

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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What Am I Thankful For This Year?

What am I thankful for this year?

What blessings come to mind?

My dear friends and family,
So loving and so kind.

Each time I see the sunrise,
And the beauties of the day,
The unexpected little joys,
I find along the way.

What am I thankful for this year?

The small and furry things,
The hope that keeps me going,
The peace believing brings.

I have so much to thank God for,
I don't know quite where to start,
I only know He walks with me,
And lives within my heart!

Selected

Elders:

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

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 Marion Goldsmith
 Leonard Haid
 Brian Haught
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 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
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We extend our sympathy to the following:

John Hall and family in the passing of his father, Richard Hall.

His funeral service was held Thursday in Barlow, OH.

Phyllis Johnson and family in the passing of her sister, Helen Peggy Cooper. She passed away Wednesday. Her funeral was held yesterday.

Virginia McCutcheon and Dave Nulter in the passing of their first cousin, Evelyn Harden. She passed away Wednesday. Her funeral was yesterday.



Prayers have again been answered.

Kenzie Inman's surgery was successful. Tubes were inserted in her ears and she can now hear. The Inman family wants to thank everyone for their prayers and concern.

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr. Sheila Conner, De Fleak, Bob Fox, Zandra Holleron, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, 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, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Danny Fawcett, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, 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, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts, and beverages.

(The area wide service will be held at 2:30.)

AREA WIDE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

The area wide service will be held here next Sunday at 2:30 hosted by the Sunrise congregation.

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

There will be a meeting next Sunday evening after services in Room 109 for LLL students, parents, and coordinators.

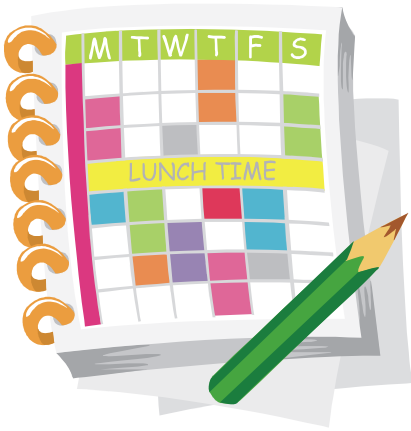
DVD'S AND CD'S AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTER

DVD's and CD's are available on the counter of our spring Gospel Meeting with Gary Vaught.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I appreciate all acts of concern shown during my recent illness. A special thank you to Gary and Sharon Herridge. In Christian love, **Lee Edwards**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone who offered prayers and concerns when Bob had his pacemaker surgery. A special thanks to Ron Riddle who was with us during the entire procedure. Thanks, Ron. It really meant a lot. **Bob and Lillie Fox and family**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards we received. **Annette and Jordan Kirk**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday and holiday cards. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. With love, **Mary Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and inquiries during my recent back surgery and continued recovery. You are such a caring church family. **Cotton Sayre**

- ♥ A special thank you to Amy Walton for preparing the communion bread for December.



DANA'S DIRECTION

So What's First This Week?

Who is there who does not struggle with setting priorities for their lives? Every day has its chores and it is likely that not all of them will be accomplished. The beginning of every new week, month or year can cause us to think of what needs to be done in that time frame. What we actually do will be determined by the goals we set. Even the failure to select priorities determines destiny.

Now think of how this applies to our spiritual lives. If what we accomplish in a day or week is shaped by our priorities, then how much truer is this of our entire spiritual lives. What does the Bible say about this matter? Look at the following verses where God has talked about *first* things.

Paul described the faithfulness of the Christians in Macedonia. "And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us by the will of God" (2 Corinthians 8:5). When Paul received the vision of the man from Macedonia who begged him saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9), he departed immediately. The result of this action was the establishing of the great New Testament church in Philippi. Why was this church so great? Look at the text, "They *first* gave themselves to the Lord."

Think about priorities in the home. What should be first in our homes? God leaves no doubt and mentions two distinct virtues which should be found there. Paul described the faith of Timothy in these words. "I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you" (2 Timothy 1:5). What was the priority in the lives of Lois and Eunice? What was the emphasis in those homes? It was the faith which *first* was in Lois and then in the succeeding generations.

