

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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Our
GOSPEL MEETING
is fast approaching!

April 19—22, 2015

with Brother John Miller

(Allisona Church of Christ, College Grove TN)

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:

Dana Slingluff
304.483.3546

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
David Wadlington

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Thank you for
worshipping with
us.

Your presence has
been a blessing!



Remember the following folks in
your prayers.

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

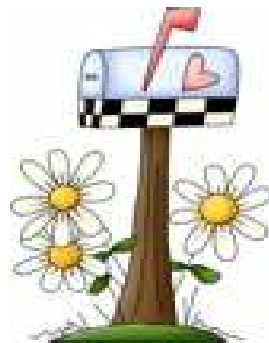
Prayers requested for family and friends:

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.



We extend our sympathy to Brenda Hargett (Walter and Merilee Morgan's daughter) and family in the passing of her father-in-law, Louie Hargett. His service will be held in Alabama.



- ♥ Words cannot express how much it means to me to reconnect with friends from Camden Ave. Thank you so much for the wonderful birthday cards I received from you for my 95th birthday. Each of you is very special to me. I love you all, **Armina Summers**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciate each of them. **Lillie Fox**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and gifts and all the encouraging messages in them. Each one is appreciated. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. We enjoyed them all so much. **Stan and Debi Inman**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. They brightened my day. **Kayla Inman**
- ♥ Thank you soooo much for all the birthday cards. **Rob Hoover**



Our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes group left Thursday morning for the convention in Louisville, KY. They will return today. Please keep them in your prayers.

MONDAY EVENING VISITATION

Everyone is invited to meet next week (April 13) for Monday Evening Visitation. Meet in the MP Room at 6:00.

GOSPEL MEETING/FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Make plans to attend our Gospel Meeting April 19–22 with John Miller. Care Group 1 will host the Fellowship Lunch that Sunday and invites everyone.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO RUBBERMAID FACTORY STORE/SMUCKERS

Golden Agers will be leaving Thursday, April 30 at 8:00AM for the Rubbermaid Factory Store and Smuckers store. We will be returning around 5:00PM. Dinner at Theo's in Cambridge, OH. Please sign sheet on the counter if you plan to go.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO DANIELLE MULLINS!

Danielle had a birthday February 28. Let's shower her with cards and let her know just how special she is!

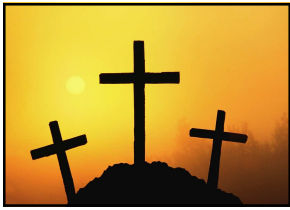
Daily Bible Reading

April 5—Lu 7:18-50, Jos 8-9
April 6—Lu 8:1-18, Jos 10-12
April 7—Lu 8:19-39, Jos 13-14
April 8—Lu 8:40-56, Jos 15-16
April 9—Lu 9:1-27, Jos 17-18
April 10—Lu 9:28-45, Jos 19-20
April 11—Lu 9:46-62, Jos 21-22
April 12—Lu 10:1-20, Jos 23-24

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Harmar Hill congregation.

Friday Night Sing schedules are available in the foyers.



DANA'S DIRECTION

"RESURRECTION POWER"

There is a large stone tomb in Hanover, Germany. The tomb, over 170 years old, is made from large slabs of stone, bound together by bands of iron. It is capped with a huge stone block weighing more than a ton. The inscription reads, "This Grave is Purchased for Eternity: It Shall Never be Opened."

Somehow, though, a small poplar seed was enclosed in the tomb's mold. The seed grew. The slender shoot found its way through a narrow crevice between the huge stone slabs. As it grew into a stately tree, it broke the iron bands and moved every stone from its original place. **The power of a seed; resurrection power!**

The power of resurrection was certainly seen when life was restored to the dead body of our Lord; the power that broke the iron bands of death; the power that rolled the stone away. The resurrection of Jesus is God's revelation that nothing can defeat His plan for the redemption of man. It is also historic proof that Satan cannot defeat those who belong to Him. The resurrection is divine revelation that a new day of victory will dawn out of the hour of darkest despair. God is in control. He will bring all men into judgment; He will right every wrong. He will reward those who remain faithful. How do we know? *"Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."* (Acts 17:31)

The Lord's resurrection is essential to our hope of salvation. *"If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead!"* (I Corinthians 15:17-19)

There is another resurrection that is essential to our salvation – ours! We too, as Jesus, must die. We must die to sin. Like Jesus, we must be buried – in the water of baptism. And, as Jesus *"was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, certainly we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection"* (Romans 6:1-5).

The power of this spiritual rebirth is found in the power of the seed. Jesus tells us that the "seed is the word of God." (Luke 8:11) When the story of the gospel (that *"Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the Scriptures"* (I Corinthians 15: 2-4)) takes root in a 'good and honest heart' it produces the spiritual life of faith. (Romans 10:17) Repentance puts to death the old man of sin. Baptism washes away the stain of sin. The obedient believer arises from the tomb of spiritual death and is resurrected as a new creature in Christ. The power of this spiritual resurrection is the power to change! The power to overcome sin! The power to become like Christ! Paul stated, *"that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."* (Philippians 3:10)

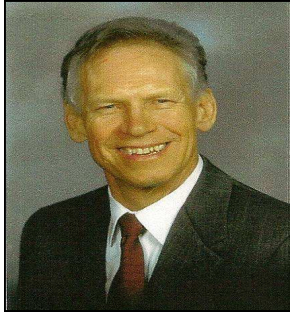
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Having died to sin and being resurrected spiritually prepares us for one final resurrection – in the Last Day, as Paul continues *“if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”* (Philippians 3:11) *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”* (I Thessalonians 4:16)

So you see, there is hope in death – the hope of the resurrection! Jesus gave us that hope when He came forth from the grave. We gained that hope when we obeyed the gospel. We will realize that hope in the Last Day. Jesus told us ***“I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. . . Do you believe this?”*** (John 11:25-26)



We welcome Brother Charles Aebi. He will be speaking today in Dana's absence. Dana is traveling with the LLL group.



