

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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## Christian Olympics Super Saturday Vacation Bible School

June 23

Registration starts at 9:00.

VBS begins at 9:30 and will conclude with lunch  
at 1:00.



Since this is an Olympic summer we will be using the texts of scripture that speak of running the Christian race as our study and fun activities.

## 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 Herschman  
Rob Hoover  
William Hoover  
Kyle Inman  
Scott Johnson  
Todd Kirk  
Ray Sams  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Scott Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
David Wadlington

## Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
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## Minister:

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## Prayer List

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Margaret Cowdery, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Lawney "Buster" Kupfner, Josh Kupfner, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, 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 LIST.**

Thank You  
Notes

- ♥ Thank you for making my birthday special. I enjoyed all the beautiful cards. **Cindy Huxley**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one of them. **Bill Mills**

A special thank you to the ladies that organized the Ladies Tea - **Jo Goldsmith, Patty Sayre, Annette Kirk, Naomi Carr, Charlotte Galloway, and Kay Mills.**

We had a wonderful time last Saturday and look forward to the next tea.

Also, thanks to the "lovely" ladies for the wonderful program.





### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY**

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "SILVER FOR CHILDREN" COIN BANKS**

Please return your coin bank to the office today. A representative will be here tomorrow to pick them up.

### **LADIES LUNCHEON TUESDAY**

All ladies are invited to bring your lunch this Tuesday at noon to Fort Boreman Park. Please bring a birthday card for Gypsy Newberry's 101st birthday.

### **END OF SCHOOL ICECREAM PARTY WEDNESDAY EVENING**

There will be a get together for all school age students in the MP Room after services this Wednesday to celebrate summer break. Details are with the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

### **MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY**

The Men's Meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 23**

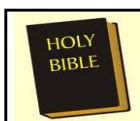
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### **OHIO VALLEY YOUTH CAMP AT CAMP HERVIDA**

Senior Week (June 10-15), Junior Week (June 17-22),  
Intermediate Week (June 24-29). Registration forms are available in the foyers.

### **GOSPEL MEETING CD'S AVAILABLE**

CD's are still available on the counter of our recent Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach.



#### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 10 - Jn 14:1-14, 2 Ki 24-25  
June 11 - Jn 14:15-31, 1 Ch 1-2  
June 12- John 15, 1 Ch 3-5  
June 13- John 16, 1 Ch 6  
June 14- John 17, 1 Ch 7-8  
June 15 - Jn 18:1-24, 1 Ch 9-10  
June 16 - Jn 18:25-40, 1 Ch 11-12  
June 17 - Jn 19:1-16, 1 Ch 13-15



#### **HAPPY 101 BIRTHDAY TUESDAY, JUNE 12 TO GYPSY NEWBERRY.**

Her address is:  
1815 15th Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

#### **SUMMER SERIES**



Our Summer Series will  
continue this Wednesday at  
7:00 with Charles Aebi.

Topic: Two Ways of Walking



## MAKE TIME FOR STILLNESS

One of the deepest needs of the human heart is for knowledge of God. Yet how is such knowledge to be acquired? The Bible gives an answer that is often overlooked: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

A memory of childhood comes back to me. I recall hot summer nights in West Texas. The house, retaining the heat accumulated from the day, remained stifling at night despite the windows being open for cross-ventilation. Mother, in pity for her three sons, would say, “Would you boys like to sleep out in the backyard tonight?” Knowing the answer in advance, she would carry quilts from the house to prepare a bed for us.

For those who are not acquainted with the big sky over West Texas, the lyrics of a song might help. “The stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas.”

And there under a canopy of millions of lights, and an occasional shooting star, I would gaze in stillness at the magnificence of the heavens above.

Two thoughts engaged my attention. The first was how little I was compared to the vastness of the heavens. The second was how great God is in preparing such a universe.

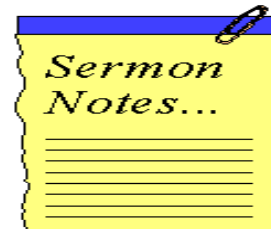
In those moments of stillness I knew, absolutely knew, there was a God who ruled over all. It was not a matter of theory; it was experience.

I’m convinced that one of the chief hindrances to knowing God is the rush of modern life. We are so busy doing something we don’t see what God is doing. There is a remedy. We must cease for a while from our own activities to allow a period of calm to interpose in our lives.

