

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

We will be collecting the following items:

3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, folders, scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper  
(No backpacks are needed.)

Please leave school supplies in the bin located in the foyer, by Sunday, August 5.

Cash donations may be given to one of the Elders or Dwain Shears.

## 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  
Doug Hershman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Scott Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
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## Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tony & Lynsi Adams, Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Ronnie Dye, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Mark Hickman, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister, Paul King, Julia Knight, Debbie Kreaps, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Ronnie Smith, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

*Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LISTS.*

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- ♥ Thank you so very much for all the lovely cards we received for our anniversary and Jim's birthday. We enjoyed them so much. **Jim and Sandy Hughes**
- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards. It was so nice to be remembered. **Phil Deem**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. I appreciate all of them very much. **Peggy Dearth**
- ♥ Thank you for the get well and birthday cards. Also, thanks for the prayers of concern. They were all very much appreciated. **Bob Fox**



## **BAPTISM**

We have a new sister in Christ. Donna Keffer was baptized Tuesday by Dearll Vincent. She is a neighbor to Dearll and Carol Vincent. She will be in Care Group 3.

## **PHOTO SESSION FOR UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are updating our church directory and want your picture included. The photo session sign up sheets are in the foyer. There is no charge. Felicia Barclay is taking the photos.

## **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL THIS EVENING AFTER SERVICES**

All our youth and their families are invited to the home of Mike and Pam Bayer this evening after services for a devotional.

## **MENS' BREAKFAST, JULY 28**

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

## **DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 29**

The monthly Deacon's meeting has been changed to next Sunday, July 29.

## **CHURCH PICNIC, AUGUST 4**

The church picnic will be Saturday, August 4 at DuPont park. We will meet at 3:00 and eat at 4:00.

## **BLOOD DRIVE, AUGUST 14**

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, August 13 from 1:00-6:00 in the MP Room.

## **SUMMER SERIES**



Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 with Greg Tidwell.

**Topic:** Walking in Purity



July 22 - Ac 19:1-20, Job 1-3  
July 23 - Ac 19:21-41, Job 4-6  
July 24 - Ac 20:1-16, Job 7-8  
July 25 - Ac 20:17-38, Job 9-11  
July 26 - Ac 21:1-16, Job 12-13  
July 27 - Ac 21:17-40, Job 14-16  
July 28 - Ac 22, Job 17-19  
July 29 - Ac 23:1-22, Job 20-21



# Criticism

D. Gene West

Criticism is both good and necessary, though it is often designed to be neither- that is a criticism of criticism! However, when properly offered, that is, gently, lovingly, cautiously and sparingly it can be very valuable for both the one who gives it, the one who receives it and those who are affected by both those parties. Paul emphasized that those who are spiritual are to engage in a kind of loving criticism when he wrote: “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Gal 6:1). One can hardly talk with a friend or brother, especially about sin in his life, without being somewhat critical. However, we should all notice the qualifiers that Paul attached to such in this passage: “spirit of gentleness, considering yourself.” Hence, the necessity of both giving and receiving criticism is understood by all.

However, there are certain kinds of criticism and certain conditions under which it should never be offered. In order for criticism to be just and profitable, the one doing it should make sure of certain truths. (1) He should be certain of all the facts involved. The presumption of knowing all that is going on in the hearts, minds, and lives of others is an extraordinary dangerous thing. Therefore, it is wise to ask questions and make inquiries before offering any criticism at all. (2) He should make sure that what he is criticizing is worth the effort. There are a million things that can happen that one may not especially like, but unless there is sin involved - souls in danger, he needs to exercise forbearance, which is a very vital principle of Scripture. One does not have to like all that happens anywhere or under any circumstances. But, it is not necessary to hurt others, or even to disconnect them by making criticism of something one does not like. This is a principle plainly taught in Romans 14, but obviously missed by many. Therefore it is wise to practice biblical forbearance with brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as the “golden rule” of Matthew 7:12.