GOSPEL MEETING WITH JOHN MILLER APRIL 19–22

Are Gospel Meetings a thing of the past? This question has been asked by Elders in local congregations in recent years.

In past years Gospel Meetings have been very effective in reaching the lost. Many have been strengthened through preaching the word, but still the question is asked.

It is true in most congregations, 30–40 percent of members don't support their own Gospel Meeting. Why? We need to analyze the purpose of Gospel Meetings to answer the question. There are four basic reasons for Gospel Meetings.

First, there is opportunity to worship and praise God and God desires this. True worshipers worship him in spirit and truth, John 4:23–24.

During a Gospel Meeting we glorify God in song, prayer and study of His Holy Word. Don't you want to worship God?

Second, we have opportunity to study God's word, as Christians we should "Hunger and thirst after righteousness" Matthew 5:6. "We should desire the word so we might grow" I Peter 2:20. Don't you want to know God's will for your life?

Third, during Gospel Meeting the lost are admonished to repent and obey God to be saved. The opportunity to respond to Jesus' loving invitation, erring Christians are motivated to repent and be restored.

Don't you want to see the lost saved? Don't you want to see a brother or sister restored?

Fourth, through Gospel Meetings the overall church can be strengthened spiritually. The saved are encouraged to remain faithful and strong. Knowledge will be increased. Our zeal to serve rekindled. Our sense of urgency can be stirred up.

Don't you want to grow in faith and be stronger spiritually?

John will do his part. May we do ours!

The Elders

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, ONE BY ONE

We too often dwell upon what we don't have and overlook what we do have. Why not think positively and thank God:

1 You survived another night alive since your name was not in the obituaries this morning.

2 You slept under a roof, without having to set up a guard to protect you from marauders.

3 You live in a country where you have freedom to go and come wherever you wish without a permit.

4 You can still say what you choose without fear of facing the firing squad the next morning.

5 You are able to read this because you are literate and still have the ability to see.

6 There are friends who love you and appreciate you and would gladly help you if you were in need.

7 God is still in heaven, is in control, loves you and offers all an opportunity for a wonderful hereafter.

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Ruth Ann Collins

We welcome Ruth Ann Collins. She was recently restored to the church.

She lives in the apartment beside her father, Ed Collins.

She has a son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons. They reside in Oak Hill, WV.

She has been a deed abstractor in the oil and gas industry over the last few years.

Her hobbies include crafts and enjoying the outdoors.

Her address is: 600 Schultz Street, Apt. B, Parkersburg, WV 26101. She is in Care Group 4.

We welcome her to Camden Avenue!

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A young man was proposing to the girl of his dreams. He went to ask her hand in marriage and said, "Darling, I'm not wealthy, and I don't have a yacht and a convertible like Jerome Green, but sweetheart, I love you and want to marry you. Will you marry me?" The young lady sat in silence for a moment as she thought as to how she should reply. Then she said, "I love you too, but tell me a little more about this Jerome Green."



Sometimes our relationship with God can seem a lot like this. We profess to really love God—with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but we leave our options open and become distracted with worldly pleasures. Whenever a person devotes themselves any less than 100% to God, it is less than God requires. God desires "all" we have, but God does not take without giving. He blesses us more than we could ever imagine.

Remember, our service to God is not a "Sunday-only" religion. It takes our "ALL!"

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



AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS/EVENTS

April 5–9

Mineral Wells congregation
Speaker: Terry Jones

April 10–12

Pike Church of Christ
Speaker: Rodney Nulph

April 12–19

West Union congregation
Speaker: Andy Robison

April 19–22

North End congregation
Speaker: Phil Sanders

April 26–May 1

Salem congregation
Speaker: Jim Farley

Day of Edification

Saturday, April 11, 10AM–4PM
Chapel Hill congregation



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.)



OVU VAN SCHEDULE

4/5—Kyle Inman, Ron Riddle

4/8—Dan Rich

4/12—Scott Johnson, Steve Moser

4/15—Doug Hershman



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 12

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE— Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Gary Alton

PM—Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dave Wadlington

Close—John Life

6:00 PM—Len Haid

Close—Kevin Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Jimmy Galloway

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Scott Smith

PM—Rick Stanley

Ted Miller

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1—Mike Bayer

2—Wes Cochran

4—Pam Bayer

PM

1. Kevin & Becky Inman

2. Stan & Debi Inman

3. Mike & Kelly Fleak

4. Connie Hickman & Jenny Ware

5. Mike & Teresa Wade

6. John & Karen Life

Facts and Figures

March 29, 2015

AM Service.....295

Bible Study.....236

PM Service.....208

Wednesday.....207

Contribution.....\$6373.00

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