

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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GOSPEL MEETING

with Brother Tom Miller

October 9-12

“Learning from Jesus”

1 Peter 2:21

Sunday 9:30AM - “Jesus, Our Example”

Sunday Bible Study - “Learning to Worship”

Sunday 6:00PM - “Learning to Touch”

Monday 7:00PM - “Learning to Love”

Tuesday 7:00PM - “Learning to Forgive”

Wednesday 7:00PM - “Learning to Win Souls”

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
 Todd Kirk
 Everett Sams
 Ray Sams
 Paul Saunders
 Dwain Shears
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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Sheila Conner, De Fleak, David Frazier, Gloria Frazier, Oren Gore, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Leonard Shears, Mike Stone

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Daniel Currey, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Chuck Gibbs, Zelma Grove, Rick Haddox, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Kyle Hockenberry, Adam Hoschar, Brenda Jones, Phillip Johnson, Linda Keller, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Frank Love, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Debbie Shively, Anne Spokes, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Linda Tallman, Alexander Trippett, Gary Vaught, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

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

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards I received. I enjoyed each and every one of them. **Connie Hickman**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. They sure made my day. **Sandy Keller**
- ♥ Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards. I enjoyed each one and feel so blessed to have such an amazing family here at Camden Ave. **Alisha Hershman**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They made my day. **Gilbert Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who sent cards to help me celebrate the 14th anniversary of my 29th birthday! Love & friendship, **Cheryl Logston**

Thanks to the MNFTM group that completed the Gospel Meeting invitation
 mailer.

Thanks **Len Haid, Susan Haid, Brenda Dougherty, and Wes Cochran.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOOD COUNTY LIFE CHAIN TODAY

The Wood County Life Chain will be today from 2:00-3:00 along Grand Central Avenue in Vienna. Transportation will leave our building at 1:30.

CARE GROUP LEADERS AND COORDINATORS MEETING AT 5:00 TODAY

There will be a meeting for care group leaders and coordinators today at 5:00 in Room 109.

K-12 DEVOTIONAL AT THE GOLDSMITH'S

There will be a K-12th grade devo. and wiener roast at the home of Marion and Jo Ann Goldsmith tomorrow evening at 5:30. Dinner at 6:00. Parents are invited. Bring your lawn chairs and sports equipment. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH BROTHER TOM MILLER

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother Tom Miller will be October 9-12. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to have a meal with Tom.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly Fellowship Lunch will be next Sunday in the MP Room after morning worship and Bible classes. Care Group 3 will be in charge. Everyone is invited. Bring a covered dish item, desserts and beverages.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO BOB EVAN'S FESTIVAL

Golden Agers will be going to the Bob Evans Farm Festival Friday, October 14. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. (More details will follow.)

ANNUAL HAID'S SOUP BEAN DINNER

The Haid's annual soup bean dinner will be Saturday, October 15 at 4:00 at the Haid's cabin. Bring items to go along with the soup beans and chairs. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME 2011 CHANGE CAN CAMPAIGN

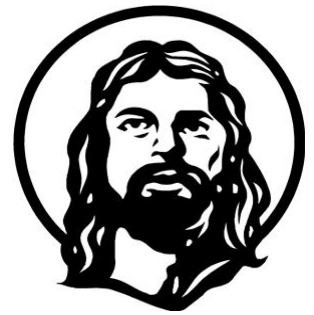
If you and your family would like to participate in the "Silver For Children" campaign, cans are available in both foyers. You take a can and fill it with coins. Cans need to be returned to the office by November 27. This is then donated to the Potter Children's Home.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike Bayer and family in the passing of his father, Bob Bayer. His funeral was held yesterday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

We also extend our sympathy to Delmas Carr and family in the passing of his nephew, Cody Carr. His funeral was held Wednesday in Upshur County.

Our sympathy to the family of Hattie Turner. She passed away Thursday evening in Florida. Services and burial will be in Florida.



Dana's Direction

THE TRUE JESUS

An article in the November/December 2010 issue of the Biblical Archaeology Review featured a professor of theology discussing what he felt were discrepancies between the Jesus of history and the Jesus of tradition.

