

# 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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## Pictures of the Golden Agers Trip

Pictures from the recent trip to the Rubbermaid factory store, Smucker's and Lehman's.

Thank you Keith Smith for the photos.



## 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 today.

# THANK YOU NOTES



- ♥ I appreciate all of the birthday cards and encouraging notes. Thank you for thinking of me. **Dwain Shears**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I have enjoyed each of them. **Zoe Byrum**
- ♥ Thank you for the sweet birthday cards. **Kiley Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards we received. **Kristi, Edwin and Henley Hoover**
- ♥ I am truly humbled by the many wonderful cards and gracious messages. Bless each one of you as you keep on keeping on in your Christian walk. **Bill Pralley**



Kinsley Grace Caplinger arrived April 23 to Michael and Taylor Caplinger. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Proud grandparents are Harvey Jr. and Melissa Caplinger. Great grandparents are Harvey and Mary Caplinger.

We extend our sympathy to Sandy Keller and family in the passing of her uncle, Alva Doll. His service was held Thursday in Pennsboro.



## **We are a praying church family.**

### Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Mary Ann Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Margaret Dawkins, 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, Kelly Boyce, Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Annette Dearth, 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.**

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Mildred Gault's daughter-in-law, Kay Gault recently suffered a stroke. Let's send her cards of encouragement. Her address is:  
20207 Tailwind Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031.



Welcome !  
Thank you for worshipping with us.

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 will host the Fellowship Lunch today 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

Men's meeting today at 5:00. Children will meet for Bible Busters at 5:30.

### CPR REFRESHER CLASS

The CPR refresher class will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the MP Room. Sign the sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. See Marion Goldsmith for details.

### DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

### GRADUATES RECOGNITION

The High School Graduates Recognition will be next 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.

### LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to the sing at Love and Care next Monday, May 25 at 7:00PM.

### 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. We will be discussing Luke 16. All men are welcome.

### GOLDEN AGERS AMISH TRIP

The Golden Agers 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 tickets available for the baseball trip July 17 to Cincinnati. See him for details.

### MILDRED GAULT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please update your church directory with Mildred Gault's current telephone number 304.834.3236.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

May 17—John 3:22-36, I Ki 1  
May 18—John 4:1-26, I Ki 2-3  
May 19—John 4:27-54, I Ki 4-5  
May 20—John 5:1-18, I Ki 6-7  
May 21—John 5:19-47, I Ki 8  
May 22—John 6:1-24, I Ki 9  
May 23—John 6:25-51, I Ki 10-11  
May 24—John 6:52-71, I Ki 12-13

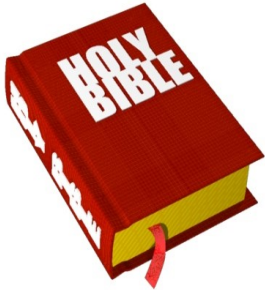
#### **GRADUATION PICTURES**

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 by May 31. Please include graduate's name and school information. Pictures will be returned.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

This morning I will be returning to the sermon series "Why I Believe." The second part of this series will focus on eschatology or the Biblical study of the final events of man's existence, or as it is usually stated "end time."



The studies we will look at over the next several weeks:

May 17—"Why I believe that Jesus is coming again."

May 24—"Why I believe in the Resurrection of man."

May 31—"Why I believe in the Judgement Day."

June 7—"Why I believe in heaven."

June 14—"Why I believe in hell."

Please join me in studying these very important doctrines of the Christian faith.

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## Be Ready for His Return

Some years ago, the Queen of England visited Chicago. Elaborate preparations were made for her visit. The waterfront was readied for docking her ship. Litter baskets were painted and a red carpet rolled out. (Later it was sold for a fortune because the Queen had walked on it.)

Many hotels were alerted. When the Drake Hotel was contacted, the manager explained, "We were making no plans for the Queen; our rooms are always ready for royalty." What an advertisement for the Drake!

John gives us the secret for readiness in I John 2:28: "And now, little children, *abide in him*, that when he shall appear, we may have confidence and *not be ashamed* before him at his coming."

Perhaps, your actions are good, but the inner man condemns you. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8 to *practice the presence of God*. "Think on these things."



# WHY I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

## (2 Peter 3:8-12)

Jesus, spoke of His return to comfort His disciples: “Let not your hearts be \_\_\_\_\_.... I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you and if I go, I will \_\_\_\_\_ again, and \_\_\_\_\_ you unto myself, that where I \_\_\_\_\_ there you may be \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:1-4).