It should also be added that (3) one should never criticize who does not compliment! There are several reasons for that such as the one being criticized will feel that you have no real interest in him, only in criticism. Criticism for criticism’s sake rarely has any value. A person may do a thousand good things and never be complimented, but if that person does one thing of which some do not approve, he can depend on the criticism coming very rapidly and very furiously. The recipient will just “turn it off,” so there is nothing of any value gained except the critic finds yet another opportunity to vent! Criticism is not for the good of the critic, but for the recipient when properly given and received. (4) Critics should ask themselves some very personal questions such as: Why am I upset by this matter? To whom have I been listening that would cause my distress in this matter? Can I, or am I doing a superior work to the one I am criticizing? Am I doing an unholy thing in the name of preserving righteousness in the Kingdom? Just some thoughts on criticism.

# Restore My Zeal

## (Romans 12:6-11)

zeal n. earnestness or  
fervour in advancing a  
cause or rendering service;  
hearty and persistent  
endeavour

Enthusiasm – Essential in living the \_\_\_\_\_ Life. Eththeos (Latin) mean \_\_\_\_\_ in us. “Never be lacking in \_\_\_\_\_, but keep your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, serving the Lord.” (Romans 12:11 NIV)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the way. “Did you not know that I \_\_\_\_\_ be about My \_\_\_\_\_ business.” (Luke 2:49) “Me \_\_\_\_\_ if to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to \_\_\_\_\_ His work.” (John 4:34) “Then His \_\_\_\_\_ remembered that it was written, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ for Your house has \_\_\_\_\_ Me up.” (John 2:17)

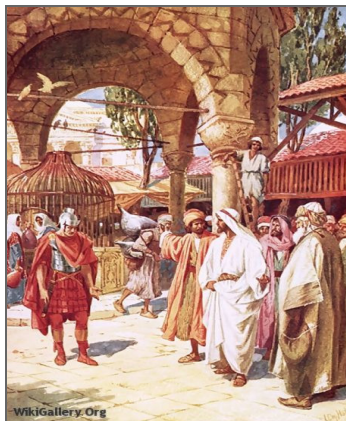
Zeal propelled the \_\_\_\_\_ after Pentecost. “Therefore those who were \_\_\_\_\_ went everywhere \_\_\_\_\_ the word.” (Acts 8:4) “So also now \_\_\_\_\_ will be magnified in my body, whether by \_\_\_\_\_ of by \_\_\_\_\_. For to me to \_\_\_\_\_ is Christ, and to die is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Philippians 1:20-21)

1) We must be zealous about \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s word. Christian growth is \_\_\_\_\_ our lives into the image of \_\_\_\_\_. “But speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ in love, we may \_\_\_\_\_ up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ.” (Eph. 4:15)

2) We must be zealous about \_\_\_\_\_ our brother. “Even so, since you are \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual gifts, let it be for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church that you seek to \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Corinthians 14:12)

3) We must be zealous about doing good \_\_\_\_\_. “Who gave Himself for us, that He might \_\_\_\_\_ us from every lawless deed and \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself His own \_\_\_\_\_ people, \_\_\_\_\_ for good works.” (Titus 2:14) “Let your light so \_\_\_\_\_ before men, that they may see your good \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)





## What Amazes Jesus?

~ Written by Steve Higginbotham.

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Apparently, we like to be amazed. I draw that conclusion from the myriad of television shows such as, "Amazing Rescues," "Amazing Car Chases," "Amazing Animal Stories," and do you remember from a generation ago, "That's Incredible." But now, have you ever wondered what amazes Jesus? What turns his head? If you haven't, I'll tell you... "When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, 'I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'" (Luke 7:9). Faith! That's what amazes Jesus. The kind of faith possessed by a Roman soldier. Jesus marveled! He was amazed! He said he had never seen anything like it, not even in Israel, among God's people. Friends, you may never make it on some "Amazing" television show. In fact, your life may seem quite ordinary to your friends and neighbors, but if you have faith; faith like this Roman soldier, you too will turn the Savior's head, cause Him to marvel at you, and say, "Why, have you ever seen such a thing?"

P.S. - For those who are interested, here's some additional information that helps to explain what was so amazing about this Roman soldier's faith.

