

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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The area wide service is  
here today at 2:30 and is  
hosted by the Sunrise  
congregation.

## Elders:

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
John Life  
Bill Mills  
Ron Riddle  
Dearl 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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# 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, 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, Fred Smith, 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.

## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. Each one was so special. In Christian love, **Mary Daniel**
- ♥ Thanks everyone for making this such a special Christmas for me. Love, **Garrie Miller**
- ♥ I want to thank you so much for the gifts, "goodies" and many holiday cards. This made my Christmas quite special! **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you for being there for us in the passing of my Dad, Richard Hall. God Bless You. **John Hall & Family**
- ♥ Thank you to all for the many prayers, visits and cards during my recent stay in the hospital. I am on the mend now, thanks to God's infinite power and your love. In Christian love, **Pat Barclay**
- ♥ Thanks for the many beautiful cards. Love you all. **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary, Christmas, and sympathy cards. Also, thanks for the visits to the funeral home and food in the death of my sister. We so appreciate and love all of our family in Christ. **Phyllis and Ray Johnson**

## THANK YOU. . .

Thank you to all those that participated in the sack-the-pulpit month.  
A special thank you to all those that helped put everything away.

**Josh Barclay**

### **PLACED MEMBERSHIP/PRAYER REQUEST**

We are pleased that Justin Smith placed membership with us Sunday. He comes to us from the Sandyville congregation. We welcome Justin and his wife, Lindsey, with us. He will be in Care Group 2. Also, Garrie Miller came forward requesting prayers Sunday evening to help her live a better Christian life.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

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

### **AREA WIDE SERVICE TODAY**

The area wide service will be held here today at 2:30, hosted by the Sunrise congregation. Please plan to attend and worship our God together.

### **LADS TO LEADERS MEETING THIS EVENING**

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

### **LADIES LUNCH THURSDAY**

All ladies are invited to bring their lunch and meet at noon this Thursday in the MP Room. (If there is inclement weather or no school it will be cancelled.)

### **AFTER THE HOLIDAYS GET TOGETHER MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

Everyone is invited to an "AFTER THE HOLIDAYS" get together at Western Sizzlin' Restaurant Monday, January 16 at 5:30PM. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

### **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.

### **LADIES TUESDAY CLASS**

If you plan to attend the Tuesday Ladies class and would like a book, see Naomi Carr.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CODY!**

Cody Hoover's (aka Edwins' Daddy) birthday is January 10.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO LEN HAID'S GRANDDAUGHTER, KAYLA!**

Len Haid's granddaughter, Kayla Sue Haid recently graduated from WVU with honors. She was on the Dean's List maintaining a 3.81 GPA. Congratulations, Kayla!

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

Cindy Slingluff's new phone number is 740.440.1172.

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## No Place To Quit



I read somewhere that the Golden Gate Bridge is constantly being repainted. Several painters start at one end, and continue until they reach the other. Then they start over again. This has been so since the bridge was built because if the work stopped, the salty ocean air would cause damaging corrosion.

Our Christian lives are much like that bridge. We never reach the point where we can afford to stop growing. When we neglect our spiritual condition, the devices of Satan can cause great damage to our souls. Here are some suggestions to help us keep our spiritual lives in good condition.

(1) Take advantage of Bible study. 1 Peter 2:2 says, “As newborn babes, long for spiritual milk which is without guile, that we may grow thereby unto salvation.” If we wish to keep our spiritual lives vibrant, we need to take advantage of every opportunity to study God’s word. Our Bible classes and Wednesday evening studies can be especially helpful.