In the article the professor asserts his belief that Jesus was not born in Bethlehem but Nazareth despite plain Biblical statements to the contrary (Matthew 1-2; Luke 2). He felt this was an invention of believers who were trying to make the birth narrative of Jesus agree with O.T. prophecies.

He questions the virgin birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25) feeling that this came to be taught only after people mistakenly began to attribute divine qualities to Jesus.

He also rejects the doctrine of a literal physical resurrection of both Jesus and mankind concluding that they are beliefs held primarily because we want to believe them to be true.

Several things come to mind as I reflect upon that article . . .

1. If we can't trust what the Bible tells us regarding Jesus then how can we hope to trust it in regard to anything? It either is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17) or it is an invention of man; There is no real, workable in-between ground!
2. Why would a man be interested in a Jesus he can't believe in other than out of intellectual curiosity? It is a sad state of affairs when renowned religious authorities seen Jesus as nothing more than a topic for interesting discussions rather than as a Savior and Lord!
3. Our work is cut out for us as people of faith! May God help us dig deeper and be more ready to defend what we believe (1 Peter 3:15)!

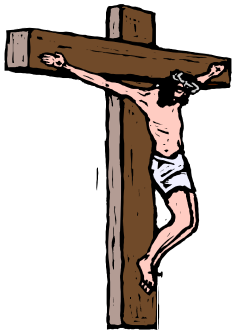
~Sam Bartrug

II Corinthians 11:4 Paul warns of those who come preaching another Jesus "whom we have not preached."

There are theologians and historians joining hands to say "Yes, Jesus was a good man, and great teacher, but not divine." Such teaching is heresy and will cost those who teach it and believe it their souls. If Jesus is not who he claimed to be and what the Bible says He is, then he is nothing at all.

If, however He is, the only way that we dare to respond to him is the way Thomas did, "My Lord, and my god" (John 20:28).

~Dana Slingluff



SERMON NOTES

Just (Let Jesus) do it! (Galatians 2:20)

“I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer _____ who live, but _____ lives in me; and the _____ that I now live in the flesh I live by _____ in the son of God, who _____ me and _____ Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

#1) “I have been crucified with Christ.”

• **Means death to _____.** “If anyone desires to come after me, let him _____ himself, take up his _____ and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

• **Means we have crucified the _____.** “Knowing that our _____ man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be _____ away.” (Romans 6:6)

Means we have been crucified to the _____. “If you be _____ with Christ, seek those things that are _____, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.” (Colossians 3:1)

#2) “Christ lives in me.” Being crucified with Christ doesn’t take _____ our life – it _____ life! “In Him was _____, and the life was the _____ of men.” (John 1:4) “If anyone loves me, he will _____ my word, and my Father will _____ him, and we will come to him and make our _____ with him.” (John 14:23) **Obedience is the _____.** “He who _____ in Me and I in him, bears _____ fruit.” (John 15:5)

#3) “I’m living by faith.” Faith implies confidence or _____.

• **Trusting Jesus for the _____.** “I am the way, the _____, the life; no one comes to the Father _____ by Me.” (John 14:6)

• **Trusting Jesus as our _____.**

• **Trusting Jesus as our _____.** “Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do the _____ that I _____? (Luke 6:46)

Trusting Jesus to be _____ us. “Lo, I will be with you _____, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 20:28)

(#4) “It is all by God’s grace.” “I do not set _____ the _____ of God.” (Gal. 2:21) **God’s grace working in me.** “But by the _____ of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in _____; but I _____ more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the _____ of God which was _____ me.” (I Corinthians 15:9-10)



As Jesus Passed By

Let's face it, we are busy people. Americans work hard and play hard, while all the time looking for ways to make our lives quicker and more efficient just so we can do more.

Many families do not eat daily supper meals together anymore because there is just no time. Brothers and sisters see each other in passing as they are off to various activities.

Even T.V. commercials reflect how our attention spans have changed. The average advertisement is no more than ten seconds long. Any more than that and we *tune it out*.

