

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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The Promise of Spring

The sky is dark and sullen
The trees look so forlorn
The days are short, a chill sets in
A winter day is born.
I yearn for spring so long ago
A day spent in the park
Among the blooming daffodil
The wren and meadowlark.
I long for gentle days of rain
A warm breeze in the air
The fragrance of a lilac tree
A day so even fair.
Beneath the dead decaying leaves
A bud does wait anew
To reach its arms up to the sky
When winter days are through.
Beyond the bitter winds that blow
A breeze awaits to greet
To bring in sun kissed golden rod
And tender grass so sweet.
Just as the winter fades away
To this one hope I cling
Our God, who gives the winter wind
Will surely bring the spring.

Marilyn Ferguson

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Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
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The Prayer List

My name is on the list for prayer.
In my distress and need;
The bulletin made the church aware,
It's there for all to read.
Pray oft for me, and prayers renew,
Give God my name with care;
How would you have me pray for you,
If yours was listed there?

~Bulletin Digest

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, Lee Edwards, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Janet Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Dan McNemar, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Oliver "Butch" Smith, John Stevens, Mike Stone, Dorothy Weaver

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Joe Civitello, Randy and Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Tina Deem, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Brenda Jones, Joe Johnson, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Dana Miles, Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Kelsay Proffit, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Earl Selbe, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

(Please update the office of any changes in our Prayer Lists.)

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Words cannot express our gratitude for your prayers, visits, and calls we received during the loss of our loved one. We are blessed by the support we share with each other through our Lord. With love and prayers, **The Christy Malone Brammer family**
- ♥ I sure appreciate all the birthday cards and well wishes. They made my day. **Ira Kimes**
- ♥ I want to thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards I received. They surely brightened my day. Love, **Sandy Hughes**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM

We rejoice that Sunday evening Ben Haught was baptized into Christ. He is the son of Brian and Natalie Haught, and sister, Holly. We are so proud of Ben and his decision to become a Christian.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will be today after worship and Bible classes in the MP Room. Bring covered dish items and desserts. *Everyone is invited.*

LAWN CARE MEETING TODAY

Dwain Shears would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with anyone willing to help with the lawn care this summer.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES THIS WEEK

We are in charge of the worship services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday evening at 7:00. (Care Group 1 is in charge.)

PENNSBORO CONGREGATION MEETING

Ryan Currey will be holding a Gospel Meeting at the Pennsboro congregation this week. Our bus will leave at 5:45 tomorrow and Tuesday evening. Let's show our support to Ryan and the Pennsboro church.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies class will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 in the MP Room. Study chapters 10 and 11. We will discuss these chapters.

SOUPS – SALADS – GAME NIGHT

This Friday evening at 6:00 everyone is invited to a SOUP, SALAD, and GAME NIGHT in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

HOPEWELL LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

The Ladies Inspiration Day at the Hopewell congregation will be this Saturday. If you would like attend, sign the list in the foyer. They need an attendance count for food. (Megan Currey will be the speaker.)

MEN'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

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

ELDERS–DEACONS–PREACHER MEETING

The EDP meeting will be Saturday, March 26 following the 8:30 Men's Breakfast in the MP Room. All men are invited. (Sign the list in foyer if you plan to attend the Men's Breakfast.)

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be going to the Washington, PA Outlets on Tuesday, March 29th. Our bus will leave at 8:00AM and return at about 6:30PM. See Dwain Shears for details. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

STORMI FRAZIER ON THE HONOR ROLL

Stormi Frazier was on the Honor Roll at Gihon School. She is in the 5th grade. Congratulations, Stormi! 😊

Weekly Bible Reading

- March 13 - Mark 12:28-44, Nu. 27-28
- March 14 - Mark 13:1-23, Nu. 29-30
- March 15 - Mark 13:24-37, Nu. 31
- March 16 - Mark 14:1-21, Nu. 32-33
- March 17 - Mark 14:22-52, Nu. 34-35
- March 18 - Mark 14:53-72, Nu. 36
- March 19 - Mark 15:1-20, De. 1-2



Friday Night Sing

The Friday Night sing this week is at the National Road congregation.

(Transportation will leave our building at 5:00.)

OVU STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON



The Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 19 from 1:00-4:00 at the Emerson Bowling Lanes.

