

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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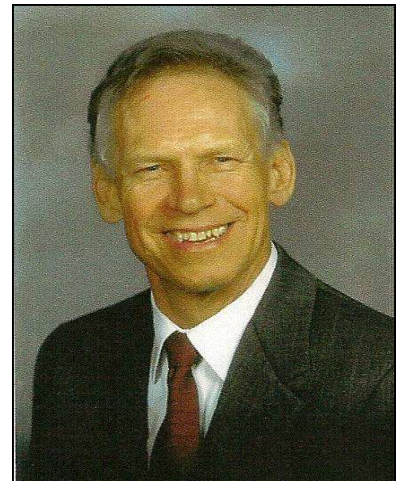
We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Our
GOSPEL MEETING
begins next Sunday.

April 19—22, 2015

Brother John Miller



Theme:

The Compassion of Christ

Sunday 9:30AM—For Families

Sunday 11:00AM—For the Fearful and Unbelieving

Sunday 6:00PM—For Sinners

Monday 7:00PM—For The “Selfie” Generation

Tuesday 7:00PM—For Walking Scandals

Wednesday 7:00PM—For Those Who Suffer and Are in Need

Please plan to attend and invite others!

Minister:

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Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
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Keith Smith
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Start *planting the seed* by inviting
friends, family, neighbors, and
co-workers to our upcoming Gospel
Meeting!

You'll be glad you did!

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciated each one of them. **Barbara Cramlet**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed each and every one. **Norma Vaught**
- ♥ Thank you for the lovely flowers and all of the food. Most of all thank you for the thoughts and prayers to get us through our loss. Bev will be missed by all. Love, **Carl Wilson and all of her (Bev Wilson) family**
- ♥ We just wanted all of you to know how much we appreciated the Sr. get together. The inspiration was great and the luncheon was very tasty and so well organized. Love and prayers for continued works! **Buzz and Fay Williams**
- ♥ Thank you for the lovely cards for our anniversary. **Dave and Lois Nulter**

Congratulations to proud grandparents Herb and Joyce Wright.
Their grandson, Jaxson Ryan Wright arrived Wednesday, April 8 to
Todd and Debbie Wright.



Please keep our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Kim Barclay, Mary Ann Barclay, Hazel Cozad, Margaret Dawkins, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Mike Fleak, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Ray Johnson, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Steve Allen, Kennedy Barclay, Linda Baker (Friend of Jim and Sallie Hinzman), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Kelly Boyce, Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Billy Goodwin, Bill Hofmann, Angie Ivey (Pat Barclay's niece), Baby James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Jodi Mote (Grandson of Martha Metz), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Sondra Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's aunt), Lisa Westbrook Smith, Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office to add/delete names to the Prayer Lists.



MONDAY EVENING VISITATION

Everyone is invited to meet tomorrow at 6:00 in the MP Room. We will get assignments to go make visits.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' CLASS

The young ladies from Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes will be conducting the Ladies' class this week. Covered dish dinner at 6:00 with Bible class starting at 7:00.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Ladies of all ages are invited to the Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day Saturday, April 18 at the Lubeck congregation. Registration begins at 8:30AM. Speaking will be 9:00-Noon. Speaker is Celine Sparks. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to stay for lunch, please sign the sheet on the counter.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—GOSPEL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages to share. This is the beginning of our Gospel Meeting with Brother John Miller.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO RUBBERMAID FACTORY STORE/SMUCKERS

Our Golden Agers will be leaving Thursday, April 30 at 8:00AM for the Rubbermaid Factory Store/Smuckers store. We will be returning around 5:00PM. Dinner at The Amish Door. Please sign sheet on the counter if you plan to go.

Daily Bible Reading

April 12—Lu 10:1-20, Jos 23-24
April 13—Lu 10:21-42, Jus 1-2
April 14—Lu 11:1-28, Jud 3-4
April 15—Lu 11:29-54, Jud 5-6
April 16—Lu 12:1-21, Jud 7-8
April 17—Lu 12:22-40, Jud 9-10
April 18—Lu 12:41-59, Jud 11-13
April 19—Lu 13:1-17, Jud 14-16

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the 6th & Washington congregation.

