

# 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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## FATHERS ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

Fathers are wonderful people  
too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
as often as we should. . .  
For, somehow, Father seems to be  
the man who pays the bills,  
While Mother binds up little hurts  
and nurses all our ills. . .  
And Father struggles daily  
to live up to "*his image*"  
As protector and provider  
and "hero of the scrimmage". . .  
And perhaps that is the reason  
we sometimes get the notion  
That Fathers are not subject  
to the thing we call emotion,  
But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
where no one else can see,  
You'll find he's sentimental  
and as "soft" as he can be. . .  
But he's so busy every day  
in the grueling race of life,  
He leaves the sentimental stuff  
to his partner and his wife. . .  
But Fathers are just *wonderful*  
in a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
and accolades of praise,  
For the only reason Dad aspires  
to fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
and to bring them happiness. . .  
And like Our Heavenly Father,  
he's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
to be *always on our side*.



A special thank you to  
Gilbert Hardman for sharing  
this poem.

*Copied*

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
Jim Galloway  
Gary Herridge  
Paul Inman  
Stan Inman  
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Ron Riddle  
Dearll Vincent

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Marion Goldsmith  
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Happy Dad Day!

Thank you notes we received. . .



- ♥ Thank you so much for the reception you held in honor of graduation. It was so nice. Thanks for the Bible, cards and all who wished me well. I really appreciate everything. I'm glad to be part of such a great church family. In Christian love, **Kelsay Proffitt**
- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards. You make me feel forever young. **Dana Slingluff**
- ♥ Many thank you's for the birthday cards. My family of Christians here are so dear to me. **Pat Barclay**
- ♥ Dearll and I would like to express our gratitude to our wonderful church family! We are deeply moved by the outpouring of love shown to us through prayers, phone calls, food, fruit, flowers, cards, and hand drawn pictures from children. We ask for your continued prayers for the upcoming months and to continue to remember my brother, Jim in your prayers. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. In Christian Love, **Dearll and Carol**



We extend our sympathy to Doris Newberry and family in the passing of her sister, Margaret Lewis. Her service was held Monday in Vienna.

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

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey, Patty Dawson, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Eleanor Slingluff, Carol Vincent, Tabetha Wagoner

**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 (Peggy Dearth's daughter-in-law), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Steve Hartzler (experiencing serious health issue, requested by Brenda Dougherty), Bill Hofmann, Lisa Melrose (Member at Sunrise congregation), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), 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.**

Jim Dailey is at The Willows. He would be enjoy receiving cards and visits. The address is: 723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Eleanor Slingluff was moved to the Harmar Place in Marietta for therapy.

## Happy Father's Day



### BAPTISM AND PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Claire Moser into the Camden Avenue family. She was baptized Sunday morning. She will be in Care Group 2. We also welcome Pat and Bev Rine as they placed their membership with us Wednesday evening. They will be in Care Group 3.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS:** VBS pre-registration forms will be in the classrooms today. Please complete and leave them in the classroom. If you will have children that will be attending VBS that are not being pre-registered in Bible class, please see Todd Kirk. Vacation Bible School will be July 5–8 (Sunday 6:00-8:00, Monday-Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00).

### MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS

Men's meeting today Sunday at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 27 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's are asked to meet next Sunday at 5:00.

### LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, June 29 at 7:00PM.

### GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO MOUNTAIN STATE ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

A trip is being planned for Thursday, July 2 to the Arts and Crafts Fair in Ripley, WV. We will leave the building at 8:00AM and return around 3:00PM. The fee will be \$10.00 each which includes admission and fuel. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

### LADIES LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for the next Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, July 14. More details to follow.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 21—John 21, 1 Chronicles 22-23  
June 22—Acts 1, I Chronicles 24-25  
June 23—Acts 2:1-21, I Chronicles 26-27  
June 24—Acts 2:22-47, I Chronicles 28-29  
June 25—Acts 3, II Chronicles 1-3  
June 26—Acts 4:1-22, II Chronicles 4-6  
June 27—Acts 4:23-37, II Chronicles 7-8  
June 28—Acts 5:1-16, II Chronicles 9-11



#### **Friday Night Sing**

The Friday sing will be held at Point Park this week at 7:00PM. Hosted by the North End church of Christ.

Bring lawn chairs and songbooks. Also, bring snacks and beverages for fellowship following the sing.



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### *"What is a Father?"*

**A MAN:** Well, that goes without saying! But, have we really understood the significance of that? God created men to be Dad's and gave them both physical and emotional attributes to fulfill that role. From birth, children recognize the difference. Fathers are bigger and stronger; their voices boom with authority. God designated men to be the leaders in their home. A real man senses the need to provide for, protect and defend his family.