Anyone want to join me in the backyard?

John Gipson

# Draw Near to God: (James 4:1-10)



**Why Christians Struggle:** “Where do \_\_\_\_\_ and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your \_\_\_\_\_ for pleasure that \_\_\_\_\_ in your members? (James 4:1)

**A Christian who loves the \_\_\_\_\_ is going to struggle.** “You \_\_\_\_\_ and do not \_\_\_\_\_, because you ask \_\_\_\_\_, that you may spend it on your own \_\_\_\_\_.” (James 4:3) “No one can serve \_\_\_\_\_ masters; for either he will \_\_\_\_\_ the one and love the other, or else he will be \_\_\_\_\_ to the one and \_\_\_\_\_ the other. You \_\_\_\_\_ serve God and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 6:24) “Do not love the \_\_\_\_\_ or the things of the world. If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ the world, the love of the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in him. For all that is in the world – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh, the lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of life – is not of the Father but is of the \_\_\_\_\_.” (I John 2:15-16)

**Two things that will destroy our relationship to God:**

**#1) \_\_\_\_\_ will destroy our relationship to God.** “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot \_\_\_\_\_, nor His ear heavy that it cannot \_\_\_\_\_. But your \_\_\_\_\_ have separated you from your God; and your \_\_\_\_\_ have hidden His \_\_\_\_\_ from you, so that he will not \_\_\_\_\_” (Isaiah 59:1-2).

**#2) A love of the \_\_\_\_\_ will destroy your relationship to God:** “Adulterers and adulteresses. Do you not know that \_\_\_\_\_ with the world is \_\_\_\_\_ with God?” (James 4:4) **As Christians we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.** “For I am \_\_\_\_\_ of you with a \_\_\_\_\_ jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Cor. 11:2)

**The struggle you feel is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for you to \_\_\_\_\_ near to Him again.** “Do you think the scripture says in vain, the \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ in us yearns jealously?” (James 4:5)

**God still loves you even if you have gone \_\_\_\_\_.** “So they should \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord...though He is not \_\_\_\_\_ from each of us.” (Acts 17:27) **The first step back to God is taken with the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**How can I draw near to God again?**

**#1) You have to make a \_\_\_\_\_.** “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to God.” (Jas 4:7)

**#2) Tell the \_\_\_\_\_ to ‘Take a hike.’** “\_\_\_\_\_ the Devil and he will \_\_\_\_\_ from you. (James 4:7)

**#3) You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your ways.** “Cleanse your \_\_\_\_\_, you sinners.” (James 4:8)

**#4) You must redirect your life – focus on \_\_\_\_\_ God.** “Purify your \_\_\_\_\_ you double-minded.” (James 4:8) “Humble \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord, and He will \_\_\_\_\_ upper up.” (James 4:10)





# CONGRATULATIONS 2012 GRADUATES!



**Jordan Parnell**

2012 Graduate Masters Program  
Lubbock Christian University  
Grandparents: Everett & Ruth Sams



**Jacob Parnell**

Lubbock Christian University  
Grandparents: Everett & Ruth Sams



**Shelley Parnell**

2012 Graduate Masters Program  
Lubbock Christian University  
Daughter of Everett & Ruth Sams



**Tyler Sams**

Greater Atlanta Christian School  
Grandparents: Everett & Ruth Sams



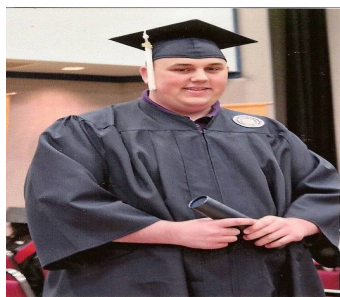
**Katelyn Vincent**

Milton-Union High School  
Grandparents: Dearll & Carol Vincent



**Danielle Vincent**

Milton-Union High School  
Grandparents: Dearll & Carol Vincent



**Michael Caplinger**

Board of Governor's Associate  
Degree in Business Administration



**Melissa Caplinger**

Bachelor in Science Business  
Administration with Accounting  
Specialization and Bachelor  
in Applied Science Business  
Administration Information  
Technology Specialization



