know and obey God's will. Worship is for God - only He can tell us what is pleasing in His sight. Jesus said "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). ~Dana

SERMON NOTES

What is Worship? (Gen. 22:1-12)

When we worship _____ is the audience.

What is worship?

Worship is a _____ activity in which we _____ join in and participate.

As we worship, _____ should be lifted up in reverence and _____.

We should _____ ourselves, offer Him the gifts of _____ and _____, and leave committed to serving Him more _____.

Worship and Service. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of _____, that you _____ your bodies a living _____, holy, _____ to God, which is your reasonable _____." (Rev. 12:1)

A distinction between worship and service. "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you _____." (Matt. 4:10) **God commands specific _____, expressions, _____, and times of _____.**

Abraham's Act of worship:

- Worship involves _____.
 - Worship involves _____.
 - Worship involves _____.
 - Worship involves _____ of self.
- Worship involves _____ ourselves to God.



Evaluating our worship:

#1) We must realize that worship is for _____. He _____ it. (Rev. 4:11) He is _____ it. (John 4:23) He _____ it. (Matt. 4:10)

#2) Since worship is for God, only _____ can say what He wants. "God is _____, and those who worship Him _____ worship in _____ and _____." (Jn 4:24) "For what man knows the things of a man except the _____ of the man which is _____ him? Even so no one knows the things of _____ except the Spirit of God." (I Cor. 2:11)

#3) When we worship God is looking at our _____ and our _____. "Walk _____ when you go to the house of God; and draw near to _____ rather than to five the sacrifice of _____, for they do not know that they do _____. Do not be rash with your _____, and let not your _____ utter anything hastily before God. For God is in _____, and you on _____." (Eccle. 5:1-2)

Three Worlds, Two Loves

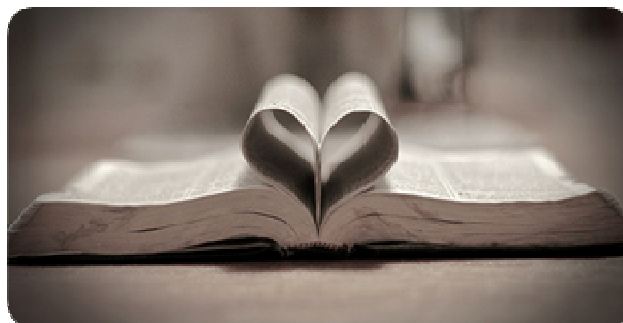
~ Paul Nygard

It may be interesting to you that there are three *worlds* mentioned in the Bible. John speaks of all three, beginning with the physical world we live in and on (Jn 1.10). Jesus teaches that God loved the *world* so much that He gave His only Son so that all may be saved (Jn 3.16). The *world* here represents people as a whole. Finally, John contrasts two worlds (I Jn 5.19) by comparing the people of God on one hand and those of the *world* who belong to the 'wicked one', or Satan, on the other. It is the vast difference between these two *worlds* that should deeply concern us as Christians.

Satan uses the love of the physical world to draw people away from God (I Jn 2.15-16). They are aptly called 'worldly people' and are driven by lusts of the body, lusts of sight, and lusts of earthly rewards such as the praise of men (Gen 3, Mat 4). Scripture tells of some who loved the world more than God: The rich, young ruler (Mt 19.16-22), Judas (Jn 12.1-6, Mk 14.10-11), and Demas (2 Tim 4.9-10) are but a few. The truth is that the world, its lusts and those who follow after them will not last. In the end, they will be destroyed (I Jn 2.17)

The love that the Father has for us however, is a different matter altogether. **The only effective antidote to the poison of the world is to fill the heart with love of the Father** (I Jn 2.15, Mt 6.24, 12.30) just as He loves us. Those who do the will of God will not be destroyed, rather they will live forever (I Jn 2.17). Abraham loved God and obeyed (Heb 11.10), so did Moses (Heb 11.26). Who could ever doubt that the apostle Paul loved God to the very core of his being and showed it through the life that he lived (2 Tim 4.6-8)?