None of us seem to be immune to the effects and draw of our busy lifestyles. Between 2000 and 2005, I was flying all over the country for my job. San Diego, Boston, Portland, Kokomo, Detroit, Houston, on and on. During my travels I passed by a lot of places....and a lot of faces. I am sure that many of us have traveled and seen similar faces for various different reasons.

I wonder though, as we pass by the people in our lives, do we always follow our blest savior's example?

Let's look at just a few things that Jesus did as he passed by...

Jn 9.1 - He healed a blind man.

Mat 9.9 - He gained an apostle, who was a tax collector, from a world where most were despised.

Lk 17.11 – He cleansed ten lepers.

Mk 11.20 - He took an opportunity to teach his apostles.

Lk 19.1 - Jesus took the time to eat with a sinner, a publican, and teach him.

Mat 20:29 -30 - Healed two blind men.

Now these are truly awesome things!

As you *pass by* this week, I encourage you to remember that Jesus was never too busy to help others, and neither should we be.

Mental Exercise

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation, they were in a jam. Especially, since the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others may require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One little lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles her brain. Well, there are 15 of the 66 books tucked away in this. See if you can find them. Luke is underlined as a good starter. Can you find the others?

Weekly Bible Reading

October 2 - Galatians 4, Song 5-8
 October 3 - Galatians 5, Isa 1-2
 October 4 - Galatians 6, Isa 3-6
 October 5 - Ephesians 1, Isa 7-8
 October 6 - Ephesians 2, Isa 9-11
 October 7 - Ephesians 3, Isa 12-15
 October 8 - Ephesians 4, Isa 16-19

“I haven’t enough time” is a lame excuse! We each have 24 hours in a day, and 168 hours in a week. If we haven’t time to serve God, it is because we refuse to recognize that HE gave us all the time we ever have!



Why not devote some time this week in the worship and service of our Lord and God?

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP



Did you know that high in the Canadian Rockies is a rushing stream called Divided Creek? At one point in its course, the waters reach a large boulder. The water, which travels to the left of the boulder, rushes down into the Kicking Horse River and finally into the Pacific Ocean. The water that travels to the right of the large rock makes it down to the Bow River, which empties into two more rivers and then finally the Atlantic Ocean. Once the water divides at that boulder, its ultimate destiny is decided. Downstream from that great rock the course cannot be altered. The left side goes to the Pacific and the right side goes to the Atlantic.

Each of us has a similar “rock” to face in our lives. We all have to decide whether to receive or reject Jesus Christ as our Lord. This decision determines our eternal destiny, that Jesus promised all who obey Him. So have you made your decision yet? Is the “rock” getting close? Our ultimate destiny is Heaven or Hell! Choose wisely!

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

Area Events

October 2-5

Rockport Church of Christ

Speaker: Bob Vincent

Transportation will leave here at 6:30 Tuesday.

October 3-6

Mineral Wells Church of Christ

Wednesday - Dana Slingluff

We will provide transportation Tuesday (Ryan Currey, speaker) and Thursday (Tim Hatfield, speaker).

Transportation leaving here at 6:30.

October 8

Ladies Inspiration Day at the Norval Park congregation

Speaker: Diana Morris

October 9-13

Salem Church of Christ

Speaker: Rick Tincher

October 16-19

Lubeck Church of Christ

Speaker: Joe Wells

Details for these events are on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Our church pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned potatoes, Vienna sausages, Oats or boxed oatmeal (packets), canned carrots, and cough drops.

Items may be left in the library.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING



Transportation will leave at 5:00 for the Friday Night Sing at the New Concord congregation.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

October 9
Messianic Prophecies

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

MEN SERVING OCTOBER 9

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Doug Hershman

SONG LEADERS

AM - John Life

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - David Lamp

Close - Marion Goldsmith

6:00 PM - Bill Mills

Close - Todd Kirk

SCRIPTURE

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Donovan Walton

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Kody Inman

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk



The Lawn Crew for this week includes:

Dennis Keller, Ted Miller, Don

Nesselroad, and Donovan Walton.

Facts and Figures

September 28, 2011

AM Service.....310

Bible Study.....235

PM Service.....246

Wednesday.....205

Contribution.....\$6300.00

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....7

Placed Membership....3