

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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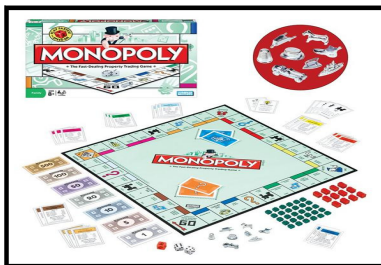
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The Golden Agers soup bean dinner and game night is tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room.

Come enjoy Herb Wright's famous delicious soup beans.

Remember to bring your favorite game.



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

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HOSPITAL

Camden Clark

Jay Cheuvront was to be released Friday.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Scott Johnson and family in the passing of his grandmother, Golda Cecil. She passed away Friday, January 13. Her funeral was Monday in New Martinsville.



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Jay Cheuvront, 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, Loreean 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.



DEACON'S MEETING TODAY

The Deacon's will meet today at 5:00.

YOUTH EVENTS PLANNING MEETING THIS EVENING

All youth and their parents are asked to meet in Room 109 this evening after services.
Bring your ideas for 2012 youth events.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER/GAME NIGHT TOMORROW

The Golden Agers Soup Bean Dinner/Game Night is tomorrow at 6:00 in the MP Room.
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING IS "ASK THE PREACHER"

Next Sunday evening, Dana will be answering questions submitted by the congregation.
Place your question in the boxes provided or give them to him today.

6th-12th GRADE DEVO. AFTER SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a 6th-12th grade devo. next Sunday in the MP Room after evening services.

AREA WIDE TEEN DEVO.

The first area wide teen devo. for this year will be held here Monday, February 6 from 7:00-8:30 in the MP Room.

RON AND ZANDRA HOLLERON'S NEW ADDRESS

Their new address is: 56 Carr Lane Mineral Wells, WV 26150
Telephone: 304.489.3559



DANA'S DIRECTION

A Capella Music in Worship

Worship in song is a holy and wonderful thing in which to partake with God's people. Singing is good for one's soul, and it makes one feel closer to our Lord. It has been a part of the worship that God's people have employed in offer and service to Him within their gatherings for at least since the time of Moses. As Moses and the children of Israel sang in Exodus 15:1, **"I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea."**

Singing is a very important aspect of Christian music and worship today, and it will be part of our service to the Lord in the great age to come: **"and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders"** (Revelation 14:3).

So why do we sing a capella when we gather together in our assemblies? The answer is really quite simple: It is what we have been told to do, and we honestly seek to do all in the name of our Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17). When God gives a specific command, we are not free to add or take away from it, or to go beyond His word to do less or to do more (Numbers 22:18; 1 Corinthians 4:6). And those of us under the New Covenant founded by Christ Jesus are commanded to sing and make melody in our hearts: **"I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also."** (1 Corinthians 14:15) Part of the purpose of our singing is to teach, and that can only be done through vocalization: **"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God."** Paul admonishes the congregation at Ephesus to have their hearts filled with the Spirit, and the instrument to use, says the Apostle, is the heart, and not some mechanical instrument: **"be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,"** (Ephesians 5:18-19).

It should matter to all Christians that they do whatever is in their power to worship their Creator as He has chosen, and to do as Jesus said in John 4:24, **"in spirit and truth."** It is presumptuous to do otherwise. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote the following to the church at Thessalonica: **Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus."** The instructions given are for us to sing. Is that too hard to follow and understand?

SERMON NOTES

The Music of Worship (Leviticus 10:1-3)

God's Commands are _____. "So Aaron and his sons did all the things that the _____ had commanded by the hand of Moses"(Lev.8:36) Then _____ and _____, the sons of Aaron each took his censer and put a _____ on it, and offered _____ fire before the Lord, which he had not _____ them" (Lev. 10:1). "So _____ went out from the Lord and _____ them, and they _____ before the Lord." (Lev. 10:2)

Things that are not at "issue" when determining what God finds acceptable in the worship of the church:

- #1) What is commonly _____.
- #2) The _____ of the church..
- #3) The worship of the _____.
- #4) What will be found in _____.

What is at issue:

The _____ of God.

All passages that mention Christian worship speak of only one kind of music - _____. "And when they had _____ a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives" (Matt. 26:30). "I will _____ with the spirit, and I will also sing with the _____" (I Cor. 14:15). "Speaking to one another in _____, _____ and spiritual _____, making melody in your _____ to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19-21) "Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, _____ and _____ one another in _____ and _____ and spiritual _____, _____ with grace in your _____ to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). "Is anyone cheerful? Let him _____" (James 5:16)

Why do we _____ use instrumental music in worship? God hasn't said we _____. What God has said is _____.

An instrument cannot _____. "God does not dwell in temples made with _____, nor is he _____ with men's hands" (Acts 17:24-25)



Why we worship with vocal music only:

- #1) It is _____.
- #2) It is _____.
- #3) It is _____.
- #4) It is _____.
- #5) It can _____.