Those who lack faith, \_\_\_\_\_ at the Lord’s promise to return. Knowing this first; that \_\_\_\_\_ will come in the last days, \_\_\_\_\_ according to their own \_\_\_\_\_ and saying, “Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things \_\_\_\_\_ as they were from the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation.” For this they willfully \_\_\_\_\_: that by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God the \_\_\_\_\_ were of old, and the \_\_\_\_\_ standing out of the \_\_\_\_\_ and in the water, by which the \_\_\_\_\_ that then existed \_\_\_\_\_, being flooded with water. But the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ which are now \_\_\_\_\_ by the same word, are reserved for \_\_\_\_\_ until the judgment and perdition of \_\_\_\_\_ men (2 Peter 3:3-7).

The Lord’s promise will come true. “The Lord is not \_\_\_\_\_ concerning His promises, as some men count slackness, but is \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, not willing that any should \_\_\_\_\_ but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

### How will Jesus come Again?

There will be no signs. But of that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no one knows, no, not even the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven, but My \_\_\_\_\_ only. (Matthew 24:36).

It will be a day like any other. For as the days before the \_\_\_\_\_, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that \_\_\_\_\_ entered the ark, and did not \_\_\_\_\_ until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Man be. (Matthew 24:38-39).

It will be suddenly and without warning. Watch therefore, for you do not \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ your Lord is coming... Therefore be you also \_\_\_\_\_, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Matthew 24:42-44).

His coming will be universal – He is coming to all the world. Why do you stand \_\_\_\_\_ into Heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken \_\_\_\_\_ from you into \_\_\_\_\_, will so come in like \_\_\_\_\_, as you have seen Him go into Heaven (Acts 1:11).

The coming of Christ will be a resurrection day. For the Lord, Himself shall \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ shall \_\_\_\_\_ first (I Thess. 4:16-17). The \_\_\_\_\_ is coming in which all who are in the \_\_\_\_\_ will hear his \_\_\_\_\_ and come forth – those who have done \_\_\_\_\_, to the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_, and those who have done \_\_\_\_\_, to the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:28-29).

God really did something special...  
when He blessed me with a  
friend like you.



## Sweet Words

Sweet words lift our spirits and strengthen our souls. We love to hear them cause they feel good as they bless us. We gravitate toward people who speak sweet words. I hope we also imitate those people and their words. Just as destructive words carry tremendous power for evil, sweet words—truthful, loving, gracious words—carry tremendous power for good.

What a joy to catch somebody using sweet words to promote unity and harmony. What a blessing to enhance the joy by remembering to say, “Thank you for being a peacemaker. Jesus pronounced a blessing on people like you (Matthew 5:9). Solomon wrote about people like you (Proverbs 15:1). So did Paul (Ephesians 4:29). I’m glad I know you. You encourage me.”

What a joy to catch somebody using sweet words to promote faithfulness and spiritual growth. What a blessing to enhance that joy by remembering to say, “Thank you for reminding me of the truth of Philippians 2:1-4 and Hebrews 10:24. I’ve noticed how you consistently look for ways to help others through your words. I want you to know how much I appreciate the way you bless others.”

What a joy to catch somebody using sweet words to teach a child or a fellow struggler. I know that none of us teach perfectly, but sometimes God blesses us with the right words at the right time and we experience the joy of Proverbs 25:11. What a blessing to enhance that joy by remembering to say, “My, that was well done. I see the spirit of Christ in your words (Acts 4:13). You make the people around you better. I thought of 1 Peter 4:7-11 when I heard you teaching.”

What a joy to catch somebody using sweet words, gently and wisely, to warn and challenge a brother who is in spiritual danger. What a blessing to enhance that joy by remembering to say, “Thank you for your courage. I know it would have been easier to keep silent (Galatians 2:11-21, 4:16).”

“Thank you for knowing that loving words of warning are sweet to God’s ears. Thank you for your wisdom and balance (Proverbs 26:3-4). Thank you for listening before you spoke (Proverbs 18:13, 29:20). Thank you for saying enough without saying too much (Proverbs 10:19-21, 29:11). Thank you for inviting our brother to consider God’s wisdom and to invite God’s help.”

What a joy to catch ourselves using sweet words to the glory of God. What a blessing to enhance that joy by remembering to say, “Lord, thank you for the continual guidance of Your word (Psalm 19:7-11). Thank you for the example of Your Son. Lord, help me watch my words and to use every one of them to Your glory (Psalm 19:14, Proverbs 31:26).



## A Pack of Seeds

I bought myself a pack of seeds,  
 To grace my garden fair.  
 And stuck them in my pocket  
 For months they waited there.  
 And when the time had come to see  
 The flower's lovely face,  
 I thought it strange that only weeds  
 Were growing in their place.  
 How foolish then, oh Christian man,  
 God's Word, you have indeed.  
 You carry it or hide it,  
 But do not plant the seed.  
 No fruit there grows in garden fair,  
 Unless the seed you sow;  
 For you the Word of God must plant,  
 Then God will make it grow.

