

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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Happy Grandparent's Day!

A grandparent is the grandest mom or dad,
Not just because of all the kids they've had;
They've seen and done and known so many things
We honor them like preachers, teachers and kings.

They tell us of a way of life that's past
When the world wasn't moving quite so fast.

When the family sat together every day,
To eat, to laugh, to sing, to talk, to pray.

The road we walk now they have seen before,
The tears we shed, they shed a whole lot more.

They understand our feelings, joy or pain.
They know the path; they've walked the dusty lane.

What can we do to honor these dear Grands?
We have no gift to place in weathered hands,

To adequately show how much we care.

Or prove to them how great the love we share.

Yet there is something awesome we can do

To show beyond a doubt our love is true.

If what they've taught is seen in how we live,

This is the *best* gift we could ever give.

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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, 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, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Cathy Morrison, Ann Owens, 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.

HOSPITAL

Marietta Memorial - Opal Ray (ICU)

Leonard Shears is in the Ohio State Medical Center. He had surgery Friday. Please keep him and LeeAnn in your prayers.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thanks for all the anniversary cards we received. We appreciated each one. **Paul and Barbara Saunders**
- ♥ Thanks so much for all the beautiful birthday cards and gifts. I loved them all. In Christian love, **Eloise Smith**
- ♥ Thank you for remembering my birthday with cards and kind words. They were much appreciated. **Sherry Wilcox**

September Birthdays

Happy Belated 90th birthday to **Wilma Lewis**.
Also, a happy belated birthday to **Paula Stone**.
(Their birthdays were September 5th.)



Happy 92nd birthday to Hattie Turner!

Her birthday is September 17. She would enjoy receiving cards.

Her address is:

2493 NW 118th Terrace
Coral Springs, FL 33065

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERRED

Bill and Connie Kirby requested their membership be transferred to the Mineral Wells congregation.

JUDY METZ ADDRESS

Judy Metz new address is: 3808 Oak Drive Unit U-31 Tampa, FL 33611. Her phone number is 304.210.8447.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

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

GIRLS GIFT CLASS TO MEET TODAY

The last girls GIFT class will meet today. Bring your Chapter 4 question and project. We will eat at the Fellowship Lunch.

SERVICES AT LOVE AND CARE TODAY AND THURSDAY EVENING

Camden Avenue is responsible for the services at Love and Care today and Thursday evening. Care Group 3 is in charge.

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING TODAY

Care Group Leaders and Co-Leaders are asked to meet today in Room 109 at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW EVENING

Everyone is invited to join us for MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER tomorrow evening. Hotdog dinner at 5:45 and work projects at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

COLLEGE DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY/MEETING THIS EVENING

The first college dinner will be Wednesday at 5:30 in the MP Room. If you would like to help, meet in Room 112 after services this evening.

K-5th GRADE DEVO.

There will be devo. in the MP Room this Friday for the K-5th graders. Sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend. We will be making fall decorations for Love & Care.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-PLANNING MEETING SATURDAY

The Men's breakfast-Planning Meeting will be this Saturday in the MP Room from 8:00-11:30. Ideas for Consideration forms are in the foyer. Complete with your input and give to Paul Saunders.

MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Paul Nygard would like to meet briefly next Sunday after morning worship and Bible classes in the front of the auditorium with everyone interested in participating in the educational work of the church.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

If you plan to attend the Tuesday Evening Ladies class, see Naomi Carr for a book. The class will begin September 20 at 7:00PM in the MP Room.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP

The Golden Agers will be going to the Amish Country on Tuesday, September 27. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

DANA'S DIRECTION

Will You Make A Visit?



A new couple visits our services. A few people speak to them, we send a letter expressing appreciation for their visit, but will they return?

A lonely person is in a nursing home. The long days grow into weeks. Occasionally someone stops by to visit, but sometimes they feel they have been forgotten.

An elderly church member is home. Because of health and advanced age he seldom can attend church services. He feels the need for more Christian association, but why are there not more people that will stop and visit?

Members of the church go to the hospital. Perhaps they are in only a few days and then go home. A visit from a brother or sister in Christ would have meant so much, but for some reason no one came by to see them.

A new family moves into town. They are unacquainted with the city and have no relatives or friends here. They have no church preference, or perhaps they have not been satisfied with the church group they have known in their previous place of residence. They think to themselves, "If some friendly people would stop and see us and invite us to worship, it would help us get a new start."

A new family places membership. Perhaps an elder or another member will stop to see them, but it would mean so much if several members of the church would stop by and get acquainted.

A member of the church begins to miss services. The occasional miss becomes a pattern and he is seldom seen anymore. What might have happened if concerned Christians had made visits into that home?

**Is there a visit you need to make? Don't put it off; do it today.
It is important all the time!**

-author too busy visiting to sign his name



Sermon Notes

Look alive lads, thar's a storm a brewin'.

(Acts 27.13-20)

When the south wind _____, supposing that they had obtained *their* desire, putting out to sea, they _____ close by Crete. But not long after, a _____ head wind arose, called a _____. (Acts 27.13-14)

Am I strong enough?

Sometimes we attempt to meet our problems with _____.

Other times we act like a _____.

We will try to lighten the load.

On the third *day* we threw the ship's tackle _____ with our _____. (Acts 27.19)

What things could we 'throw out' to lighten our load, only to find later that those were the most important things in our lives?

Restoring our hope.