Friday Night Sing schedules are available in the foyers.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"How to have a successful Gospel Meeting"

Our Spring Meeting with John Miller begins next Sunday! For years I have been hearing that Gospel Meetings are no longer affective. Many congregations, in fact, have stopped having them at all. I will admit that it may take more work to have a successful gospel meeting than it once did. People are busier than ever, and the competition for their time is great. But, the fact remains that when the gospel is preached, souls will be saved. That is, of course, if we get them here! What is required of us? What can each of us do so that our meeting will help lead someone to Christ?

PURPOSE: A Gospel Meeting serves several purposes. All of us will benefit from the worship, fellowship, and Bible study. The primary goal of our meeting, however, is to evangelize. A meeting provides us with a convenient opportunity to invite our friends, neighbors, family members and others to hear a message that can save their soul! (Romans 1:16) It also makes it possible for us to do the work that the Lord would have us to do – and to bear fruit for Him.

PREPARATION: I know that John has been looking forward for this opportunity for some time. His topics have been announced and his lessons are prepared. Now, what are we doing to prepare. In addition to inviting others (by sending cards, making phone calls, etc.) have you been praying for the success of this meeting?

PRESENCE: Have you cleared your calendar of anything that would hinder you from being here for every service? If all of us attend each night, and invite others, we can fill our building!

PARTICIPATION: It has been said, that you (our members) are the first sermon that people hear when they visit our services. Hopefully, we will all be gracious hosts. Arrive early so you can warmly greet all of our guests. Be prepared to answer questions and give assistance. Set the tone by entering into worship with enthusiasm. Sing! Use your Bible to follow the lesson. The first impression that people will have of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ will be the one they gain by observing us!

PRESENTATION: We have hearing a lot on the news lately about some of the common fare of many churches. We need to reassure people that when people come to our meeting, they will not hear about politics, social issues, or psychology. John is coming for one purpose – to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified! (I Corinthians 2:2) We are not coming to be entertained – but to enter in to worship that is in Spirit and in truth. (John 4:24) Many of our guests we see for the first time how simple and significant New Testament worship really is.

PRAYER: Even after we have purposed, planned, prepared, are present and participate in our gospel meeting, we have not done all that we can do. We must put things into God's hands through prayer. We need to pray for success in our efforts to invite, for open hearts and minds of those who come, for the ability of our speaker to present the message, and for souls to be won.

Have we done all that we can do to make this gospel meeting a success?

I Believe Worship must be in Spirit and in Truth: (John 4:19-26)

“But the hour is coming, and _____ is, when the _____ worshippers will worship the Father in _____ and _____, for the Father is _____ such to worship Him. God is _____, and those who worship Him must worship in _____ and _____” (John 4:23-24).

Three Prerequisites of Acceptable Worship:

#1) Worship must be of the proper object - _____. “You shall have no other _____ before Me. You shall not _____ down to them or _____ them. For I the Lord your God, am a _____ God, visiting the _____ of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth _____ of those who _____ Me, but showing _____ to thousands, to those who _____ Me and _____ My commandments” (Exodus 20:3,5-6).

We must worship _____ not _____. “As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and _____ him. But Peter lifted him up saying “Stand _____; I myself am also a _____” (Acts 10:25-26). **Not even an angel.** And when I heard and saw, I fell down to _____ before the feet of the angel...then he said to me, “See that you do not _____ that.... Worship _____”(Rev. 22:8-9).

#2 Worship must be rendered in the proper _____. “God is _____ and those who worship Him must worship in _____” (John 4:24). **When we worship we are in the _____ of God.** “And Moses brought the people out of the camp to _____ with God” (Ex. 19:17). “Where two or three are _____ in My name, there _____ will be in the _____ of them” (Matt. 18:20). “God is greatly to be _____ in the assembly of the saints and held in _____ by those who are around Him” (Psalm 89:7). **Spiritual Worship:** “I will pray with the _____, and I will also pray with the _____. I will sing with the _____, and I will also sing with the _____” (I Corinthians 14:15). **All other worship is _____.** “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah _____ about you saying: These people draw _____ to Me with their mouth, and _____ Me with their lips, but their _____ is far from Me. And in _____ they _____ Me, teaching as doctrines the _____ of men” (Matthew 15:7-9).

#3) True worship must be rendered according to the _____. “God is spirit and they that worship Him must worship in _____ and in _____” (John 4:24). “Sanctify them by Your _____, Your _____ is truth” (John 17:17). **The _____ must be acceptable to God.** “Your New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of _____ - I cannot endure _____ and the _____ meeting” (Isaiah 1:13). “For you do not desire _____, or else I would give it; You do not delight in _____ offering. The sacrifices of God are a _____ spirit, a broken _____ and a _____ heart - these O God, You will not despise” (Psalm 51:16-17).

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes 2015 Pictures

Thank you to Jeff Taberner for providing these photos.



WHAT MATTERS IS FAITH

Two of the most prominent individuals in the Old Testament are David and Moses. One began to serve the Lord when he was a very young man. The other began to serve the Lord when he was much older. Whether young or old it didn't matter. What mattered was their faith.

One faced a giant, the other faced a Pharaoh. The power of their enemies didn't matter. What mattered was their faith. They both had to face impossible odds with little or no help from those around them. They beat the impossible odds with God's help. What mattered was their faith.

David should be an example to the young. Moses should be an example to the old. There are giants and Pharaohs all around. It doesn't matter. What matters is faith.

We should all try to have productive lives throughout our entire lifetimes. Try to be a David and Moses and we can if we have faith (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 5:4).

Mark Dillon, Bulletin Digest

THANK YOU

This past weekend the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes group traveled to our annual convention in Louisville KY. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our kids! The growth that they have shown over the past year is encouraging to all of the adults involved in this process. This would not be possible without the support of the entire congregation. I would like to thank all who have helped our group in the past year. There are too many people to name that are vital to our success. No matter how great or small the task is the congregation always supports us. We would like to recognize our students on April 26th after the evening services. Please come and see what our group accomplished this past year.

Todd Kirk

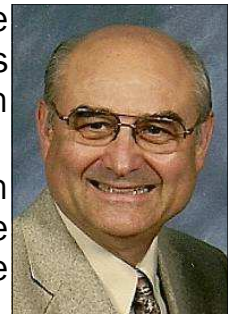
Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

To my grandchildren I'm known as "Bompie" and in my family all the men are bald. My grandfather was bald, my father was bald, my brother is bald, and I am bald! But you know there are worse things in life than losing your hair.

When my oldest grandson was about 3 years old, he was being taken to the barber for a haircut. The barber asked him what kind of haircut he wanted. Without hesitation, Jacob said, "I want it bobbed just like Bompie's!"

Our children imitate what they see in us. They are watching us all the time and they see things we do, even when we don't realize it. We need to remember that our appearance and actions will come back to us in the actions of our sons and daughters and grandchildren. That is why it is so important that what we do is consistent with how we want our children and grandchildren to act. Think about this the next time you get angry, or lie about something, or say some bad words. There may be someone you love watching you and wanting to imitate you!

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



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 19

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE— Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life

PM—Dana Slingluff

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Don Gaston

Close—Stan Inman

6:00 PM—Barry Mills

Close—Ron Riddle

SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Mills

PM—Brian Haught

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dana Slingluff

PM—Jimmy Galloway

Bill Merrill

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

- AM**
- 1—Bill Mills
 - 2—Jim Hughes
 - 4—Sandy Hughes

PM

- 1. Cody & Kristi Hoover
- 2. Gary Alton & Dana Sponseller
- 3. Sonya Hescht & Margaret Dawkins
- 4. Peggy Dearth & Mary Daniel
- 5. Kathleen Albright & Colleen Ash
- 6. Dustin Hughes & Jimmy Galloway

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Gary Herridge has announced the 2015 Bible Bowl will be based on the following books: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Jude. (New King James Version)

The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 19.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS/EVENTS

April 12—17

Pennsboro congregation

Speaker: Tim Hatfield

April 12—15

West Union congregation

Speaker: Andy Robison

April 19—22

Beverly, OH congregation

Speaker: Bob Vincent

April 19—22

North End congregation

Speaker: Phil Sanders

April 26—May 1

Salem congregation

Speaker: Jim Farley



Facts and Figures

April 5, 2015

AM Service.....285

Bible Study.....161

PM Service.....224

Wednesday.....192

Contribution.....\$11329.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....1

57th Annual Ohio Valley University Lectureship

April 12—15

Highlights: Dr. Kent Brantly was one of the “Ebola Fighters”. Phil Brookman preaches at the Memorial Road congregation in Edmond, OK

Other keynote speakers include Dr. Harold Shank, Chip Pugh, Dr. Robert Solomon, Sixto Rivera, and Mike Johnson.

(Flyers on bulletin boards in the foyers.)

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00PM

Watch **“IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”** Sunday mornings at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Ch. 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV ch.307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Ch. 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.

UPCOMING TOPIC

April 19

LEFT BEHIND?

