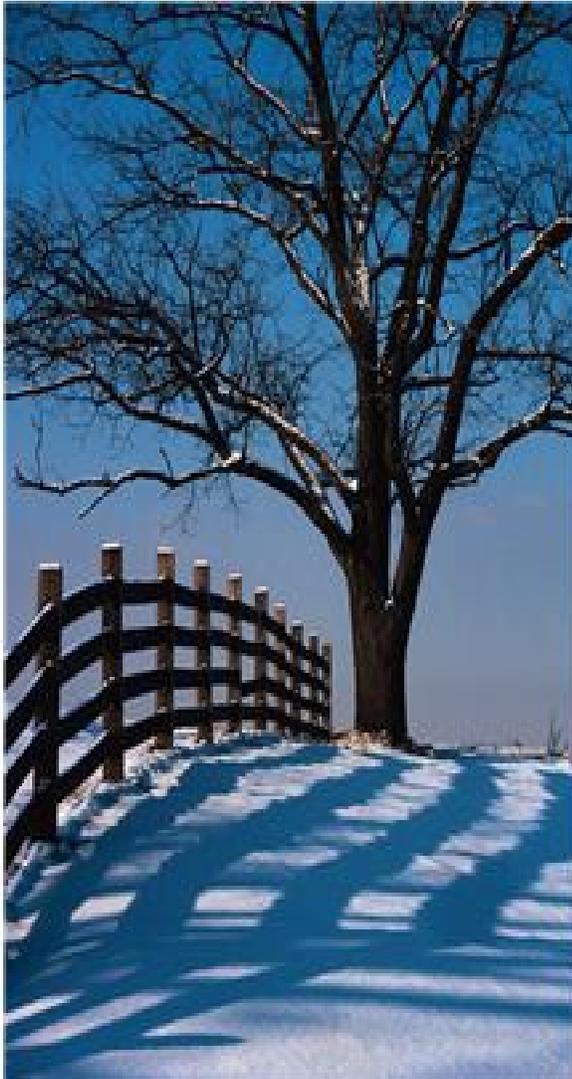


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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12th Area Wide Worship Service

January 9, 2011
2:30

Hosted by the Waverly
Church of Christ

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

Invite your family and friends!

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Ralph Conner
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Todd Kirk
Everett Sams
Ray Sams
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
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Scott Smith
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Bill Daniel (Room 507A)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Bill Daniel, De Fleak, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Madeline Gregg, Delbert Holleron, Zandra Holleron, Janet Johnson, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Ruth Reynolds, Oliver "Butch" Smith, John Stevens, Mike Stone, Dorothy Weaver, Dale Wilcox

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Joe Civitello, Randy and Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Barb Gant, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Donna Harrison, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Helen James, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Cathy Morrison, Ann Owens, Hailley Parsons, Keith Raines, Von Riddle, Scott Riser, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Debbie Shively, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Delores Stutler, Valerie Stevens, Angel White



THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you to everyone that brought sweet treats to the office (Lenore Vaught, Tammy Kerns, Sue VanCamp, Eloise Smith, Corinna Francis). They were all delicious! We appreciate your kindness. **Dana, Wes, and Kimberlee**
- ♥ Many thanks for your cards, prayers and visits during my stay in the hospital. **Mike Wade**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards. They brightened my day. **Sheila Conner**
- ♥ You all make me feel so loved! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the holiday cards and I cherish all my gifts!! Thank you so much! Love, **Garrie Miller**
- ♥ Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the holiday cards and there's a very special meaning behind the gifts I received. I love you all! **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you for the holiday cards. I sure enjoyed each one. **Gwen Lucas**
- ♥ We greatly appreciate the anniversary cards. **Herb and Joyce Wright**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday and holiday cards and best wishes for the new year. In Christian love, **Mary Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for the many anniversary cards that made our special day even better. Love, **Cotton and Patty Sayre**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday wishes and cards. God bless you, **Bob Eddy**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all the expressions of love during the illness and passing of George Hess. The flowers, visits, cards and especially prayers were greatly appreciated! We love you all, **Vera Hess, Terry, Shelley, Belinda and George Capel**

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide Sunday afternoon service will be at 2:30 next Sunday at Camden Avenue with the Waverly congregation in charge. Please make plans to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The monthly FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be Sunday, January 16 after morning worship and classes. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Everyone is invited.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's Meeting will be Sunday, January 16 at 5:00 and Bible Busters at 5:30.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet January 18 at 7:00 in the MP Room.