**A PRESENCE:** "Daddy's home!" There is no sweeter sound to a man's ears. Yet, it should also be a reminder of the importance of his role. An average father does not have nearly as much time with his children as their mother. He needs to make it count. The story is told of a man who had a very stressful job. It was noted that every day, he went through the motions of hanging something on the tree next to his front door. When asked, he said "that is my trouble tree. Whatever I have been struggling with during the day, I leave outside when I come into the house." Your family has been waiting! Don't escape to your hobbies, newspaper or recliner! Throw the ball! Get on your bicycle and ride with your kids. Look at their school papers and admire their artwork. Mom has already seen these things – but approval really comes from Dad!

**A SPIRITUAL LEADER:** This role is God-given. "And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) A woman whose father was not a Christian once told me "You can't imagine what I missed out on growing up. My father wouldn't lead our family in prayer – my mother had to. On Sunday, mom got us up and ready for church while my dad read the paper. By the time they were teenagers, my brothers said they wanted to be with my dad. They are now grown and none of their families are Christians. What a difference a Christian father would have made!"

**AN INFLUENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS CHILDREN:** A father helps, more than most realize, to develop the image his children have of themselves. A good father shows boys how to be men. He establishes their understanding of the role of husband and father. A good father helps girls learn their value and how to relate to a good man. A woman who longed for the approval of a father once said "I never felt pretty or smart because my father never told me he thought that I was."

**AN EXAMPLE:** Moses, when discussing with Israel their responsibilities to serve God, told them "ask your father, and He will show you." (Deut. 32:7) When all is said and done, example is the greatest teacher. Abraham Lincoln said "until a boy is sixteen, he will do what his father says. At twenty-one, he will do what his father does."

**A COMFORTER:** We often think of comforting as a mother's role. Dad's also need to comfort. God is presented as a "God of comfort." (II Corinthians 1:3) Jesus, we are told, is sympathetic toward our weaknesses and encourages us to come to him for mercy and help. (Hebrews 4:15-16) A father's comfort is different. Mother may sympathize ("poor baby.") Fathers are more likely to empathize ("I know what you are going through. I have made similar mistakes in my life. How can I help? What have you learned?") It is comforting to know that, even when I fail, Dad still loves and believes in me.

**A FRIEND:** It is true that a child doesn't need a buddy – he needs a Dad. But, once all of those lessons of growing up have been learned, we will discover that our father is one of our best friends. An unknown author has written about how our attitude toward our father changes. When we are 8, he knows everything. When we are 16, he knows nothing. When we are 21, we are amazed at what he has learned. When we are 35, we value his input. When we are 60, we just wish that we could talk things over with him again.

# A Successful Father

(Hebrews 12:5-11)



“Furthermore, have we had human \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ us, and we paid them \_\_\_\_\_. Shall we not much more readily be in \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father of spirits and live?” (Hebrews 12:9)

**#1) To be a successful father, you must \_\_\_\_\_ there. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to be a successful father. Why Samuel failed as a father:** “So Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. He went from year to year on a circuit to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and Mizpah and judged Israel in all these \_\_\_\_\_. But he returned to Ramah, for his \_\_\_\_\_ was there.” (I Samuel 7:15-17)

**#2) To be a successful father, you must be a \_\_\_\_\_ in your home. Why God chose Abraham:** “For I know him that he will \_\_\_\_\_ his children and his \_\_\_\_\_ after him, and they will keep the ways of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Genesis 18:19) **Fathers provide leadership in \_\_\_\_\_ guidance and training.** “And you \_\_\_\_\_, provoke not your children to anger, but \_\_\_\_\_ them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.” (Eph.6:4)

**Biblical examples of fathers who failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ the High Priest. “I will judge his \_\_\_\_\_ forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves \_\_\_\_\_, and he did not \_\_\_\_\_ them.” (I Samuel 3:13) **It was said of King \_\_\_\_\_ son, Adonijah,** “and his father had not \_\_\_\_\_ him at any time.” (I Kings 1:6)

**Three primary responsibilities of fathers:** They must \_\_\_\_\_ for their family; They must give \_\_\_\_\_ guidance; They must \_\_\_\_\_ their children. “One who rules his own house \_\_\_\_\_, having his \_\_\_\_\_ in submission with all reverence.” (I Timothy 3:4)

**#4) To be successful as a father, you must show approval and \_\_\_\_\_.** “As you know how we \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and charged every one of you, as a \_\_\_\_\_ does his own children.” (I Thessalonians. 2:11) **Don’t wait until it is too \_\_\_\_\_ to express your love. Fathers, \_\_\_\_\_ your children.**

**To be a successful father - \_\_\_\_\_ what you want them to \_\_\_\_\_.** “Ask your father and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you.” (Deuteronomy 32:7)



## FATHERS YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY!

The responsibility of rearing children in our society today, is awesome. Yet, it is the most rewarding experience that anyone will ever go through. It is an experience that will last a lifetime. There will be some sadness, but the many, many hours of joy and happiness will, to a great degree, over shadow the sad times.