\$1.75 (includes shoes) and a \$5.00 donation.

For details, see Teresa Wade.



SERMON NOTES

The Greatest Command (Mark 12:28-34)

“Which is the greatest commandment of all? Jesus answered him, ‘The _____ of all the commandments is: _____ of Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is _____. And you shall _____ the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____. This is the _____ commandment.’” (Mark 12:28-30)

God is the source of our _____. He measures our religion by what is in our _____. “If I have not _____, it profits me nothing.” (I Corinthians 13:3)

We must love God _____. “With all your _____.” “But his delight is in the _____ of the Lord, and in His law he _____ day and night.” (Psalm 1:2) “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 _____, the _____ of life is not of the Father but is of the world.” (I John 2:15-16)

We must love God _____. “With all your _____.” “You obeyed from the _____ that form of _____ that was delivered unto you.” (Romans 6:17) “For God so _____ the world that He gave his only begotten Son.” (John 3:16)

We must love God _____. “With all your _____.” “God is _____ and those who worship Him must worship Him in _____ and in _____. Christianity is a _____ relationship with _____ and with one another.

We must love God _____. “With all our _____.” “Be _____ of the word, and not _____ only _____ yourselves.” (James 1:22) “Present your _____ a living _____, holy, acceptable to God, which is your _____ service.” (Romans 12:1)

The Proof that we love God. “Love the Lord your God, _____ in all of His ways, keep His _____; hold _____ to Him; _____ Him with all your _____ and _____.” (Joshua 22:5) “If anyone _____ Me, he will keep My _____; and my Father will _____ him, and we will _____ to him and make our _____ with him.” (John 14:23)



A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS AND DEACONS. . .

All Things Youth

We have a lot of things to be proud of at Camden Avenue. One such group is our young people.

What have these folks been up to? First, for the last five Monday nights, we have gone to five different churches of Christ that have hosted devotionals. They have been edified by Bible lessons and enjoyed the fellowship of being with young people from area congregations.

Secondly, the K-5 group had a fun time at Love and Care. They enjoyed a great evening with the Golden Agers and the residents. They heard a good lesson on Friendship and played bingo with the residents – Dana even played, but I don't believe he won.

As you have heard or read in an earlier bulletin article, Todd Kirk and I will be working with the youth in an increased capacity. Some of our goals include:

For each one to have a heart for God

For each one to be an active servant for the Lord

For each one to gain a greater knowledge of God's word

For each one to be an integral part of the group

The long term goal of any youth group has to be that when you look 5 to 10 years down the road, how many are faithful, active Christians? Our activities, Bible classes, and service projects will achieve this long term goal. May we never lose track of this goal.

We encourage all our young people, along with their parents, to **get involved** and **stay involved**. Keep Todd and I, along with the entire youth group, in your prayers as we strive to do God's will.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Saunders
Deacon

P.S. Are you ready for Lads to Leaders?

The LLL convention will be April 22-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please see Todd Kirk or Bill Mills.



DANA'S DIRECTION . . .

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THOSE WHO PUT THINGS OFF

The following are some suggested biblical New Year's resolutions that we as Christians might consider. It is never too late to put the Lord FIRST in your life!

- 1.) Sincerely and humbly praise the Lord (Psalm 42:5; Psalm 71:14; Psalm 89:1).
- 2.) Look forward to attending every worship service (Psalm 26:8; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:25).
- 3.) Love our brothers and sisters in Christ with an un-feigned love (Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1; I Peter 1:22).
- 4.) Be more diligent in Bible study and be ready to give an answer to every man that asks for the reason of the hope within us (Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 3:15).
- 5.) Gladly bring our offerings to the Lord without grudging or stinginess (Deuteronomy 15:7-10; II Corinthians 9:7).
- 6.) Use kind words when dealing with our fellow man (Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 31:26; cf. Genesis 50:14-21; II Chronicles 10:6-7).
- 7.) Pray more often (Mark 14:38; Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; I Thessalonians 5:17).
- 8.) Send some cards or perhaps prepare a dish for the sick and lonely (Matthew 25:35-36).
- 9.) Buffet (discipline) our bodies (I Corinthians 9:27).
- 10.) Bring captive **every thought** to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:5).
- 11.) Confess our faults one to another and help one another conquer them through Christ (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1-2; Philippians 4:13).
- 12.) Develop whatever talents God has given us for His glory (Matthew 25:14-30; I Corinthians 10:31).
- 13.) Ask the elders for a job and do it to the best of our ability, becoming a laborer together with them and God (Matthew 20:1-6; I Corinthians 3:5-9).