BILL SMITH REQUESTS PHONE CALLS

Bill Smith would enjoy receiving phone calls. His number is 304.485.8120.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dale Wilcox and family in the passing of his brother, Robert Wilcox. His funeral service was Wednesday.

Weekly Bible Reading

- Jan. 1 Matthew 1 and Genesis 1-2
- Jan. 2 Matthew 2 and Genesis 3-5
- Jan. 3 Matthew 3 and Genesis 6-7
- Jan. 4 Matthew 4 and Genesis 8-10
- Jan. 5 Matthew 5:1-20 and Genesis 11-12

New Bible reading schedules are available in both foyers.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Georgia Ann Liggins was born December 24th in Jackson, TN.

She is the granddaughter of Marty and Linda Liggins and the great granddaughter of Colleen Ash.



SERMON NOTES

Happy New Life (Psalm 1:1-6)

The Blessedness of the righteous man. (What he does not do)
(Psalm 1:1-3)

“Blessed is the man who _____ not in the counsel of the _____”

“Nor _____ in the path of _____”

“Nor _____ in the seat of the _____”

(What he does)

“But his _____ is in the _____ of the Lord”

“In His law he _____ day and night.”

(The results of such a life.)

“He shall be like a _____ planted by the _____ of water”

“That brings forth its _____ in its season, whose _____ also shall not wither.”

“And whatever he does shall _____.”

The condition of the unrighteous man. (Their end is not like that of the righteous)
(Psalm 1:4-5)

“But are like the _____ which the wind drives away.”

“Therefore the _____ shall not _____ in the judgment, nor

_____ in the _____ of the righteous.”

The final contrast between two ways of life. (Psalm 1:6)

“The Lord _____ the way of the righteous.”

“But the way of the _____ shall perish.”

How Long Has It Been Since You...

- ♥ Took the time to go see someone who lives alone?
- ♥ Wrote a letter or sent a card to someone who crossed your mind?
 - ♥ Sent a card to our shut-ins?
- ♥ Made a visit to the nursing homes or hospitals?
 - ♥ Encouraged each other, both young and old?
- ♥ Read the Bible to someone too ill to read for themselves?
- ♥ Encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian?
- ♥ Showed appreciation to our elders, Dana, the deacons?
 - ♥ Prayed earnestly for someone who was faltering?
- ♥ Tried to have a Bible study with someone you knew was lost?
- ♥ Told a teen that you were proud of their efforts to live for Christ?
- ♥ Spent more time on your knees praying than on the phone talking?
 - ♥ Informed your family of your love and appreciation of them?

**EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN DO SOMETHING TO
ENCOURAGE SOMEONE ELSE!**





DANA'S DIRECTION: *Lessons in the Long Winter*

December 21 was officially the first day of winter, although it has looked like it for a while now. Summer is past, the pretty leaves of fall are gone, the trees are bare, the days are colder – without a doubt, the winter season is upon us. Winter can be a gloomy, dreary, bare time for many. Because of this, winter can seem quite long and drawn-out. Is there anything we can learn from the “long” winter season? Since **Psalm 19:1** states that *“the heavens declare the glory of God”*, surely there is something we can learn even from this cold, bleak season – and there is.

WINTER REMINDS US THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD. God said in **Genesis 8:22**, *“while the earth remain, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”* The change of seasons is proof of God’s faithfulness to His word. If we shiver at the cold of winter, take heart – spring is just around the corner! God has promised it, and He has never failed to keep His promise of seasons. If He keeps this promise so faithfully, what of the really important ones - like the resurrection, eternal life, and heaven? He will keep them!