God had given unto us the Bible, which is the perfect manual on rearing children. Yet, multitudes of fathers have and are ignoring these perfect instructions. I don't mean to say that all mothers are following God's instructions, certainly not! But God has placed the main part of rearing children upon the fathers.

Let us notice some of these instructions. The great apostle Paul wrote, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). The word "nurture" means training in the Lord. The word "admonition" means a mild reproof; or warning counsel; reprimand (Webster). Here God commands that fathers train and discipline their children in the teachings of Christ revealed in the Bible.

Through the years, I have seen so many faithful, godly mothers bring more children to worship than she could handle. Why? Because she loved God and wanted her children to love and serve God also. There is also another reason why they do it. The children's father will not assume the responsibility that God has placed upon all fathers.

There are many excuses used by fathers to justify their action. One that I have heard more often is, "I just don't have time." I certainly understand how rushed we all are in our modern day society. I also know that God commands us to be good stewards of our time. There is a horrible reality that fathers need to think seriously about. Most boys grow up following in the footsteps of their father. Therefore, there is no way to imagine how horrible it will be to see our sons condemned to hell on judgment day, knowing that it was our fault.

Fathers it will not matter one bit at the end of time if we were wealthy or not, in this life. But it will matter how we lived in this life! After King Solomon had sought pleasure and happiness in every possible way, he came near the end of his life, knowing that his sons had not been trained in the way of the Lord, he wrote: "*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man*" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). To Solomon it didn't matter now, that he was the richest man in the world. He knew that he had not fulfilled his duty to God and his family.

Fathers, the most precious thing you have in this world or ever will have is your family. I beg of you to assume your God given responsibility and lead your family in putting God and His kingdom first in your life, and your families. Please, think seriously about it.



## MISSION TRIP

Diana, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode will be going on a mission trip to Guyana this summer.

They will be taking New King James large print Bibles to give away. If you would like to donate Bibles or funds to be used to purchase Bibles, please see the Hesselrode's or one of the Elders.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation toward their mission trip, please give it to them or one of the Elders.

Checks may be made payable to Lubeck church of Christ with memo noted for the Hesselrode's.



## School Supply Give-Away

It is that time again...  
We are collecting items for the annual School Supply Give-Away.

**Items needed include:** 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper.

*(No backpacks are needed.)*

Items need to be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer by July 23.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders or Dwain Shears.

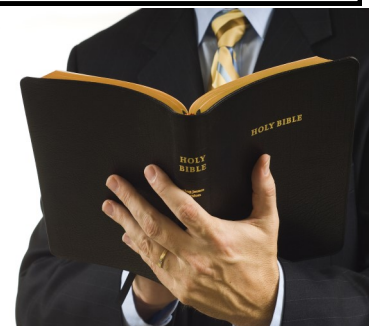
## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Is going to church a waste of time? A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He said, "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard about 3000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and preachers are wasting their time by giving sermons."

The letter received the following appropriate response. "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked over 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not cooked these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

We all need God and spending a few hours with Him in worship is not a waste of time!!

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, June 28

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Stan Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Rob Hoover

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught  
PM—Ben Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dearll Vincent  
Close—Delmas Carr  
6:00 PM—Scott Smith  
Close—Kyle Inman

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Cody Young  
PM—Steve Moser

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Chris Tallman  
PM—Dave Wadlington  
Kevin Inman

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



The most important thing a father can do  
for his children is to love their mother.

## Ha! Ha! Ha!

While the family was sitting around the dinner table one evening, Jennifer, 5, turned to her brother, Andy, 3, and pointed to their dad. "That's not your real father," she said, startling the whole family.

"Oh, yes, he is!" Andy insisted. "Nooo, he's not," Jennifer said.

"God is your heavenly Father." Then pointing to their dad, she said, "That's your homely father!"



The Lawn Crew for this week  
is the Inman crew.



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

## Facts and Figures

June 14, 2015

AM Service.....294

Bible Study.....222

PM Service.....223

Wednesday.....194

Contribution .....\$6998.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

Placed Membership....2

Ohio Valley University has a part time position available as Admissions Data Support Clerk. Job descriptions can be reviewed at [ovu.edu/humanresources](http://ovu.edu/humanresources) by selecting the Career Opportunities link. Resumes may be forwarded to Valerie Wright at [Valerie.wright@ovu.edu](mailto:Valerie.wright@ovu.edu)

## Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida

Junior Week (Ages 8-11) June 21-26

Intermediate Week (Ages 11-14) June 28-July 3

Registration forms available in the foyers.

## 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

June 28

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