

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

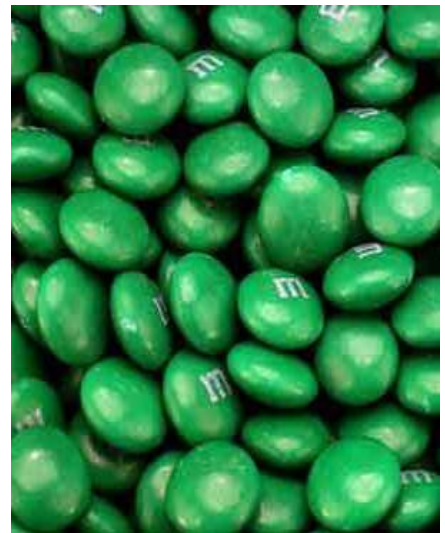
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All ladies are invited to bring your lunch to the Ladies Luncheon this Tuesday at 12:00 in the MP Room.

Please bring something **GREEN** that can be exchanged.
Be creative!



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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 Herselman
 Rob Hoover
 William Hoover
 Kyle Inman
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- ♥ A big thanks to all who sent me birthday cards. They made my day more enjoyable. **Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ We wish to thank you for all the birthday cards and for the kind words spoken. We really appreciated every one of them. It's really great to have a wonderful church family like Camden Avenue. God bless all of you. **Ira and Nancy Kimes**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and all of the surprises. I had a wonderful birthday. **Virginia McCutcheon**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, David Frazier, Shorty Frazier, Gloria Frazier, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone, Jim VanCamp, Kelsie Wadlington

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Jamie Atkinson, 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, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Loreean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, 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, Jack Plumley, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Alexander Trippett, Bob Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' brother), Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LIST.

Ralph Conner called to inform us that Sheila's surgery is scheduled for April 12 in Tennessee.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible class. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

LADIES LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY

All ladies are invited to bring your lunch to the MP Room at 12:00 this Tuesday. Also, bring something green that can be exchanged. We will enjoy fun and fellowship.

K-5th GRADE DEVO. FRIDAY, MARCH 16

K-5th graders are invited to a devotional Friday, March 16 at the home of Gary and Sharon Herridge at 7:00PM. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS MEET NEXT WEEK

The Tuesday Ladies class will meet next week in the MP Room at 7:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER - MARCH 19

MNFTM will meet March 19 in the MP Room. Dinner at 5:45 with a devo. and work projects at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Kevin Inman and Becky Bigler Thursday, March 22 at 7:00PM in the MP Room. They are registered at Walmart, JCPenney's and Kohl's.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 31 in the MP Room at 8:30. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

SPRING BANQUET (PROM ALTERNATIVE) APRIL 28

The Spring Banquet for 9th Grade - College students will be April 28 at the Woodridge Plantation Golf Club in Mineral Wells. Registration forms are available in both foyers.

Registration deadline is April 1.

LLL CONVENTION

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the Lads to Leaders convention in April, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to Larry Fleak, Carol Fleak, Len Haid, Keith Smith, and Jim Galloway for their hard work around the building recently.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"



Sunday mornings
at 7:30 on
WTAP-TV.

UPCOMING TOPIC

March 18
WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS

Daily Bible Reading

March 11 - Mk 11:15-33, Nu 23-24
March 12 - Mk 12:1-27, Nu 25-26
March 13 - Mk 12:28-44, Nu 27-28
March 14 - Mk 13:1-23, Nu 29-30
March 15 - Mk 13:24-37, Nu 31
March 16 - Mk 14:1-21, Nu 32-33
March 17 - Mk 14:22-52, Nu 34-35
March 18 - Mk 14:53-72, Nu 36

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
here this Friday at 5:45 for
the Friday Night sing at the
Sissonville congregation.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Prayer – Keep on Rowing

There is an old Indian proverb: “Pray to God, but keep rowing against the rocks.” What does it mean? God helps those who help themselves? Or perhaps as someone has written, “Pray as if everything depends on God; work as if everything depends on you.” I thought of this proverb as I was reading the gospel accounts of Jesus’ walking on the sea. (John 6:15-21; Mark 6:45-48)

It was a very pressing time in the ministry of Jesus. He was besieged by crowds of people, some of whom wanted to hear him preach; many others who were drawn by the bread He fed the 5,000. Some things were getting out of hand. Jesus perceived that some wanted to take him by force and make him their king. Jesus needed reprieve...he went to the mountain alone, to spend time in prayer. Before he left, he saw his disciples off as they got into the boat to go before Him to Bethsaida on the other side of the lake.

As they reached the middle of the sea, in the night, a storm arose because a great wind was blowing. It was dark and Jesus had not come to them. They had been rowing for hours, a distance of three or four miles. They certainly were wondering where Jesus was (on another occasion they asked ‘Master, do you not care that we perish? (Mark 4:38) But Jesus was well aware of their struggles. Mark says “He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them.” (Mark 6:48) Where was Jesus when they struggled? What was he doing? He was watching. He was praying.