A second virtue to be found in the home is mentioned in 1 Timothy 5. "Let them first learn to show piety at home. . ." This is where it begins. Godliness in the home is a *first* priority! Consider also the place of prayer in the lives of Christians. Before we take any action, the Bible highlights the importance of us seeking God's wisdom and help. "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplication, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1). Look at the text. "Therefore I exhort *first*. . ." Yet how often do we see the importance of this? Before all else, there is the matter of prayer. If David and Daniel began each day with prayer, shouldn't we?

So as you plan each day, don't forget the Divine priorities set by heaven. It will make an eternal difference!

SERMON NOTES

New Life Resolution (Lamentations 3:19-26)



When we lose our first love: “Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your _____ love.” (Rev. 2:4)

Our goal in life should be to _____, not just to survive. “Yet in all these things we are more than _____ through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37)

God offers us that which is new. A new covenant. “I will give you a new _____ and put a _____ spirit within you.” (Ezek. 36:26) “Oh, sing to the Lord a new _____.” (Psalm 98:1) **The promise and possibility to _____.** “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____; old things have passed _____; behold all things are become _____.” (II Cor. 5:7)

Change is exciting. “Put off concerning your former _____, the _____ man.... And be _____ in the spirit of your mind, and that you put _____ the _____ man which was created according to God is _____ and true holiness.” (Eph. 4:22-24)

Paul’s New Life Sermon: “Awake, you who sleep, _____ from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See that you _____ circumspectly, not as _____ but as wise, redeeming the _____, because the days are _____.” (Eph. 4:13-17)

Jesus told the church at Ephesus to start anew. “Remember from where you have fallen; _____ and do the first works.” (Revelation 2:5)

The only meaningful resolution – Return to your _____ love! What a wonderful _____! This renewal must come _____.

God will take care of the _____. The steadfast love of the Lord _____ ceases, His _____ never come to an end; they are _____

God’s Faithfulness gives us _____. “The Lord is _____ to whose _____ is in Him, to the one who _____ Him.” (Lam. 3:25)

God’s mercies are without _____. “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in _____, in persecutions, for _____ sake, For when I am weak, then I am _____.” (II Cor. 12:10)

Having Jesus is _____. “It is good that one should hope and _____ wait _____ for the salvation of the Lord.” (Lam. 3:26)

Raising Godly Children

~ Paul Nygard



The Apostle Peter reminds Christians that God has given us all things that *pertain to life and godliness*. (1 Pet 2:3) This is good news for parents who are raising children. The Lord knew that we would need help, so He provides direction as to how we should raise our young men and women.

1. Love them with all your heart (Titus 2:4).

The amount of love and time you spend with your child will impact the rest of their life. Teach them to love as Jesus did.

2. Teach them God's Word (Deut. 6:6-9).

If you want to be sure your child has the best possible chance to see God in heaven, then you *must* teach them God's word *at home*. Even from the womb, babies need to be taught the Bible.

3. Discipline them properly (Prov. 13:24).

No one likes a brat, unless it is their own, and many parents learn too late the grief that comes from not listening to God about 'positive' (or proper) discipline. A father that loves his child will chasten them to develop into a good person (Heb 12:5-11).

4. Take them to church (Psa. 122:1).

Going to church consistently and for the right reasons teaches them priority in life. Learning that there are others in the world striving to live God's word is a key to success. Church going families draw close to God.

5. Regulate their friends (Prov. 13:20).

Our children's companions can have a great impact on their lives for good or ill. Their attitude, language, dress, hopes, and dreams can all be affected by those they choose to be close to. It is a God-given duty for parents to keep a close watch on such important things.

6. Dress them appropriately (Prov. 7:10).

Like it or not, clothing sends a message. Our appearance can say we are vain, a smooth-talker, clean-cut, a sportsman, or many other things. Most children think various clothing styles are 'ok' because the world is so very deviant. A skirt that travels half way up the thigh when sitting or a shirt that hides nothing is not modest. No mother or father should dress their daughter like a prostitute (again, Prov. 7:10). They should not allow their son to walk around looking like a hip-hop "artist" who cannot keep his pants up without holding them (you know what I mean). Rather, we ought to dress our children to send the message of self-respect, decent, and modest. This will help establish a mindset and, hopefully, a life-long habit.

