

# 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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I will say of the Lord,  
“He is my refuge and my fortress  
My God, in Him I will trust.”

Psalm 91:2 (NKJV)

**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

Dear Ones at Camden Avenue,  
Thank you for a wonderful week. It was great to be with  
each of you. We appreciate your many kindnesses in  
word and deed.

**Blessings, John and Patti Miller**

**Minister:**

Dana Slingluff  
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**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), 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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Thank you for  
worshipping with  
us!



### **MONDAY EVENING VISITATION**

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Monday Evening Visitation. Meet at 6:00 next Monday, April 11 in the MP Room to make visits.

### **POSTAL FOOD DRIVE**

The annual Postal Food Drive will be Saturday, May 9. Volunteers are needed to work on the dock at the Parkersburg Post office to help sort food for a few hours. See Scott Johnson for details.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 2 will host the Fellowship Lunch Sunday, May 17 in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Everyone is invited. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **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.

### **BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE**

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

### **LUBECK CONGREGATION BLOOD DRIVE**

Donors are needed for the blood drive at the Lubeck congregation tomorrow from 2:00PM–7:00PM in their Fellowship Hall.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

May 3—Luke 21:1-24, I Samuel 23-24  
May 4—Luke 21:25-38, I Sa 25-26  
May 5—Luke 22:1-23, I Sa 27-29  
May 6—Luke 22:24-53, I Sa 30-31  
May 7—Luke 22:54-71, II Sa 1-3  
May 8—Luke 23:1-25, II Sa 4-6  
May 9—Luke 23:26-56, II Sa 7-10  
May 10—Luke 24:1-12, II Sa 11-12

**I am truly grateful for  
all the blessings in my  
life!**

**Thank you JESUS!**



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### Seek out from among you...

Today we are beginning the very important process of choosing additional men to serve in the leadership of the church here at Camden Avenue. The men of the congregation, along with our current elders, saw this need and addressed it as one of our goals for 2015. The seriousness of this process is sobering because it will affect the spiritual health of our congregation both now and in the future.

The New Testament is very adamant of the need for every congregation to have men to oversee it. Paul told Titus ***"For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you" (Titus 1:5).*** Camden Avenue is unique in one way from nearly every other congregation that I know of; we have had an established eldership from the very beginning of our existence. I know of many congregations that have existed 30-40 years and more that have never selected men to serve in this role and it becomes apparent over the years that something truly is lacking. I believe this is one reason that the congregation here has generally prospered and been at peace.

God has not left us on our own in this process. Paul reminded the elders from the church at Ephesus that the Holy Spirit had made them overseers of the church – He still does today. God identifies the men He desires to serve in this role by describing the qualities or qualifications they must possess (I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-11). It is our responsibility to determine which men meet these qualifications. As the apostles first began organizing the efforts of the church in Jerusalem they stated, ***"Therefore brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom that we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3).*** This is the process God intends for us to use in selecting men to serve as our elders. We know the men who meet the qualities God has stipulated. We must select men that we respect for their spiritual maturity, love for the Lord and for this congregation. We must select men that we are willing to follow. ***"Remember those who rule over you in the Lord...whose faith follow" (Hebrews 13:8).*** We must select men to whom we trust the care of our souls. ***"Obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account" (Hebrews 13:17).***

Both of today's sermons will focus on the selecting men to be added to our eldership. The morning sermon, entitled "What's my line?" is intended to give us a better understanding of work of an eldership. Although we generally refer to our leaders as "Elders," there are three different words used in the Greek New Testament to describe who these men are and their role. These three Greek words are translated by six different English words; elder, presbyter, bishop, overseer, pastor and shepherd. Being an elder is not a title or an office as much as it is a work (I Timothy 3:1).

Sunday evening we will be studying in some depth the qualifications for elders as they are listed in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. You will be given a copy of a form to follow as we study. All of these qualifications are important. Some of them assume that you know the men you are recommending personally. We suggest that you first speak to the person you are considering to see if they are willing to serve. Then after reflection and prayer fill out your selection sheet and hand it in to one of our current elders. In a few weeks our elders will speak to the men whose names are put forth and begin the process of putting them forward for the congregation's consideration. If there are no scriptural reasons to prohibit it, these men will be added to the leadership of the Lord's family here at Camden Avenue.

We pray for God's guidance and blessing in this process.

# What's My Line? (I Peter 5:1-4)

## 3 Greek Words – Translated by 6 English words:

**Poimen (Greek):** English ( \_\_\_\_\_, presbyter )

“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are \_\_\_\_\_ and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ in every city as I \_\_\_\_\_ you” (Titus 1:5).”This they did and sent it to the \_\_\_\_\_ by the hands of Barnabas and Saul” (Acts 11:30). “So when they had appointed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the \_\_\_\_\_ in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:23).

**Episkopos (Greek):** English (bishop, \_\_\_\_\_ )

“Shepherd the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is \_\_\_\_\_ you, serving as \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_, not for dishonest gain but \_\_\_\_\_; nor as being \_\_\_\_\_ over those \_\_\_\_\_ to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock” (I Peter 5:2-3) “And we urge you, brethren, to \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ among you and are \_\_\_\_\_ you in the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ you” (I Thess. 5:12). “Remember those who \_\_\_\_\_ over you, who have \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God to you, whose \_\_\_\_\_ follow” (Hebrews 13:7). “\_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ over you, and be \_\_\_\_\_, for they watch out for your \_\_\_\_\_, as those who must give \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 13:17).