Then, about the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. They were troubled, but Jesus told them, “It is I, do not be afraid.” When they willingly received him into the boat, the storm passed and they were safely on the other side.

Surely there are truths here to keep in mind as we are confronted by the storms in our life. It is not too difficult to offer platitudes and prayers to God when the waters of life are still and peaceful, but when the winds blow and the waves begin to toss, we become afraid. We cry out to God; as well we should! What happens when the answer to those prayers is not immediate? Where is Jesus? Does he know about our struggles? Does he care?

O yes, he cares! “My Jesus knows when I am lonely, He knows each pain, He sees each tear; He understands each lonely heartache, He understands because He cares.” So then, what is Jesus doing? When his disciples struggled in the boat – he watched, and he prayed. I must assume that is what he is doing when we are struggling. So then, what can we do? What must we do? We must keep on rowing.

There is a lot about life that can be described as just keeping on rowing. It is a struggle to raise a family – a difficult economy may make it a struggle to keep a roof over our head and food on the table. The demands of raising children can be great. What can we do? Just keep on rowing. It is challenging to live the Christian life. There are times when other people (our neighbors, friends, fellow-workers, and even our family) may persecute us or give us a hard way to go. What can we do? Keep on rowing. There are times when the normally choppy waters of life turn into a tempestuous storm. A job is lost and a family becomes homeless, a child gets into trouble, we are forced to fight a disease. What can we do? Keep on rowing. All we can do is look for work, deal with the problems, seek doctors and treatments, and keep on rowing – and most importantly keep on praying.

The one thing I have taken from the story of Jesus coming to his disciples in the middle of the storm is that he will also come to us. He sees our need. He cares. He prays for us and he will come in the right way, at the right time, with the answer to our prayer. Don't lose heart, keep on rowing.



SERMON NOTES

Prayer in the life of Jesus (Matthew 26:36-46)

What prayer meant to Jesus. “Father, I thank you that you have _____ Me, and I know that you _____ hear Me.” (John 11:41) **We need the Lord to teach us to pray.**

I) Jesus spent much time in prayer. Jesus _____ time for prayer. “Now in the _____, having risen a long while before _____, He went out and departed to a solitary place, and there He _____.” (Mark 1:35) “Now it came to pass in those days, that He went out to the mountain to _____, and continued all _____ in prayer to God.” (Luke 6:12)

Wrong motive for prayer. “And when you _____, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogue and on the _____ of the _____, that they may be _____ by men... But you, when you pray, go into your _____, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in _____, and your Father who sees in secret will _____ you openly. (Matt. 6:5-6)

II) Times when Jesus prayed. Jesus prayed when he was succeeding. “So He Himself _____ withdrew to the wilderness and prayed.” (Luke 5:16) “When Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him _____, He _____ again to a mountain by Himself alone.” (John 6:15)

Jesus prayed when _____ and _____. Jesus prepared for His temptations through _____ days of fasting and prayer. “Lead us not into _____, but _____ us from the evil one.” (Matt. 6:13) **Jesus _____ in the garden.** “And being in _____, He prayed more _____. And His sweat became like great drops of _____ falling down to the ground.” (Luke 22:44)

III) How Jesus prayed. He was _____. “Father, if it is Your _____, remove this _____ from ME; nevertheless not _____ will, but Yours be done.” (Luke 22:42)

Jesus’ prayers centered around _____. Jesus prayed for Himself. We can take our needs to God in prayer. “Be anxious in nothing, but in _____, by prayer and supplication, with _____, let your _____ be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:6)

Jesus prayed for His disciples. “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked for you, that He may sift you as wheat, but I have _____ for you that your _____ may not fail.” (Luke 22:31-32)

Jesus prays for you and for me...For all that would _____ in Him through their word. “That they all may be _____, as you Father are in Me, and I in you, hat they also may be one in _____.” (John 17:21) Jesus lives to make _____ for us. (Hebrews 7:25)



Only four weeks and our group will be in Indianapolis for the convention. We want to share with you more events the youth are participating in. They deserve to be recognized for ALL their hard work!