WINTER REMINDS US THAT LIFE MOVES IN CYCLES. We have an inspired reminder of this in **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,11**, *“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted. . . He has made everything beautiful in its time.”* There would be no autumn glory without the lush green foliage of summer; no summer leaves without the buds of spring; no springtime burst of life without the winter hiatus. Things like joy and sorrow, victory and defeat are essential to the basic pattern of the fabric of life. As life moves through its changing cycles, as Christians we believe *“that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”* (**Romans 8:28**)

WINTER REMINDS US THAT WE MUST “DIE” TO LIVE. We all know well that spring cannot come until winter passed. For the life of spring to bloom forth, the tree must go through the “dead” of winter. Jesus talked about this concept when He said, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain”* (**John 12:24**). Spiritually speaking, we are born into a world that is dying, and we too must face our own mortality (cf. **Hebrews 9:27**). But when we die to self and sin, then and only then are we able to live unto Christ. Paul words it this way in **Romans 6:4**, *“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”* From God’s point of view, we have not really begun to live until we have learned what it means to die.

Enjoy this winter season with its own beauty and uniqueness. And let it remind you of God, His will, His promises, and what He can make of us.

New Years Prayer

Dear Lord,
 In the new year, we pray
 that You will guide us each new day
 in paths that are pleasing to You.
 Lord, the new year gives us another chance
 to rededicate our lives to You,
 to study Your word
 so that we know right from wrong
 and to act in accordance with Your commands.
 Thank you for the sense of
 direction, purpose and peace we get
 from aligning our lives with Your Holy will.
 We pray for the strength and the will to obey You
 each and every day of the new year,
 and when we fall, we pray for Your mercy,
 Your compassion, Your grace and Your love.
 Help us in the new year to be Your faithful servants,
 In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

~Copied

Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

Whoa! What in the world is happening with some of our kids today? Let's see....I think it started when Madelyn Murray O'Hare complained that she didn't want any prayer in our schools, and we said OK!

Then someone said you had better not read the Bible in school, and we said OK!

Then there was Dr. Benjamin Spock, who said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem. And we said, OK!

Then someone said that teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. And we said, OK!

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, so they won't have to tell their parents. And we said, OK!

So now we're asking ourselves why some of our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to murder an unborn child.

Probably if we think it long and hard enough, we might be able to figure it out.

Hosea said, "*They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind*"! (**Hosea 8:7**)

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



MEN SERVING JANUARY 9

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE—Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jim Galloway
PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Walter Morgan
Close—Paul Inman
6:00 PM—Len Haid
Close—Todd Kirk

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kody Inman
PM—Steve Gray

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Leon Hupp
PM—Russ Alton
Ralph Conner

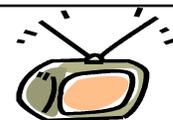
PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



Events this week...

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Bible class
1:00 and 7:00



“In Search of the Lords Way”

Every Sunday at 7:30AM
on WTAP-TV
Channel 15

UPCOMING TOPIC

January 9
Is Marriage Obsolete?

Facts and Figures

December 26, 2010

AM Service.....287
Bible Study.....221
PM Service.....182
Wednesday.....221
Contribution.....\$6763.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010

Baptisms.....5
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....11
Placed Membership....8

Schedule of Services
Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Afternoon Study...1:00
Bible Study.....7:00

Christian New Year’s Resolutions

How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I’ll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.
I’ll find new ways to serve others;
I’ll love my neighbor, too.
I’ll focus on “give” instead of “get”
In everything I do.
I’ll forgive the people I’m upset at;
Angry feelings I’ll discard;
I’ll try to love my enemies,
Even though it’s hard.
In the new year, I’ll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I’ll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.
I’ll let go of my worries;
I’ll put it all in His hands;
I’ll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.
These new year’s resolutions
Are difficult, at best,
Be there’s something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:
I’ll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing,
All the rest will be in control.