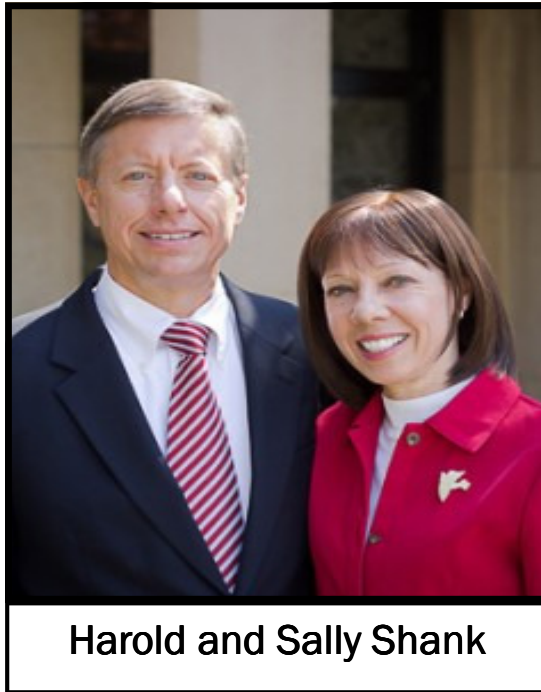
(2) Take advantage of fellowship with other Christians. Acts 2:42 tells of the growth of the early Christians, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Fellowship with other Christians helps us grow stronger and encourages us to continue serving God faithfully.

(3) Take advantage of doing good works. Just as exercise builds up our physical bodies, so does exercising our faith develop our spiritual lives. Reaching out to others can be a great source of spiritual growth. “So then, as we have opportunity let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:1)

Don’t let corrosion take over your spiritual life. Keep growing!

By Ron Stough

**Shake the Holiday Blues:** Are you burned out from all of the cooking and cleaning and holiday meeting? Come share an evening of relaxation, food and fellowship at the Western Sizzlin’ Restaurant, Monday, January 16th at 5:30PM. The meal is “Dutch Treat,” entertainment will be free and worth every penny! The past two times we have done this, we have filled the room! Please sign up by next Sunday. ~Dana



**Harold and Sally Shank**

Our guest speaker this morning is Brother Harold Shank, who serves as President of Ohio Valley University.

Before coming to OVU, he was Professor of Old Testament at Oklahoma Christian University and Reviews Editor of the *Christian Chronicle*.

Since 1996 he has also been the national spokesperson for Christian Child and Family Services Association. This organization represents about 70 childcare agencies across the nation.

Brother Shank has written several books including *Listening to His Heartbeat - What the Bible says about the Heart of God* (College Press, 2009), *Loosening Your Grip* (1995), *Up Close and Personal - Embracing the Poor* (2000), *Children Mean the World to God* (2001), *College Press NIV Commentary of the Minor Prophets* (2001), and *It's All About God* (2004).

Harold is interested in children and young people. He also champions ministries to the poor and vulnerable. He writes and speaks about these topics frequently. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Brother Shank is married to Sally Jane. They have two sons: Daniel and Nathan. For the last several years they attended Memorial Road Church of Christ where Brother Shank served as an elder.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian with a B.A. in Bible. He received his M.A. and M.A.R. from Harding University Graduate School of Religion. His Ph.D. in Theology is from Marquette University.

Brother Shank was part of a team that planted the Northtown congregation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and later served as the preacher for the Highland Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee for twenty years.

Originally from Indiana, Pennsylvania, his family came to Christ when he was a teenager.



# For This Cause

“Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice’” (John 18:37). The advent of Christ was not a mistake, happenstance, or coincidence. He came into the world for a point and purpose.

Jesus came to be King. Old Testament prophecies stated that one would come from the line of David; one who would rule over his own kingdom (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalms 132:11). Peter made the connection between the prophecies of a king and Jesus of Nazareth, whom God made both “Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:29-36). Therefore, the Bible refers to Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15).

Notice, Jesus told Pilate He came into the world for the purpose of being King. Some believe Jesus failed in His mission. They say His kingdom will be established at some point in the future and last for 1,000 years. Do not be disheartened, these people are wrong. The Lord of lords did not falter or fail. He is now king of righteousness and king of peace (Hebrews 6:19-7:2). He now rules and reigns at the right hand of God and will do so until His return (1 Corinthians 15:23-28). For this cause He came into the world.

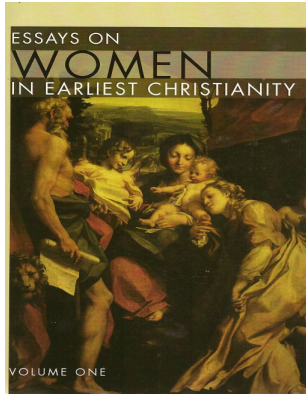
Jesus also came to bear witness to the truth. Being the Word of God He was the embodiment of truth (John 1:1, 14, 17). He said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus taught the word of God, which is truth that convicts and saves (John 7:16; 17:17; 15:22; 8:32). It would seem automatic that all men would come to the truth for salvation, but many will not (John 3:19-21).

