

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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Our Summer Series will begin this  
Wednesday and continue through August.

	Topic	Speaker
June 6	Walking with God	Terry Jones
June 13	Two Ways of Walking	Charles Aebi
June 20	Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus	Tom Miller
June 27	Walking by Faith	Earl Ash
July 4	Walking in the Truth	Rob Albright
July 11	Walking in Love	Steve Haguewood
July 18	Walking in Wisdom	Roger Massey
July 25	Walking in Purity	Greg Tidwell
August 1	Walking in the Light	Randy Baker
August 8	Walking in Good Works	Steve Fuchs
August 15	Walking with God in Youth	Van Sprague
August 22	Walking with God in Golden Years	Tom Butterfield

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

**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  
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We extend our sympathy to Gwen Johnson and family in the passing of her grandmother, Gwendolyn Maynard. Her funeral was last week.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Marcella Mullins. Her funeral was held yesterday at the Leavitt Funeral Home.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Marion Goldsmith, 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, Loreean 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 for the prayers, cards, and all acts of kindness shown during Sheila's illness and passing.

**Ralph Conner**



## **RESTORED AND BAPTISMS**

We rejoice that Mary Foster was restored Sunday. Stormi Frazier and her mother, Reba Hirzil were baptized into Christ this week. Stormi is the daughter of David Frazier and granddaughter of Shorty and Gloria Frazier. Reba is seriously ill with cancer and is receiving treatments at James Cancer Center in Columbus. Their address is 47684 State Route 681, Reedsville, Ohio 45772. Both Reba and Stormi would appreciate hearing from you. (Stormi's birthday is June 8.)

## **ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS BEGINS TODAY**

The adult Bible Bowl class will begin meeting today in Room 154.  
Topic: Matthew chapters 1 and 2, New King James Version.

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY**

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

## **LADIES LUNCHEON, JUNE 12**

Ladies, mark your calendar for the next lunch Tuesday, June 12 at 12:00 at Fort Boreman Park. Bring your lunch and join us.

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

Our Super Saturday Vacation Bible school will be Saturday, June 23.

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

Church camp is fast approaching. . .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 available on the counter of our recent Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach.

## **CHURCH PANTRY**

Our church pantry is in need of any size jelly. Items may be left in the library or office.



### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 3 - Jn 10:22-42, 2 Ki 10-11  
June 4 - Jn 11:1-27, 2 Ki 12-14  
June 5 - Jn 11:28-57, 2 Ki 15-16  
June 6 - Jn 12:1-26, 2 Ki 17  
June 7 - Jn 12:27-50, 2 Ki 18-19  
June 8 - Jn 13:1-20, 2 Ki 20-21  
June 9 - Jn 13:21-38, 2 Ki 22-23  
June 10 - Jn 14:1-14, 2 Ki 24-25

### **Potter's Children's Home "Silver for Children" coin banks**



A representative will be here to pick up the filled coin banks.

Please return your coin bank to the office by next Sunday.

### **OVU QUARTET CONCERT**



The Annual Quartet Concert will be Saturday, June 9 at 5:30PM at Ohio Valley University.

Admission: \$5.00

Details are on the bulletin boards in the foyers.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## WHAT DO YOU EXPECT IN WORSHIP?

It's Sunday. You have made your way to the assembly of the saints. You enter the door, find a seat, and wait for the service to begin. Is this just going to be a way of killing an hour, or would something more important happen? Geoffrey Wainwright in his book *Doxology* has given me food for thought by listing eight 'attitudes' which typically occur in Christian worship.

1. **Adoration.** There is the acknowledgement of God's transcendence. Our response is: "Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psalm 95:6)

2. **Confession of sin.** How can we be in the presence of the Holy One without acknowledging our failed potential and missed opportunities? There should be penitence in our hearts and the confession of sin upon our lips.

3. **Proclamation and thanksgiving.** The address of proclamation is to the world; the address of thanksgiving is to God. Yet these things are closely related because proclamation and thanksgiving typically recite the mighty acts of God on behalf of humanity and His benefits bestowed on us.

4. **Commitment.** We are offering ourselves to God in obedience for His service.

5. **Intercession.** God's commitment to the world is shown by His very creation of it, by His continuing preservation of it, and by His redemption of it through Jesus Christ. But human intercessions are addressed to God from within situations in which it appears, at least to human eyes, that the divine will for the well-being of the creatures is suffering frustration.

6. **Expectation.** "I will lift up my eyes . . ." (Psalm 121:1). When the believer looks to God he is expecting help.

7. **Absence.** The sense of God's absence implies a relationship. This leads toward a search for God and a positive response to His call. Wainwright points out that paradox can give way to plain *doxa*. He says, "There are many indications in the New Testament that this is the pattern which believers must and may expect. Apparent god-forsakenness, of which suffering is the sharpest sign, may in fact be a moment of growth in communion with the God who is never really absent from a creation which he never ceases to love."

8. **Wrestling.** Human wrestling with God in prayer. Remember Jacob's night-long wrestling at Penuel (Gen. 32)

I hope you will examine yourself next Sunday and see how many of these eight 'attitudes' you find present as your worship.