7. Get them involved in good works (Titus 2:14).

Children need to see the *importance* of doing good. They will see you fulfilling God's command to love your neighbor (Lk. 10:25-37). It will develop a heart of compassion and help them understand God's care for us.

BOOKS DONATED IN MEMORY OF BETTY ROCKHOLD

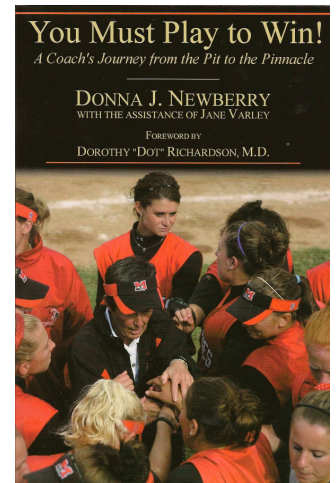
Our mother, Betty, was a great supporter of reading. Especially reading good books that would encourage a person to secure heaven as their eternal home. That is the reason and purpose that our father, John, determined to honor his wife and our mother by purchasing good books for the church library.

I have been asked to preview these books in order that you, the congregation, might be encouraged to read them to receive the benefit.

-John R. Rockhold III

The first book is extremely unique and personal to this congregation. *You Must Play to Win!* is the autobiography of our own, the late **Donna J. Newberry**. In her own words she combines successful coaching at the collegiate level and a life dedicated to Christ. She exemplified that Christian living and championship thinking go hand-in-hand.

You will be encouraged.



Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP



Why do nations fall from power? Why do they decline and collapse? History contains much of the answer. No great empire was defeated from without, before it had rotted from within both spiritually and morally. The Roman Empire certainly did not collapse from a lack of military power. Rome had no match militarily, but still fell. Rome was fatally vulnerable because of its materialism and its self indulgence.

Are we in the U.S. an exception? Surely, if destruction were to come to us, we will

not be destroyed by forces from without, but from our own decadence. Our need today is critical, for a spiritual, moral and ethical rebirth. The Lord told King Solomon, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

Please think about this! It is still not too late.

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 - Bill Mills

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Leonard Haid

6:00 PM - Scott Smith

Close - Leon Hupp

SCRIPTURE

AM - John Hall

PM - Dearl Vincent

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Chris Tallman

PM - Bill Hoover

Jimmy Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Todd Kirk

2 - Dave Lamp

4 - Tammy Kerns

PM

1. Stan & Debi Inman

2. David Kimes & Dustin Hughes

3. Bill Pralley & Bill Mills

4. Gary Alton & Dana Sponseller

5. Leonard & Susan Haid

6. Zoe Byrum & Mildred Gault

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

MEN SERVING JANUARY 8

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Josh Barclay

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall

Close - Russ Alton

6:00 PM - Korey Inman

Close - Ed Collins

SCRIPTURE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Jeff Taberner

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bob Smith

PM - Ron Riddle

Dwain Shears

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Jack Newberry

2 - Ron Riddle

3 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Cayleigh Walton & Emma Hershman

3. Don & Brenda Dougherty

4. Susan Anderson & Alisha Hershman

5. Shorty & Gloria Frazier

6. Walter & Merilee Morgan



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

UPCOMING TOPIC

January 8
SPEAKING TRUTH



Weekly Bible Reading

2012 Bible reading schedules
are in the foyers.

January 1 - Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2

January 2 - Matthew 2, Ge 3-5

January 3 - Matthew 3, Ge 6-7

January 4 - Matthew 4, Ge 8-10

January 5 - Matthew 5:1-20, Ge 11-12

January 6 - Matthew 5:21-48, Ge 13-15

January 7 - Matthew 6:1-15, Ge 16-18

January 8 - Matthew 6:16-34, Ge 19-20



Remember the area wide service
will be held here next Sunday at
2:30 and is hosted by the Sunrise
congregation.

Facts and Figures

December 25, 2011

AM Service.....336

Bible Study.....236

PM Service.....190

Wednesday.....202

Contribution.....\$6425.56

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....8

Placed Membership....3