

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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

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Each spring our gardens once again yield hidden treasures. The bulbs we planted last fall poke their heads through the winter earth and bloom in glorious colors. The spring flowers delight our winter weary eyes. The soft fragrances and brilliant colors can give us "spring fever".

The time of singing has come—the time for life to be renewed in the earth. It is time for bursting forth in joy and gladness.

All praise and thanksgiving be to God, the giver of Spring.

**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  
Paul Saunders  
Dwain Shears  
Keith Smith  
Jeff Taberner  
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Thank you for  
worshipping with  
us!  
Your presence is  
a blessing!



**Marietta Memorial**

Phyllis Johnson

**Charleston Area Medical Center**

Treva Daggett

Peggy Cowdery was having tests at Cleveland Clinic.

Kay Mills is home recuperating.

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Sharon Armstrong, 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:**

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Debbie  
Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Bill Hofmann, Baby  
James Jacobs (Clayton and Verna Huber's grandson), Lisa Osbourne  
(Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Sondra  
Simpson (Brenda Dougherty's aunt), 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 or update names on the Prayer List.**

Our condolences to the family of Jean Blair. Her memorial service  
was held yesterday at the Ohio Valley University Robert's chapel.  
Keep this family in your prayers.

**DEAR GOD,  
I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE.  
NOT TO ASK FOR ANYTHING  
FROM YOU, BUT TO SIMPLY SAY  
THANK YOU, FOR ALL I HAVE.**

A special thank you to **Joyce Wright** for preparing the communion  
bread this month.



### **DEACON'S MEETING**

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a VBS meeting this evening at 5:00 in Room 112 for anyone willing to help. VBS will be July 5-8.

### **LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES AWARDS RECOGNITION**

Everyone is invited to come to the MP Room this evening after services for the LLL awards recognition. Please bring finger foods, snacks, desserts and beverages.

### **MONDAY EVENING VISITATION**

Everyone is encouraged to meet tomorrow at 6:00PM in the MP Room to make visits.

### **LOVE AND CARE SING**

You are invited to the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

### **GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO RUBBERMAID/SMUCKERS**

Golden Agers will leave Thursday, April 30 at 8:00AM for the Rubbermaid Factory Store and Smucker's shop. Agendas are with the sign-up sheet on the counter.

### **BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Rick Stanley has tickets for the baseball trip to Cincinnati July 17. See him for details.

### **VIENNA CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

Vienna Christian Nursery School is accepting applications for enrollment in the 3 and 4 year old classes. Contact Jennie Haguwood at 304.210.2853 for details.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

April 26—Luke 17:20-37, I Samuel 7-9  
April 27—Luke 18:1-17, I Samuel 10-12  
April 28—Luke 18:18-43, I Samuel 13-14  
April 29—Luke 19:1-27, I Samuel 15-16  
April 30—Luke 19:28-48, I Samuel 17  
May 1—Luke 20:1-26, I Samuel 18-19  
May 2—Luke 20:27-47, I Samuel 20-22  
May 3—Luke 21:1-24, I Samuel 23-24

Happy **69th** Wedding  
Anniversary to  
**Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**  
tomorrow!

They are a wonderful  
Christian example!





## Concerning Instrumental Music In Worship

It is crystal clear that no record of instrumental music being used in the worship of the church is present in the New Testament. The closest of scrutiny has not found a single reference to such use. This is a fact which admits of no denial. The earliest use of instrumental music in church worship, according to recent and reliable historians, was well after the fourth century A.D., hundreds of years after the origin of the church and in a time of general departure from the New Testament way of worship and service. The more one ponders this fact the more significant it comes to be.

No adequate defense of instrumental music in the worship of the church has been made from the New Testament. Hundreds of attempts have appeared, often with a show of ingenuity, but all the efforts have been shown by careful students of Bible truth to be inadequate. In oral and written form these efforts have been weighed and found wanting. Occasionally a new attempt will be made, but the effort fails because the truth of the Bible does not support it.

The use of instrumental music in worship has caused division in the restoration movement in this country and elsewhere. Those who sought to follow the Bible alone resisted the bringing in of this unauthorized practice. The upholders of instrumental music refused to remove it from the worship. Discussion was to no avail and division followed. The driver of the wedge splits the log; the user(s) and supporter(s) of instrumental music in the worship of the church thereby caused division contrary to the doctrine of the Lord (Romans 16:17–18.)

Discussions about unity after instrumental music in worship has divided churches avail nothing until and unless those who practice and promote such use stop the practice and repent of the wrong involved. At best such discussions, without facing the obvious problem, are exercises of futility; at worst they leave the impression that churches of Christ generally are without firm convictions about the authority of the Bible and necessity of the purity of the church in worship, doctrine, and practice. While there may be some who would compromise on this and other issues of Bible truth, this is not the conviction of the vast majority of our brethren.

Unity is desired (John 17:20–21), but the full and clear teaching of the Bible must be followed in order for unity to be present. Those who support and practice instrumental music in church worship are preventing unity by their teaching and practice.

# I Believe that singing – is the music of worship: (Psalm 95:1-7)



## Singing – Worship God Expects:

David wrote: “It is good to give \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord, and to \_\_\_\_\_ praises to Your name, O Most High” (Psalm 92:1). “Come, let us \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord! Let us shout \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation. Let us come before His \_\_\_\_\_ with thanksgiving; let us shout \_\_\_\_\_ to Him with \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalms 95:1-2). “I will \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord as long as I \_\_\_\_\_; I will sing \_\_\_\_\_ to my God while I have my being” (Psalm 104:33).