What about us? Do we love the Father enough that we can say no to the world and its evil? Do we actively seek to keep the poison out, and let God's love in? One antidote to the world is to *let the word of Christ dwell in you richly* (Col 3.16a). When our hearts are filled to the brim with love and obedience to God, then there is no room left for the evils of the world. Fill your heart today and every day with His righteousness!



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1 - Colin Wadlington

February 2 - Sonya Hescht

February 4 - Addie Miller, Doris Newberry, *Steve and Rose Allen, *Lee and Mary Edwards

February 6 - Jean Buckley, *Ron and Zandra Holleron

February 7 - Paul Inman

February 8 - Geraldine Pahl

February 10 - Charlotte Burton

February 11 - Marion Goldsmith

February 14 - Sandy Hughes, Mike Piersol

February 17 - Shorty Frazier

February 20 - Sandy Sheppard

February 22 - Brenda Clevenger

February 24 - Martha Metz

February 26 - Mikayla Hennen, Kody Inman, Ira Klmes, Neil Russell

February 27 - Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman



* Anniversary

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

FEATURED BOOK THIS WEEK . . .

We will be introducing a book each week.

These books were donated in memory of Betty Rockhold.

Eric Lyons and Kyle Butts debunk the evolutionists with evidence that dinosaurs and men were not separated by millions of years. Instead, they make the irrefutable case that humans and dinosaurs co-existed on earth in the past. This and more awaits the reader of The Dinosaur Delusion. This is a '*must read*' for everyone connected to education in any way today.

By: John Rockhold III



Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM

I heard about a 12 year old boy who had never spoken from birth, not even once! His parents thought he couldn't talk because they had never heard his voice. Then one day the boy's mother placed a bowl of soup in front of him, and he ate a spoonful. He pushed the soup away and said, "This is terrible! I won't eat it!" The family was ecstatic. The boy had actually spoken a complete sentence! The father jumped up and said, "Why haven't you ever talked to us before?" The boy said, "Well, up until now, everything's been okay."

There are many shy kids among us who just don't do much talking. When they meet new people, they stand silent and look down as though they're ashamed. Their parents wish they would be more assertive. But studies have shown that shyness occurs in about 15% of children and tends to be a lifelong characteristic.

You can teach the social graces to a shy child, but it isn't wise to tamper with their basic personality. Instead, accept the child as God designed them. Just remember that there is not another child on earth quite like that unique individual!

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 - Dearll Vincent

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Keith Cowdery

Close - Todd Kirk

6:00 PM - Delmas Carr

Close - Scott Johnson

SCRIPTURE

AM - Jim Merrill

PM - Brandon Sheppard

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Paul Saunders

Neil Russell

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Paul Inman

2 - Steve Allen

4 - Rose Allen

PM

1. Kyle & Sarah Inman

2. Scott & Gwen Johnson

3. Mike & Pam Bayer

4. John & Linda Hall

5. Paul & Barbara Saunders

6. Pat & Kim Barclay



*Love your parents.
We are so busy growing up,
we often forget they are
also growing old.*

MEN SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Smith

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Leonard Haid

PM - Stan Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Brian Haught

Scott Johnson

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Dwain Shears

3 - Kimberlee Shears

PM

1. David & Carla Wadlington

2. Janet Looney & Sonya Hescht

3. Emily Saunders & Carolina Walton

4. Chris & Debbie Tallman

5. Martha Metz & Lenore Vaught

6. Gene & Norma Cooper

Facts and Figures

January 8, 2012

AM Service.....285

Bible Study.....218

PM Service.....171

Wednesday.....222

Contribution.....\$6557.00

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....0

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

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE
LORD'S WAY"

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

January 22
NOT TOO HARD

Weekly Bible Reading



January 15 - Matthew 11, Ge 31-32

January 16 - Mat 12:1-8, Ge 33-34

January 17 - Mat 12:9-32, Ge 35-36

January 18 - Mat 12:33-35, Ge 37-38

January 19 - Mat 13:1-23, Ge 39-40

January 20 - Mat 13:24-46, Ge 41-42

January 21 - Mat 13:47-58, Ge 43-44

January 22 - Matthew 14, Ge 45-46