2011 Christian Top Ten Myths

~PNygard

January seems to be the month of 'top tens'. We are bombarded by the best and worst lists of music, food, movies, you name it from 2011.

This brings to mind a list of *Top Ten Christian Myths* I saw written by brother Higginbotham recently. Here they are:

1. If you're growing, you must be doing something right.
2. One is in good standing with God so long as He can find his name written in the book...*The United Church Directory*.
3. God wants you to be happy more than he wants you to be holy.
4. Teenagers must have a Youth Minister and be a part of an organized Youth Ministry to grow spiritually.
5. If it's not broken, don't fix it or change it.
6. If it's new, we shouldn't do it.
7. If it's old, we shouldn't do it.
8. If a person is struggling spiritually, give them a Bible class to teach or some other responsibility that will keep them attending.
9. Making sure we have a Bible class for all ages is more important than having qualified teachers in those classrooms (in other words, the church is a slave to the Bible class arrangement rather than the Bible class arrangement being a servant to the church).

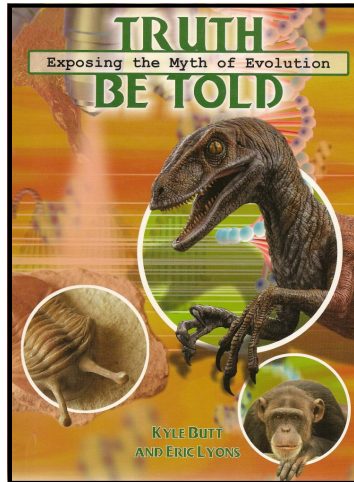
Choosing to be a compassionate church or a doctrinally sound church is an "either / or" proposition.

It is sad to have to admit that so many people believe in myths like these. I am sure that you could add more items to this list, false teaching and understanding that you have heard over the years. We are blessed to have shepherds here at Camden Avenue that work for the Lord with diligence, remembering Paul's words.

For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. (Acts 20.27)

Pray for these men, thank God for them, and ask Him that their work will be holy, righteous, humble, and fruitful in the years to come.

FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK . . .



We are featuring a book each week. These books will be available in our church library. They were donated in memory of Betty Rockhold.

Students are being indoctrinated in our schools to the doctrine of evolution. Previously evolution was taught as a theory, today it is taught as a fact. In Truth Be Told, Exposing the Myth of Evolution by Kyle Butt and Eric Lyons. This is a book that should be read by parents, grandparents and students. In fact, the best would be a shared reading and discussion by these parties to clearly separate truth from fiction. To accept evolution as fact, when it is an un-provable theory, is detrimental to truth and the church. So read the book and share the facts with the precious souls of your children and grandchildren.

John Rockhold III

A little humor. . .



While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife, Grace, listened to the instructor say, "It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the man, "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched her arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it, honey?"

One Sunday morning, a preacher cut his face while shaving, and he placed a band-aid on the cut. After a longer-than-usual sermon, he explained, "In case you are wondering what happened to my face, while shaving I was concentrating on my sermon and I cut my face." Afterwards, a woman said to him, "Next time, concentrate on your face and cut the sermon!"





Weekly Bible Reading

January 22 - Matthew 14, Ge 45-46
 January 23 - Matt.15:1-20, Ge 47-48
 January 24 - Matt. 15:21-39, Ge 49-50
 January 25 - Matthew 16, Ex 1-3
 January 26 - Mathew 17, Ex 4-5
 January 27 - Matt. 18:1-14, Ge 6-7
 January 28 - Matt. 18:15-35, Ex 8-9
 January 29 - Matthew 19, Ex 10-12

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

January 29
 Knowing Christ

MEN SERVING JANUARY 29

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - John Life

PRAYER

9:30 AM - David Kimes

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - Mike Wade

Close - David Lamp

SCRIPTURE

AM - Scott Johnson

PM - Paul Saunders

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Leon Hupp

Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM - Todd Klrk

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Keith Smith
 2 - Rick Stanley
 3 - Eloise Smith

PM

1. Bill & Carolyn Davis
 2. Cindy Huxley & Jo Langler
 3. Steve & Rose Allen
 4. Larry & Janet Plant
 5. Kathleen Albright & Betty Lamb
 6. Dearll & Carol Vincent

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay

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

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Dwain Shears

4 - 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

Something to think about. . .

If the reason for not living a faithful Christian life is because it seems to hard, how is living an unfaithful Christian life and suffering the consequences for it not harder?

"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" (Job 4:8). Also, (Galatians 6:7).



Welcome!

**Thank you for worshipping
 with us today!**

Facts and Figures

January 15, 2012

AM Service.....298

Bible Study.....225

PM Service.....216

Wednesday.....210

Contribution.....\$6665.57

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