**Poimen (Greek):** English (pastor, \_\_\_\_\_ )

“And when the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd appears, you will receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of glory that does not fade away” (I Peter 5:4). “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd” (John 10:11). “And the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ his voice; and he calls his sheep by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes \_\_\_\_\_ them, for they know his \_\_\_\_\_” (John 10:3-4). “I am the good shepherd, and I \_\_\_\_\_ my sheep, and am \_\_\_\_\_ by my own. Ass the \_\_\_\_\_ knows me, even so, I \_\_\_\_\_ the Father; and I lay down my \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep” (John 10:14-15). “Take heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and unto \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ which the Holy Spirit has made you \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ - the church of God which He has \_\_\_\_\_ with His own \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 20:28)

# No Worries

I've no time to worry about what I've not.  
I'm too busy praising Him for what I've got...  
Like the sunshine around me; the honey bees;  
The shade of an oak tree; an afternoon breeze;  
The birds when they're singing; the fish when they bite;  
The rest that's so welcome when day turns to night.

I've no time to worry about what I've not.  
I'm too busy praising Him for what I've got...  
Like a kiss from my wife when the day is through,  
Or a smile, or a touch, or an, "I love you!"  
A "Good morning, Daddy!" starts my day off right.  
It ends with, "Sleep tight! Don't let the bedbugs bite!"

I've no time to worry about what I've not.  
I'm too busy praising Him for what I've got...  
Like the blood He shed on the old, rugged cross,  
Or the peace that comes from counting all things loss;  
For the One who loved me and died on the tree  
That I from my many sins might be set free!



Bulletin Digest



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## THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ To my church family at Camden Ave.— The last four months have been interesting to say the least! 1st—In the blur and confusion of things I failed to tell everyone “thank—you” for my birthday cards back in December. 2nd—It appears that my original diagnosis of Stage III B Melanoma was incorrect. I'm being told by a world renown pathologist that the lesion removed from my arm was actually benign. I will need no further surgery or treatment. Last—Our God is an AWESOME God! He has heard your prayers and for that, I and my family are eternally grateful. We truly appreciate all of the support through what seemed like a roller coaster ride that was never going to end. In Christian Love, **Mike [Fleak] and Family**
- ♥ I want to express my deepest appreciation for your kindnesses and the love you have expressed to me and my late wife, Jeannie over this last year. Her life's celebration at Ohio Valley University's Roberts Chapel [Saturday] was yet another example of your encouragement. The reception food and fellowship you extended to me and my family is unmatched in my experience. As Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you”... May our great God shower His bless[ings] on each of you as we accomplish the purposes for which He created us. Your grateful brother in Christ, **Dan Blair**
- ♥ We appreciate the cards, gifts and best wishes for our 69th anniversary. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits while I have recuperated from my last fall. Please continue to keep me in your prayers while I continue to rehab and trying to get back where I was. **Jenny Reynolds**

**Area Wide Junior Youth Night**

36th Street congregation

May 3 at 6:00PM

All youth are invited but it is primarily for the 6th grade and under.  
Sign-up sheet on the counter. Transportation will leave here at 5:30.

**HEAVENBOUND Formal Night**

Hosted by the Sunrise congregation

May 9

Ages 13–19

Flyer on the youth bulletin board with details.

**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 will need transportation.

**6th–12th Grade Devotional**

May 17 after evening services in MP Room. More details to come.

**SEE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD BY THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.**

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

You know, life really is what you make it! If one's mind is filled with criticism, skepticism and cynicism then he will find all sorts of reasons to be unhappy and to look down his nose at most other people. We may feel contempt for people who live this way, but we need to have nothing but pity and compassion. If we can, we need to lift them up! None of us should feel good when we see a miserable person become more miserable.

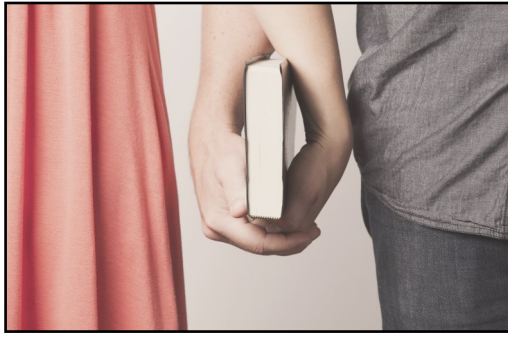


Both the hummingbird and the vulture fly over our nation's deserts. All the vultures see is rotting meat, because that is what they are looking for. They thrive on that diet.

But hummingbirds ignore the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, they look for colorful blossoms of desert plants.

The vultures live on what was. They live on the past. They fill themselves with what is dead and gone. But, hummingbirds live on what is. They seek new life. They fill themselves with freshness and life. Each bird finds what it is looking for. We all do. So this week, look for the good and spread a little sunshine!

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



## The Art of Marriage

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you"  
at least once each day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is having a mutual sense of values and  
common objective.

It is standing facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the  
whole family.

It is speaking words of appreciation and  
demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which  
each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the  
beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person, it is being  
the right partner.

*Borrowed*

## Opportunities To Serve Sunday, May 10

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Paul Inman

**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Leonard Haid

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Breck Hesselrode

PM—Rick Stanley

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—John Hall

Close—Scott Johnson

6:00 PM—Chris Tallman

Close—Ron Holleron

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Chris Hofmann

PM—Kevin Inman

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Jeff Taberner

PM—Todd Kirk

Bill Lemley

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include Don  
Dougherty, Jimmy  
Galloway, Justin  
Moore and Dwain  
Shears.

## **Facts and Figures**

April 26, 2015

AM Service.....295

Bible Study.....241

PM Service.....234

Wednesday.....155

Contribution .....\$6767.00

### **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

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 10  
KEEPING MY ZEAL

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
Friday at 6:15 for the sing at  
the Dewey Avenue  
congregation.