If we will put these suggested (and challenging) resolutions into practice, we as members will become more useful in the Lord's church and will experience spiritual growth. (II Timothy 2:19-21; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18)

“YES, I’M A BIBLE CLASS TEACHER”

Yes, I teach a Bible class - are you asking me why? Sure, I’ll tell you.

I began teaching because the elders of the church asked me to take a class. I realized that if we had children coming, they would need a teacher and their parents naturally expected them to have one, anyone, I suppose.

I soon discovered, however, that I received no satisfaction in teaching just to please the elders and the parents. In fact, it became quite a burden. I was tied down (for substitutes were not easy to find) and much of my time was required to prepare lessons, visuals, hand work, etc.

Weeks went by--then years (for once you have a class, it’s really yours) when suddenly I realized my purpose for teaching had changed. No longer was I teaching just to please the elders, although I wanted to do that, but it was not my motivating force.

And it wasn’t just to satisfy the parents even though I desired that also.

At last I knew that my inspiration and compulsion for teaching was the Lord Himself, for in teaching I had taught myself most of all. Suddenly, I found I wanted to teach to please *only my Savior*--He does so much for me. Hadn’t I told my class that over and over again?

Yes, I teach a Bible class and I do it because I love Jesus and I love to tell the story to others.

I still want to please the elders, the parents and the children, but it’s my love for Him that keep me working and teaching, for you see, I realize He loves me. He forgives me of my many weaknesses and mistakes and I am so thankful I can’t help but tell others.

I thank the elders for giving me a class because I’m happy to be--**Just a Bible Class Teacher.**

Marvin Kuehn

~Submitted by Paul Inman, Elder



Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP



A snail crossing the road was run over by a turtle. Regaining consciousness in the emergency room, he was asked what caused the accident. “I really can’t remember,” the snail answered. “You see, it all happened so fast!” We laugh because turtles and snails aren’t known for their speed. However, speed is relative. To a snail, a turtle is probably like a gazelle is to us.

How fast is your world moving? Doesn’t it seem like it is moving at breakneck speed? Just yesterday, it seems, we were graduating, getting married, or expecting a baby. Then today, we look around and we are grandparents. It is easy in our fast

paced world to let the years roll by without giving our children what they really need.

There is more to raising children than putting a roof over their heads, clothes on their back, and food in their bellies. They need time and teaching (Deut. 6:6-9), discipline and direction (Proverbs 19:18 and Ephesians 6:1-4), affection and affirmation (Titus 2:4). One day, how much time we spent working will not matter nearly as much as how much time we spent with our children. If we do this, maybe we will not have to say, **“It all happened so fast!!”**

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

MEN SERVING MARCH 20

ELDER IN CHARGE— Pat Barclay

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Korey Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Korey Inman

Close—John Life

6:00 PM—Bill Kirby

Close—Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dearll Vincent

PM—Walter Morgan

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Larry Wigal

PM—Stan Inman
Neil Russell

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

“In God We Trust”

This is a four-week seminar on The Bible and the History of Education in America; The History of Prayer in America; Faith, Family and the Future of America; and Science and Religion. They will be presented by the Warren Christian Apologetics Center.

Thursday-March 17,24,31 and April 7

7:00PM at the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

Our bus will be going each Thursday evening. We will leave our building at 6:30.



Watch “IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY” every Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.

UPCOMING TOPICS

March 20

Why Do We Suffer?

Facts and Figures

March 6, 2011

AM Service.....292

Bible Study.....226

PM Service.....223

Wednesday.....187

Contribution.....\$10152.48

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....1

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10-13

Our Gospel Meeting with Gary Vaught

May 15

Annual Friends Day

July 30

Church Picnic

August 19

Annual Baseball Trip

We will be going to Pittsburgh to watch them play the Cincinnati Reds. See Rick Stanley for details.

Schedule of Services **Sunday**

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

Check the bulletin boards in the front and rear foyers for Gospel Meetings and events at area congregations.



Daylight Saving Time begins today!

Set your clocks ahead one hour.