

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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Happy Mother's Day!



A Mother's Beatitudes

Blessed is the mother who understands her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child's devotion.

Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her children.

Blessed is the mother who is never shocked, for she shall receive and know confidence and security.

Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.

Blessed is the mother who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for her children shall follow her example.

Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly, for she shall always be trusted.

Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she would like to be treated, for her home shall always be filled with happiness.

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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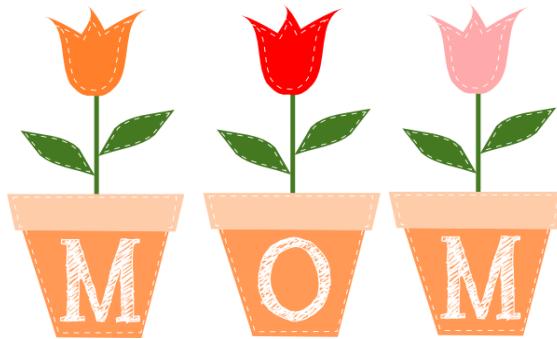
Thank you to all
the mothers in
our attendance
today.



THANK YOU NOTE

♥ Thank you all for the beautiful cards. A special thanks to the 4th and 5th grade Sunday class for their card. **Calvin Martin**

A special thank you to Pat Barclay and Stan Inman. We have had computer "issues" in the church office. Pat and Stan have worked diligently to get us "up and running".



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Mary Ann Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Patty Dawson, Chelsea Doonan, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Ray Johnson, Ed Porter, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Debbie Caplinger (Dearll and Carol Vincent's neighbor), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, 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.



Wishing you the very best this Mother's Day!

MONDAY EVENING VISITATION

Everyone is encouraged to participate in visitation tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 will host the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Everyone is invited. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

The Men's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

CPR REFRESHER CLASS

The CPR refresher class will be Monday, May 18 at 6:00PM in the MP Room. Sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. For details, see Marion Goldsmith.

GRADUATES RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to the High School Graduates Recognition Sunday, May 24 in the MP Room after evening services. Our high school graduates are **Zoe Merrill** and **Kelsay Proffitt**. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 30 at 8:30 in the MP Room. The sign-up sheet is on the counter. All men are welcome.

GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP

The Golden Ager trip to the Amish country will be Thursday, June 4. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. More details will follow.

BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley has 19 tickets available for the baseball trip July 17 to Cincinnati. See him for details.

GRADUATION PICTURES

We will be printing pictures of our graduates in an upcoming bulletin. This will include kindergarten, high school and college graduates. Please give your photo to Kimberlee or leave in the office (include graduate's name and school information.)

Daily Bible Reading

- May 10—Luke 24:1-12, II Sa 11-12
- May 11—Luke 24:13-35, II Sa 13-14
- May 12—Luke 24:36-53, II Sa 15-16
- May 13—John 1:1-34, II Sa 17-18
- May 14—John 1:35-51, II Sa 19-20
- May 15—John 2, II Sa 21-22
- May 16—John 3:1-21, II Sa 23-24
- May 17—John 3:22-36, I Ki 1



HaPpY BiRtHdAy!

Happy belated birthday to Susan Anderson. Her birthday was May 3.



Tribute To Mother

During the years between my birth and the time my brother and sister and I left home, my mother never had a paying job. If she had been asked to compile a resume, it would have been blank under “Employment.” Her job, as she saw it, was to be our mother – full time. She did this by choice.

She was educated at Wellesley College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. The fact is, she is the smartest person I know.

Yet she always defined herself as a wife and mother. She was honored in our hometown for her volunteer civic work, but if asked what she did, she answered that she was Robert Greene’s wife, and Bobby, Debby and Timmy Green’s mother.

Coming home for lunch from school – that is what I remember most clearly. Invariably she was there, and when the three of us would walk through the back door, she would be putting lunch on the table.

I suppose today many women would find that to be a waste of their potential. Why should an intelligent, ambitious woman be satisfied making egg-salad sandwiches and heating up cans of soup?

I can’t answer that. But it must have counted for something if, all these years later, I can still feel what it was like to rush through that back door and see her there.

Today she might be an executive or an entrepreneur or an author. If she ever considered those things in the 1950’s and ‘60s, she never said them out loud.

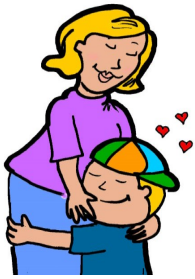
Of my best friends from high-school days – there were five of us – three have already been divorced. Of my parents’ best friends – a dozen couples or more – none was divorced. It just didn’t happen.

Did men and women love each other more strongly back then? Doubtful. Did they feel a sense of obligation to stay together, a sense of obligation that is missing in today’s marriages? Probably.

I am of a generation that, by and large, was brought up in families that stayed together, by mothers who stayed home all day. And I wouldn’t trade it for anything. If my mother deprived herself by the way she spent those years, I know that she did not deprive Debby or Timmy or me. And whatever good there is about us, much of it came because we had a mother who defined her job as being our mother.