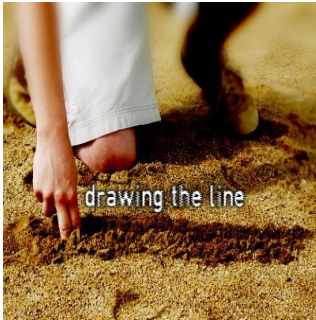
Now when neither _____ nor _____ appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on *us*, all _____ that we would be _____ was finally given up. (Acts 27.20)

Therefore take _____, men, for I believe _____ that it will be just as it was told me. (Acts 27.25)

Dana will be holding a Gospel Meeting at the congregation in Moorefield, WV this Sunday through Wednesday.

Please remember him in your prayers.

A Good Thought From a Friend.



Most of us here at Camden Avenue know the Higginbotham family. This is part of an article Steve Higginbotham wrote that resonated with me and I thought I would share it with you.

Just this past month, the ACLU was involved in what I deem to be yet another ruling against common sense and decency. The Washington State Supreme Court ruled that a mother had broken the law by listening in on her 14 year-old daughter's phone conversation in which admissions were made to knocking down an elderly woman and robbing her. Apparently, a young child's "right to privacy" takes precedence over a parent's right to proctor and protect their child.

Friends, I'm afraid that we have allowed "political correctness" get in the way of "biblical parenting." As a parent, you have a God given obligation to protect and insure the safety of your child. Therefore, you have the right to check on your child's safety by knowing what your child is getting into - whether it be involvement with friends, performance at school, following family rules, who he/she is talking to on the Internet, etc.

As a parent, if you have suspicion of harmful behavior or attitudes with regard to your child, you not only have the right, but the responsibility to intervene and be a parent. Will you, as a parent, stand idly by and not search a child's room even though you have strong suspicion of substance abuse? Will you, as a parent, stand idly by and not check your child's computer files, when you have strong suspicion that your child is chatting with people who could very well endanger your child's life? Will you, as a parent, not try to learn what your child is feeling and thinking, when he or she exhibits suicidal tendencies? Of course you will, and should!

Friends, when it comes to parenting, I would remind you that your God given rights and responsibilities carry much more weight than the rights granted by the state of Washington. When it comes to parenting, and trying to raise a child prepared for Heaven, I'm convinced that the ACLU hasn't "A - CLU!"

~Paul Nygard

Minute of Meditation Heard on 91.0 WLTP

Alan Bryan, in his book *Climb Happiness Hill*, writes the following. "One time when I was very discouraged, I sat down and took two sheets of paper. On one sheet, I tried to list all my troubles. I could think of only six. On the other sheet, I listed my blessings, and I ran out of space when I counted 76. Yet, I had been thinking about all my troubles instead of all my blessings. . . Regardless of what events happen; regardless of circumstances facing us, our attitude in facing these is important. If we have learned to count our blessings instead of our troubles, we will learn to be happy" he concluded.



Oh, how easy it is to dwell on the negative, to see the glass as being only half-empty. When you find yourself doing that, don't forget to reflect on the good things that are going on in your life! Your attitude determines your altitude!

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

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our church pantry is in need of **applesauce, canned fruit, canned carrots, saltine crackers, peanut butter, any kind of jelly, spaghetti sauce/pasta, and Spam/Treet.**

You may leave items in the library. Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders.

Weekly Bible Reading

September 11 - I Cor 14:1-25, Psalms 140-144
 September 12 - I Cor 14:26-40, Psalms 145-150
 September 13 - I Cor 15:1-34, Proverbs 1-2
 September 14 - I Cor 15:35-58, Proverbs 3-4
 September 15 - I Cor 16, Proverbs 5-6
 September 16 - II Cor 1, Proverbs 7-8
 September 17 - II Cor 2, Proverbs 9-11

TODAY

- Fellowship Lunch
- Girls GIFT class
- Service at Love and Care
- Care Group Leaders and Co-Leaders meeting
- Meeting after PM services for anyone willing to help with college dinners

MONDAY

MNFTM 5:45 in the MP Room

WEDNESDAY

5:30 College Dinner
 7:00 Bible Study

FRIDAY

K-5th Devo. in the MP Room

SATURDAY

8:00-11:30 Men's Breakfast-Planning Meeting in the MP Room

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 Men's Meeting/5:30 Bible Busters



MEN SERVING SEPTEMBER 18

ELDER IN CHARGE - Pat Barclay
DEACON IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught
PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Ron Riddle
Close - Ira Kimes
6:00 PM - John Hall
Close - Ryan Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ethan Ash
PM - Paul Saunders

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jeff Taberner
PM - Larry Wigal
Cody Hoover

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

FRIDAY NIGHT SING



The Friday Night sing will be at the Pike congregation. Transportation will leave here at 5:45.

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



UPCOMING TOPIC

September 18
Christian Baptism

There is a wonderful tribute to our beloved sister **Joann Collins** in the September issue of the *West Virginia Christian*.



Copies of this edition are in the foyers.

Facts and Figures

September 4, 2011

AM Service.....314
Bible Study.....224
PM Service.....214
Wednesday.....220
Contribution.....\$8913.44

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....4
Restored or Requested Prayers.....7
Placed Membership....3

Area Events

September 11 - 14
Gospel Meeting
Woodsfield Church of Christ
Speaker: Abe Miller

September 18 2:00-4:00
Stepping Stones Dues Tea and Garden Tour
at the home of Curtis and Patty Cooper in Vienna

September 18-22
West Ripley Church of Christ
Various speakers (Thursday: **Dana Slingluff**)

September 18-22
Newport Church of Christ
Speaker: Mark Mason

September 24
Ladies Day at New Concord Church of Christ

September 25-28
12th Annual West Virginia Christian Lectureship
Pennsboro Church of Christ
Various speakers

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



The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include Steve Allen, Mike Bayer, Cody Hoover, Korey Inman, and Dwain Shears.

Schedule of Services
Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
Bible Study.....11:00
PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00