John Gipson



## Sermon Notes

# God's Kingdom will Grow (Matthew 13:31-35)

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed:** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven is like a mustard \_\_\_\_\_, which a man took and \_\_\_\_\_ in the field, which indeed is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the seeds; but when it is \_\_\_\_\_ it is greater than the herbs and becomes a \_\_\_\_\_, so that the birds of the air come and \_\_\_\_\_ in the branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

**Do not judge the outcome by \_\_\_\_\_ beginnings. God's kingdom experienced amazing \_\_\_\_\_.** 3,000 were baptized on the day of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:41) Numbered about \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:4) Number \_\_\_\_\_ greatly. (Acts 6:7) They went \_\_\_\_\_ preaching the word. (Acts 8:1) The gospel was preached to \_\_\_\_\_ creature. (Col. 1:23)

**The only thing that can grow the kingdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Seed is \_\_\_\_\_.** "The word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful, and sharper than any \_\_\_\_\_ sword, piercing even to the division of \_\_\_\_\_ and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

**The church vs. the kingdom.** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is not food and drink, but \_\_\_\_\_, praise and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 14:17) **Jesus says** "Deny \_\_\_\_\_, take up your cross and \_\_\_\_\_ me." (Matt. 16:24)

**The kingdom offers the opportunity to know \_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_ living within us.** "I am not \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel of Christ, for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_." (Romans 1:16) **If we tell everybody about \_\_\_\_\_ the church will \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The parable of the leaven:** "The kingdom of heaven is like \_\_\_\_\_, which a woman took and \_\_\_\_\_ in three measures of meal until all was \_\_\_\_\_." (Matthew 13:33) **The kingdom will not just change \_\_\_\_\_ - it will change the \_\_\_\_\_.** **The church that teaches God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God's will, will have an \_\_\_\_\_ on its community.** "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, a \_\_\_\_\_ that is set on a hill cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before men that they may see your good \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven." (Matt. 5:14,16)

**The \_\_\_\_\_ church. When people find the kingdom it means more to them than \_\_\_\_\_ else in life. When others see what we \_\_\_\_\_ - they will want it too!**

# WHAT SHOULD A FATHER DO?



Fathers are a strange lot. They get up early and leave the house; they don't come home until the close of day.

I sensed early on in life that daddy was important. He didn't stay at home as mother did, but he seemed in control of the family. There was no question in my mind that you did what daddy said. Mother taught it; Dad enforced it.

Later, when I became a father, I began to sense the awesome responsibility of providing for one's family. There was housing to be secured, food for the table, and clothing for the body. But that was only the beginning. Something much larger was at stake--the eternal welfare of every member of the family. Being the "head" of the house was no matter to be taken lightly. Thankfully, I found a handbook for fathers--the same one my father used--the Bible. I wasn't perfect, but the Book was. I still recommend that Book for every trying to raise a family. It will give you insights at every turn in the road.

For example, take the statement of the apostle Paul: "For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory" (I Thessalonians 2:11-12).

In these verses three verbs are connected with the role of the father: *exhorted*, *encouraged*, and *charged*. Children need to be *exhorted* to a life of right conduct. They need to be *encouraged* in their pursuit of that goal. And they need the authoritative *charge* of their father (God chose Abraham because He knew that Abraham would "charge his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice" (Genesis 18:19).

There is no job more important for any father than that of teaching his children "to lead a life worthy of God."

John Gipson





*Church Library*

## FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

When a person seeks a book to read, commentaries usually do not come to mind. Commentaries are mostly reference material. Wayne Jackson's book, **Before I Die (Paul's Letter to Timothy and Titus)** bridges this great divide. This is an easy-to-read style of presentation, yet it does not gloss over important doctrinal matters.

This book offers elders an opportunity to understand their role and divine qualifications, including cleaver insight into duties and dangers that exist. To those who proclaim the Word, there should be renewed passion for preaching, lending to a renewed sense of dedication. For all Christians, it will teach them to work as a team, each observing his or her role and to appreciate the role of others, in particular, the shepherds.

This book is time and money that is well spent.

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

John Rockhold III



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

1310 National Road

Wheeling, West Virginia

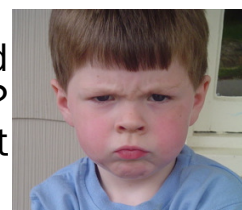
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Please sign the list on the counter by next Sunday if you plan to attend the wedding/reception.

## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Have you ever got mad, really mad at someone? Maybe so mad that you could split! When that happened, what did you want to do? Did you want to lash out at the other person? Did you want to hurt them? Did you want revenge?



These are reactions consistent with what the world teaches us. The world says "do to the other guy before they do something to you. Get even. Show them that they are no better than you."

But you know something; this is completely inconsistent with what Jesus taught Christians they should do! Jesus taught is by example to pray for our enemies. When on the cross, Jesus didn't lash out at his enemies, he prayed for them. (Matthew 18:35) Jesus also asked God to forgive those who were crucifying Him. Now THAT is completely contrary to what most of us would do! We must follow Jesus' example. Never forget what Jesus said in Mark 11:25, "If you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

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, June 10

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Gary Herridge

**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Scott Johnson

### SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Korey Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Leon Hupp

### SCRIPTURE

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Walter Morgan

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Dwain Shears

Dennis Keller

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray



## The Inspiring Jesus

Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3 1/2 years. Yet the influence of Christ's ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these great philosophers.

Jesus painted no pictures; yet some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo Da Vinci received their inspiration from Him.

Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him.

Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the music they composed in His praise.

Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

Henry G. Bosch  
Bulletin Digest

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

They include Josh Barclay, Korey Inman, Kyle Inman, Scott Johnson, and Jeff Taberner.



## Facts and Figures

May 27, 2012

AM Service.....370

Bible Study.....247

PM Service.....199

Wednesday.....203

Contribution.....\$6810.20

### 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

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave at 6:30 Friday for the sing at the Barlow/Vincent congregation.

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



### UPCOMING TOPIC

June 10  
LIVING WITH FAITH