Submitted by - Todd Klrk

Holly Haught

Year Round Bulletin Board
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
GIFTS I

Lizzy Hoover

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It - Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
Know the Books
Group Scrapbook
Group Banner

Carly Taberner

Art Says It- Painting
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Group Banner

Collin Wadlington

Art Says It - Drawing Sketching
Art Says It - Poster
Know the Books
Group Scrapbook
Group Banner

Emma Hershman

Art Says It - Photography
Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bulletin Board - Informative/Decorative
Bulletin Board Teaching
Year Round Bulletin Board
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading
Know the Books
GIFTS I
Good Samaritan
Pearls Test
Group Scrapbook

Brenden Smith

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It - Photography
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Song Leading - Winner Circle
Year Round Song Leading
Group Banner

Andrew Williamson

Art Says It - Painting
Art Says It - Collage
Art Says It - Poster
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Oral Bible Reading
Know the Books
Goods Samaritan

Points
TO *Ponder*

- ♥ It is confusing to give good advice while setting a bad example.
- ♥ When life and circumstances drive you to your knees - you are in a perfect position to pray.
- ♥ When you talk you can only say something you already know. However, when you listen you may learn what somebody else knows, something you do not yet know.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A professor stood before his class with some items in front of him. When the class began he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and started to fill it with golf balls! He then asked the students if the jar was full. They all agreed it was. The professor then picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly and the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He again asked if the jar was full and all the students agreed it was.

Then he picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar where it filled up all the remaining visible space. He again asked if the jar was full and the students responded with a unanimous "YES".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee and poured the entire contents in the jar. The students laughed!

Imagine that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things like God, family, children. The pebbles are other things that matter like job, house, and car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff!

If you put sand in the jar first guess what happens. There really is no room for anything else.

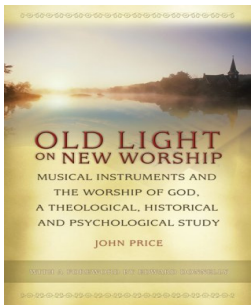
So what is the lesson here? Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter—Set your priorities. The rest is just sand!

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



FEATURED BOOK OF THE WEEK...

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



Often the first and most obvious aspect of the worship of churches of Christ is the a cappella singing. A cappella is defined as “without instrumental accompaniment or in the style of church or chapel music.”

The Greek New Testament is clear that singing is without instruments. Despite the unquestionable evidence, many today within the body of Christ are abandoning Biblical truth to join Israel of Old, “in being like their neighbors round them.”

Baptist pastor John Price honestly examines the instrumental music question in his book, Old Lights on New Worship.

From an advertisement in the Gospel Advocate, August 2007, Cecil May, Jr. states, “All arguments advocating instruments commonly heard are thoroughly answered [in this book], including the New Testament use of psallo.” Charles Hodge added, “The best book I’ve read on instrumental music.”

Read this treatise and examine it honestly in the light of scriptures.

John Rockhold III

MEN SERVING MARCH 18

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Paul Saunders

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ethan Ash

PM - Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Kyle Inman

6:00 PM - Scott Johnson

Close - Walter Morgan

SCRIPTURE

AM - Phil Deem

PM - Steve Gray

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Don Gaston

Glenn Snider

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

Door Greeters

AM Door 1 - Jeff Taberner

2 - Bill Davis

3 - Julie Taberner

PM

1. Harvey & Mary Caplinger

2. Donovan & Amy Walton

3. Rick & Kay Stanley

4. Jay & Nina Cheuvront

5. Jim & Rose Merrill

6. Richard & Lorna Marshall

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN GOD WE TRUST- FOUR WEEK SEMINAR

In God We Trust - A four week seminar held at the Dewey Avenue congregation in St. Marys, each Thursday evening (March 15 - April 5) at 7:00-8:30PM.

Hosted by the Dewey Avenue and Pennsboro congregations

Presented by the Warren Christian Apologetics Center.

HOPEWELL'S ANNUAL LADIES DAY

The Hopewell congregation will hold its annual Ladies Day Saturday, March 24. The theme is "From the Pit to the Peak: Discovering Hope in the Hardship of Life". Sally Shank will be the speaker. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. RSVP at 304.863.0627.

ANNUAL SENIOR SAINTS DAY - APRIL 5

The Hopewell congregation will host the annual Senior Saints Day Thursday, April 5.

STARK COUNTY MEN'S RETREAT

The Stark County Men's Retreat will be conducted by the Northwest congregation in Canton, OH April 13-14. Brother Ash preaches at this congregation.

* Details are on the bulletin boards in both foyers. *

**We will provide transportation to some of these events.
Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.**

Facts and Figures

March 4, 2012

AM Service.....291

Bible Study.....216

PM Service.....208

Wednesday.....232

Contribution.....\$9516.51

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

Calendar	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother Clarence DeLoach will be April 29-May 2.

The church picnic will be Saturday, August 4 at Dupont Park.

Opportunities to Serve Today

ELDER IN CHARGE - Ron Riddle

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Bob Smith

Close - Keith Cowdery

6:00 PM - Todd Kirk

Close - Rob Hoover

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ray Johnson

PM - Don Dougherty

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - John Life

PM - Dave Lamp

Steve Allen

DOOR GREETERS

AM (Doors Listed)

1 - Mike Bayer

2 - Wes Cochran

3 - Pam Bayer

PM

1. Cody Young & Jimmy Galloway

2. Ron & Peggy Riddle

3. Bob & Gala Miller

4. Don & Sheri Gaston

5. Jim & Sandy Hughes

6. Ed Collins & Russ Alton