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## Youth Events



### 6th–12th Grade Devotional

All 6th-12th graders are invited to the devotional next Sunday evening after services in the MP Room.

*Please attend.*

### Zoo Trip

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

Sign-up sheet on the counter.  
 More details will be available.



**Sign up  
 for  
 Church  
 Camp!**



### Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

Senior Week (Ages 14-19) June 14-19  
 Junior Week (Ages 8-11) June 21-26  
 Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) June 28-July 3

Registration forms available in the foyers.

## **Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Our world is overrun with rudeness. The attitude toward others that what they think and how they feel is not really important **IS** to exhibit rudeness. Being ungrateful is also being rude! Rudeness makes a person feel unnecessary as well as unwanted. This is not an attitude that should be displayed by a Christian! Basically, rudeness is an admission of insecurity, egotism, and a lack of love for others.

One father taught his son the following: "Son, always be courteous to the other fellow, not necessarily because he is a gentleman, but because **YOU** are one."

With God, there is no such thing as a person that does not count. Good manners, kind words, consideration of feelings and the interest of others are always in style. And most important, God expects this attitude from us!

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 24**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Bill Mills  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Leonard Haid

**SONG LEADERS**

AM—Brian Haught  
 PM—Ben Haught

**PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Kyle Inman  
 Close—Sean Plant  
 6:00 PM—Chris Hofmann  
 Close—Stan Inman

**SCRIPTURE**

AM—Kody Inman  
 PM—Rob Hoover

**COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Paul Inman  
 PM—Don Gaston  
 Don Dougherty

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



**BIRTHDAYS  
 AND  
 ANNIVERSARIES**

- June 1—Dana Slingluff
- June 2—Jansen Goldsmith, \*Tim & Nancy Proffitt
- June 3—Glenn Snider, \*Len & Susan Haid
- June 5—Bill Mills
- June 6—Jim Hughes
- June 8—Peggy Dearth, Stormi Frazier, Holly Haught
- June 10—Ed Collins, Brenda Feick, \*Chris & Patty Mullins
- June 11—Debbie Tallman, \*Gary & Sharon Herridge
- June 12—\*Cody & Kristi Hoover
- June 14—\*Jim & Sandy Hughes, \*Walter & Merilee Morgan
- June 16—David Frazier, Claire Moser, \*Jim & Charlotte Galloway,  
 \*Kevin & Becky Inman, \*Ron & Peggy Riddle
- June 17—Hayden Moser, Larry Plant
- June 18—Pat Barclay, Joni Rouse, \*Jay & Nina Chevront
- June 21—\*Kyle & Sarah Inman
- June 22—Jon Hescht, \*Josh & Brittany Gray, \*Gregg & Cassie  
 Hennen, \*Kelly & Sandy Sheppard
- June 23—Kyle Cox, Ann Knotts
- June 24—Mary Ann Barclay, Wilma Davis, Jo Langler
- June 25—Maci Inman, Jennifer Thomas, \*Todd & Annette Kirk,  
 \*Don & Brenda Dougherty
- June 26—Lori Smith, Dorothy Weaver
- June 27—\*Breck & Diana Hesselrode
- June 28—\*Bill & Carolyn Davis
- June 30—Robin Anthony, Stan Inman, Lenore Vaught

**The Lawn Crew for this week  
 is the Hershman crew.**



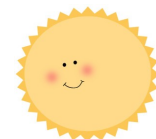
They include Kevin Cochran, Doug Hershman, Doug Hinzman and Kevin Inman.

**Facts and Figures**

May 10, 2015  
 AM Service.....267  
 Bible Study.....201  
 PM Service.....217  
 Wednesday.....184  
 Contribution .....\$6764.00  
**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**  
 Baptisms.....2  
 Restored or Requested  
 Prayers.....3  
 Placed Membership....1

\*Anniversary

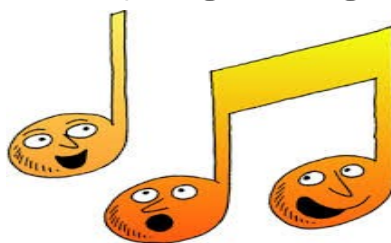
If your birthday/anniversary (or your children's) is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.



**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**  
 AM Worship.....9:30  
 Bible Study.....11:00  
 PM Worship.....6:00  
**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study.....7:00PM

**Friday Night Sing**



Music is a gift from God  
 Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the George Street 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 24  
**THE GOD OF THE BIBLE**