## Singing: the Music of the Church:

Christians sang to gain \_\_\_\_\_ strength; to express \_\_\_\_\_ and commitment. “And when they had \_\_\_\_\_ a hymn – they went out into the night” (Matthew 26:30). “But at midnight, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were praying and \_\_\_\_\_ hymns to God” (Acts 16:25). **Singing is part of the Christian’s personal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.** “Is any among you \_\_\_\_\_? Let him \_\_\_\_\_. Is anyone \_\_\_\_\_? Let him \_\_\_\_\_ songs” (James 5:13). **In the assembly of Christians, singing promoted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** “Whenever you come together, each of you has a \_\_\_\_\_, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation... Let all things be done for \_\_\_\_\_” (I Corinthians 14:26).

## The Instrumental Music Question:

Bottom Line - \_\_\_\_\_ music is not \_\_\_\_\_ for New Testament \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord never \_\_\_\_\_ it. The Apostles never \_\_\_\_\_ it. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ of its use in the New Testament. It cannot be done by \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s word.

## Worshipping God acceptably through singing:

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_, speaking to one another in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and making melody in your \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18-19)

“Let the words of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ dwell in you \_\_\_\_\_ in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in \_\_\_\_\_, hymns, and \_\_\_\_\_ song, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

## Three requirements of the music we offer to God as worship:

#1) We must \_\_\_\_\_.

“Make a \_\_\_\_\_ noise unto the Lord” (Psalm 100:1).

#2) We must sing from the \_\_\_\_\_.

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the \_\_\_\_\_ also” (I Cor. 14:15)

#3) We must sing in the \_\_\_\_\_.

“In the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_ I will sing \_\_\_\_\_ to You” (Hebrews 2:12).

**Our Lads to Leaders young men will be conducting the service this evening. Please be here and show your support of these fine young men.**



# SING!

Worship of God has always been a natural outpouring from the hearts of those who love the Lord. From Genesis to Revelation we have examples of people worshipping God and we have God's instructions about the kind of worship He wants and approves of. As the New Testament church, our goal should be to worship the Lord in accordance with both His wants and approval. To that end, our worship assemblies are conducted without the use of mechanical instruments. Simply put, the language of the New Testament clearly commands this style of worship and every New Testament example upholds this practice. It is also pertinent to note that this was the common and accepted practice for all of Christendom for nearly the first seven hundred years of Christianity. Notably, the term "acapella" is a Latin phrase which simply means "in the manner of the church." When the organ was introduced into the worship of the Catholic Church around 670 A.D., it was met with great opposition by the people.

Today however, the exclusion of instruments from our worship assembly is considered odd by the vast majority of people. The idea of exclusively vocal worship seems to most as quaint, uninspiring, boring, and lack luster. The understanding of Scripture's definition of what God sees as acceptable worship has been relegated to the closet of things not considered as important. But it is important. It is important because God's Word shows us it is important. Therefore, if it is important to God, it should be important to us as well. So, brethren, sing!

Sing from your heart. Sing to the Lord. Sing to one another. Sing from your soul,. Those who criticize our worship as dull and uninspiring are only accurate if we fail to lift our hearts in worship through song to our Heavenly Father as He commanded. You don't have to be talented or gifted or even in tune for your vocal offerings to be pleasing to God's ears; you just have to let your love for your Father and your gratitude for His blessings and your awe for His glory and majesty fill your heart and overflow from your lips in honest and sincere worship. So sing brethren, sing! Cast aside your fear and self-doubting and worship the Lord!

# Youth Events

## Future Preacher's Training Camp

June 19–21

Held at the West Virginia School of  
Preaching

Ages 14–18

This three day camp will focus on challenging and training young men who want to prepare themselves for leadership in the Lord's church.

Even if you have not totally decided to become a gospel preacher, you will learn things of great value to any young Christian man.

Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the foyers .

## Spring Formal Banquet

May 9

Meet at the Sunrise congregation at 2:30 for devotional and pictures, dinner at Logan's in Vienna, then bowling.

RSVP by May 4 to 304.422.0511.

Hosted by the Sunrise congregation

Details on the bulletin board by the office.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



There was once a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail in to the back of the fence. The first day the boy drove 29 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one.

You know, a verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Let's learn to hold our tongue and be a friend!

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, May 3

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway  
DEACON IN CHARGE—Leonard Haid

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht  
PM—Scott Smith

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dennis Keller  
Close—Rob Hoover  
6:00 PM—Ryan Gaston  
Close—Kody Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM—John Life  
PM—Don Dougherty

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Brian Haught  
PM—Bill Mills  
David Mullins

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



Encourage one another and build each other up.  
I Thessalonians 5:11

Remember our shut-ins in prayers and with  
a cheery card.

You will let them know they are special and  
that you thought of them.

Also, remember those on our prayer list.

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

**Have a good week in the service of our  
Lord.**

The Lawn Crew for this week  
is the Inman crew.

They include Austin  
Hennen, Gregg  
Hennen, Jon Hescht  
and Kyle Inman.



## Facts and Figures

April 19, 2015

AM Service.....306  
Bible Study.....234  
PM Service.....249  
Wednesday.....213

Contribution .....\$6367.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership...1

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

### Lubeck Church of Christ

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Donors needed

Monday, May 4

Fellowship Hall 200PM—7:00PM

### Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

each Sunday morning at 7:30  
on WTAP, WCWP local Sundays  
at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239  
Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV  
channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM,  
Local cable Channel 4 Sundays  
6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM,  
Monday 2:00PM, Thursday  
5:00PM

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

May 3  
NEVER ALONE

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
Friday at 6:30 for the sing at  
the Sunrise congregation.

Friday Night sing flyers available in  
the foyers.