There are a few precious souls that seek for and accept the truth, who are “of the truth” and hear His voice. They are ones who “will to do His will” (John 7:17). They come to the light that their deeds may be exposed (John 3:19-21). Most others, however, shun the truth, hate it and the one who brings it (cf. John 15:18-25). Even so, we must be like our Lord and “bear witness” to the truth.

Jesus was and is the King of truth. For this cause He was born into the world. Let us support Him in this cause.

## FEATURED BOOK THIS WEEK . . .

We will be introducing a book each week. These books were donated in memory of Betty Rockhold.



### Essays On Women In Earliest Christianity

edited by Dr. Carroll J. Osborn.

This book contains twenty scholarly articles by various author's examining scriptures concerning women. It spans Old Testament scriptures with a concluding essay on "Women in the Post-Apostolic Church" by Everett Ferguson.

While not for the novice Christian, this wide-ranging examination requires careful investigation.



### January 28

Men's Breakfast 8:30 in the MP Room

### January 29

6th-12th grade devo. in the MP Room after evening service

### February 20

Red Cross Blood Drive in the MP Room

### March 8

Warren Christian Apologetic Center  
Third Annual

#### *AN EVENING OF VALUES*

Grand Pointe Conference Center 6:00PM

Tickets: \$60.00

Featured speaker: Navy Captain Barry Wilmore,  
NASA Space Shuttle Atlantis Pilot

Master of Ceremonies: Chip Pugh, Head Strength  
Coach at Tennessee Tech University

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## Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 AM WLTP

Ole Vohl, the noted violinist, was giving a concert in Paris when the "A" string in his violin snapped! But he didn't! He rearranged the composition and finished it on three strings. Now that is making the most of life! To have your "A" string snap and finish on three strings. What courage! What optimism!

Optimism may be defined as the disposition to look on the bright side of life. To expect the best--to work for the best--and to believe that the best will come to pass. And reverses which in time are sure to come are viewed as only breathers to prepare us for greater accomplishments!

Optimism is the spirit that abounds with enthusiasm and resolve, knowing no defeat. It is the spirit of "I Can." Paul, always the optimist said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Think positive and be positive. IT WORKS!

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





## **MEN SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent**

**DEACON IN CHARGE - Todd Kirk**

### **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

**PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway**

### **Door Greeters**

**AM** Door 1 - Paul Inman

2 - Steve Allen

3 - 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



## **Weekly Bible Reading**

**January 8 - Mat 6:16-34, Ge 19-20**

**January 9 - Matthew 7, Ge 21-22**

**January 10 - Matthew 8, Ge 23-24**

**January 11 - Mat 9:1-17, Ge 25**

**January 12 - Mat 9:18-38, Ge 26-27**

**January 13 - Mat 10:1-15, Ge 28-29**

**January 14 - Mat 10:16-42, Ge 30**

**January 15 - Matthew 11, Ge 31-32**



Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

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

### **UPCOMING TOPIC**

January 15

**GOD'S INSPIRED WORD**

## **Opportunities to Serve Today**

**ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle**

### **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

### **DOOR GREETERS**

**AM** (Doors Listed)

1 - Jack Newberry

2 - Ron Riddle

4 - 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

## **Facts and Figures**

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AM Service.....287

Bible Study.....216

PM Service.....215

Wednesday.....224

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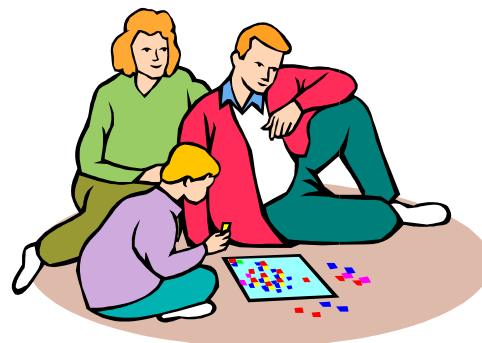
### **OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012**

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

Parents need to fill a child's self  
esteem so high that the rest of the  
world can't poke enough holes in it to  
drain it dry.