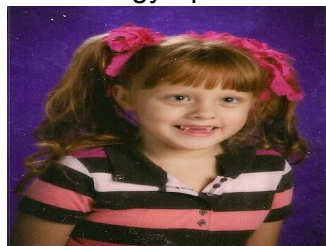
**Jordan Kirk**

Fifth Grade  
Lubeck Elementary School  
Daughter of Todd & Annette Kirk



**Haley Johnson**

Fifth Grade  
Fairplains Elementary School  
Daughter of Scott & Gwen Johnson



**Rochel Young**

Kindergarten  
North Christian School  
Daughter of Eric & Amy Young



**Emma Johnson**

Kindergarten  
Fairplains Elementary School  
Daughter of Scott & Gwen Johnson



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bigler invite you  
to share in the joy of the marriage of  
their daughter

Becky Lynn Bigler

to

Kevin Warren Inman

On Saturday, June sixteenth

Two thousand and twelve

at two thirty in the afternoon

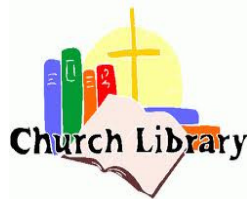
National Road Church of Christ

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Please sign the list on the counter today  
if you plan to attend the  
wedding/reception.



## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

In the continuing **Scripture and Science Series** by Dr. Bert Thompson, Ph.D., this book examines **"The Scientific Case for Creation."** People who stand against God always try to dismiss Him and His revelation to man. To do so, one of their major forms of direct attack is to pit science against Scripture. These attacks go to a very basic item - creation of the world.

The Bible's account of God creating the heaven and earth verses evolution, presented as fact, though still an unproven theory with multiple falsehood supporting its premises.

These chapters deal head-on with the heart of the matter: Chapter 4 "The Law of Cause and Effect, Chapter 5 "The Law of Genetics", Chapter 6 "The Law of Probability", Chapter 7 "The Fossil Record".

This book is a must-read for high school and college students and their parents. Really, it is a must own.

These featured books were donated in memory of my mother, Betty Rockhold and will be available in our church library.

John Rockhold III

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix pancakes for his parents. He found a big bowl, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy pancake container, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some flour into the bowl leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten. Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad!

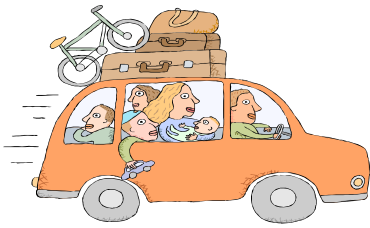
And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming. But his father just watched him. Then walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him.

That's how God deals with us...We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets sticky or our health goes sour. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us. Mistakes happen, but God loves us anyway!

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







# VACATION

I dreamed that God took a vacation  
 He did not say where He would go,  
 He just packed his Spirit and left us.  
 He wearied and tired of much praying  
 And listening to every weak plea.  
 Two weeks were just what He'd been needing  
 Away from the world and me.  
 Just then I was faced with a crisis  
 My heart was in deep despair,  
 My elders, my friend, nor my neighbors  
 Could help with an answer to prayer.  
 Oh, how I just longed for His Presence,  
 The touch of His soothing, calm hand;  
 To feel He was there close beside me,  
 And know that He would understand.  
 I woke up to find out I was dreaming,  
 And fell on my knees and I cried.  
 Oh, how I thanked God up in Heaven  
 That He was still here by my side.  
 And, again it is time for vacations.  
 I may go by land, sea or air,  
 Wherever I am on the Lord's Day  
 I know I shall worship Him there.

(The date and the Author of the above poem is unknown,  
 but it's message is quite timely.)

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

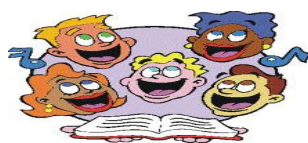


## UPCOMING TOPIC

June 17

THE GOSPEL AND SALVATION

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at  
 5:30 Friday for the sing at  
 the Salem & Ten Mile  
 congregations.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Next Sunday, June 17

ELDER IN CHARGE - Stan Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Scott Smith

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jim Galloway

Close - Ryan Gaston

6:00 PM - Dearll Vincent

Close - Marion Goldsmith

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Dave Kimes

PM - Dennis Keller

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - David Lamp

PM - Ron Riddle

Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

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

They include Mark  
 Dean, Dwain Shears,  
 Chris Tallman, and  
 Donovan Walton.



## Facts and Figures

June 3, 2012

AM Service.....250

Bible Study.....197

PM Service.....200

Wednesday.....190

Contribution.....\$8069.10

## OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....6

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....10

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00