- It crossed barriers. He was a Gentile, but he had come to have faith in God.
- It involved him in the work of God. He put his faith in action and built the Jews a synagogue.
- It worked for the good of others. He was concerned about a servant, who under Roman laws was simply viewed as a living tool.
- It was humble. He felt unworthy before Jesus.
- It acknowledged that nothing was too hard for God. He believed Jesus could do what he was unable to do.



Not forgiving is like drinking poison and  
waiting for the other person to die.

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# COMMUNING UNWORTHILY



Sunday morning, a few weeks back, as the Church Family was partaking of communion, I offered the unleavened bread to a young mother visiting us that day. She had to reach over her two baby girls and as she did, the older one saw the “crackers” and tried to take some. When her mother stopped her, she began to cry. When the “Fruit of the Vine” (grape juice) was passed both babies began to cry, wanting to have some. The mother smiled and tried to apologize. I smiled my “don’t worry about it” smile and continued on. But, it got me to thinking.

Many years ago Paul wrote that the Christians at Corinth were not taking the “Lord’s Supper” seriously. He mentioned that if you were to “*eat the bread or drink the cup unworthily, not honoring the body of Christ, you were eating and drinking God’s judgment upon yourself.*” (I Cor. 11:29) In such a short time the cherished “FEAST DIVINE” had become an act that could cause condemnation. And today, we must not become lackadaisical about our worship; drifting off into apathy.

I long for the day when men and women of the church will be so filled with the desire to commune with God, thru the sacrificial supper, that we like the children, if we were forbidden to do so, would cry, beg and plead to be allowed to take of the communion commemorating the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

M. Burgess  
Bulletin Digest

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP



We live in a hyper-critical age. There are so many mean-spirited people who are critical of almost everything and everyone. No one likes to be criticized, especially if the criticism is unfounded and unfair. So how does one deal with criticism from others?

**First** - Expect to be criticized. Jesus was criticized, and always unjustly.

**Second** - Evaluate the quality of the criticism. Who is criticizing? What does the critic really know about the matter? Not all criticisms are of equal value.

**Third** - If possible, personally contact your critic. Honestly seek to determine if the criticism may prove useful. If the criticism is unfounded, ignore it or respond to it in a kind, appropriate way.

**Forth** - Escape the temptation to retaliate. When stung, we may want to sting back. But what we need to do is turn all reprisals over to the Lord. (Romans 12:19-21)

Be a good example of how to receive and handle criticism when it comes!

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Next Sunday, July 29

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Pat Barclay  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears

#### SONG LEADERS

AM - Josh Barclay  
 PM - SONG NIGHT

#### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson  
 Close - Delmas Carr  
 6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway  
 Close - Cody Hoover

#### SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Logston  
 PM - Brandon Sheppard

#### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Don Gaston  
 PM - Kody Inman  
 Ralph Conner

**PA SYSTEM** - Jim Galloway

## Precious Memories



Most of us, if we live long enough will have more time to look back upon, than we have to look forward to. We will have memories of marriage, children, and grandchildren. We will smile when we think of the time spent with family, trips and holidays. A real joy will come when we contemplate with fondness the pleasures that hobbies, games, and sporting events brought us. We will remember the smell of summer rain, the barking of a pet as we came home.

Sadly some will not live the kind of life that will produce those kinds of memories. Their memories will be sordid, and sad. There will be more pain than joy, more sadness than pleasure. Their memories will bring heartache and grief.

Memories are the pictures in our minds of the life that we choose to live. No life is perfect, and all of us fail, but to have lived my life in sin, and for sin, bring memories that are dark and mean. We are told to "redeem the time" (Eph 5:16). The Psalmist encourages us to "remember how short time is" (Psalms 89:47).

So build a life that will be a joy to look back on!

Floyd C. Johnson

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Steve Allen, Mike Bayer, Mark Dean, and Dwain Shears.

## Facts and Figures

July 15, 2012

AM Service.....266  
 Bible Study.....216  
 PM Service.....213  
 Wednesday.....169  
 Contribution.....\$7117.53

### OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....8  
 Restored or Requested Prayers.....3  
 Placed Membership....12

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

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



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

### UPCOMING TOPIC

July 29  
 THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave here at 5:15 for the Friday Night sing at the Spencer congregation.