Taken from article written by Bob Greene

“Who can find a virtuous woman? Her worth is far about rubies...She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and called her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.” (Proverbs 31:10, 26-30)



A Woman Who Feels the Lord (Proverbs 31:10-31)

“Who can find a _____ wife? For her _____ is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely _____ her.... She does him _____, not evil all the days of her life.” (Proverbs 31:10-12)

“Many _____ have done well, but you _____ them all. Charm is _____ and _____ is vain, but a woman who _____ the Lord, she shall be _____.” (Proverbs 31:29-30)

Advice given to King Lemuel by his mother: “My son, keep your father’s _____, and do not _____ the law of your mother. Bind them continually on your _____, tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will _____ you; when you sleep, they will _____ you; when you are awake, they will _____ with you.” (Proverbs 6:20-23)

Proverbs 31 is a synopsis of a woman’s life work similar to Paul’s qualifications: “She has been the _____ of one man, well reported of for good _____; if she has _____ up children, if she has _____ stranger, if she has _____ the saints’ feet, if she has _____ the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good _____.” (1 Timothy 5:9-10)

Who is the worthy woman? A woman who _____ the Lord.

To find joy as a mother, you must _____ the role that God has _____ you – and fulfill that role because you _____ your husband, and love your _____, and because you want to please _____.

She is worthy _____ she fears the Lord. Everything else is the _____ of her relationship to God. “Give her of the _____ of her hands, and let her own works _____ her in the gates.” (Proverbs 31:31)

Applying the lesson of Proverbs 31: Young people - find a _____ mate. Mothers – be a _____ who _____ the Lord. All of us – we need to _____ Mothers. “Her children rise up and call her _____; her _____ also, and he _____ her.” (Proverbs 31:28)



The Meanest Mother

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs, or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from other kids' too. But at least I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My siblings had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour that we be gone one hour or less – not one hour and one minute.

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We couldn't even sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us – it nearly did. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention that while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is, if you dated only to go to a school function, and that was once or twice a year.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced, or beat his mate. Whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at all the things we missed!

We never got to march in a protest parade, nor take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one things that our friends did.

She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me **MEAN**. Because, you see, I thank God. He gave me the meanest mother in the world.



North End Church of Christ Youth Rally
May 15 at 6:30PM and May 16 Registration
at 8:45AM—9:15AM

Program 9:30AM—3:00PM

For 6th grade and up.

Sign-up sheet on the counter.

Indicate if you need transportation.

*** Flyer on the bulletin board by the office. ***

6th—12th Grade Devotional

May 17 after evening services in MP Room.

More details to come.

ZOO TRIP

A zoo trip is being
planned for Saturday,
June 13.

Sign-up sheet is on the
counter.

More details to come.



**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**



Our website is growing! We keep adding more and more content. However, a lot of this is restricted to members of the website. Please take a moment to go to our website

www.camdenavenuechurchofchrist.com and click on the link to register (under the “Members” tab).

There you will have access to things like the online directory, and to the current months “Opportunities to Serve”. This members area will continue to grow, and the only way to have access to it is to register! We are about 35% of the way to full (members who are “online”) membership.

Plus, we also have a Facebook Page! We have 120+ members on the page...but if you use Facebook and are not on our page – go to our Facebook page and we will “add” you. This is a private Facebook page where someone must request to be added, and only members of the page can post comments on it.

These tools are a wonderful way for us to communicate. God continues to astound us with the tools He gives us to spread His word. Let’s use them...for ourselves, for our loved ones...for the world!

~the elders~



Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

I am not an advocate of today’s “new” or “Fuzzy math”. But did you know that God’s word does inform us that there is an equation when 1 + 1 does equal 1! The equation is when one man and one woman are joined together in marriage, in accordance with God’s law, resulting in one flesh (Matthew 19:5,6). Unfortunately, homosexual activists are converting an increasing number of judges, politicians, and citizens not to a “new math”, but to a new or fuzzy morality! They thumb their nose at God by not only trying to make homosexuality legal (i.e.—a civil right), but also by seeking to make it honorable (i.e.—holy matrimony) as well. Calling sin by another name is not a new practice. Sin is still as wrong as it ever has been.

Yes, many states may now recognize “same sex marriages,” but you can be very sure that God does not and never will! As Christians we must recognize our obligation to show no approval of such activity in word or deed; to voice our disapproval to elected officials; and to pray without ceasing for the sake of all men’s souls.

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 17

ELDER IN CHARGE—John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE—Leonard Haid

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ron Riddle

Close—Rick Stanley

6:00 PM—Kevin Cochran

Close—Dearll Vincent

SCRIPTURE

AM—Jim Merrill

PM—Dan Rich

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Steve Moser

PM—Mike Wade

Ben Haught

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk



A Mother's Prayer

Lord, give me patience when wee hands

Tug at me with their small demands.

Give me gentle and smiling eyes;

Keep my lips from hasty replies.

Let not weariness, confusion, or noise

Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys.

So, when in years to come, my house is still—

No bitter memories its rooms may fill.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include Delmas Carr, Bill Hoover, Barry Hupp and Todd Kirk.

A man's work is from sun to sun,
But a mother's work is never done.

Facts and Figures

May 3, 2015

AM Service.....278

Bible Study.....207

PM Service.....199

Wednesday.....211

Contribution\$8543.27

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership.....1

Happy Mother's Day!

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave
Friday at 5:15 for the sing at
the Belle congregation.

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30

on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday

at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239

Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV

channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM,

Local cable Channel 4 Sunday

6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM,

Monday 2:00PM, Thursday

5:00PM

UPCOMING PROGRAM

May 17

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM