

# 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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## July 5–8

Sunday evening 6:00-7:30

Monday-Wednesday evening 6:30–8:00

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Dare To Be A Daniel

**Sunday**: Daniel—His Strength

Daniel and Three friends choose to honor God

Daniel 1:1-21

**Monday**: Daniel—His Courage

Daniel's Three friends refuse to bow down

Daniel 3:1-30

**Tuesday**: Daniel—His Humility

Daniel Interprets dreams

Daniel 5:1-30

**Wednesday**: Daniel—His faith

Daniel in the Lion's Den

Daniel 6:1-24

Classes for Cradle Roll through  
Middle School and an Adult class.

## 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

## Minister:

Dana Slingluff  
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**Camden Clark Hospital**  
Colleen Ash (Room 204B)  
Ron Holleron (Room 310B)  
Patty Mullins (Room 510B)

## UPDATE

Phyllis Johnson was to undergo testing in Columbus, OH Friday. She received a call that it was cancelled and is to be rescheduled.

## Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey, Gary Farris, Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Ron Holleron, Dennis Keller, Patty Mullins, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Eleanor Slingluff, Carol Vincent

## Prayers requested for family and friends:

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Ona Jean Brundy (Eloise Smith's sister), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, 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 enjoy cards and visits.  
The address is: 723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101



*We're excited for VBS next week!  
Come join us and bring others!*

- ♥ Thank you for the cards we received for our 5th Anniversary. We enjoyed reading them. **Cody and Kristi Hoover**
- ♥ Thank you one and all for the beautiful cards and thoughtful visits. I hope you know how much you are appreciated. In Christian love, **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who send us lovely anniversary cards. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, food and fruit during my illness for the past several weeks. I am a little bit better and appreciate your continued prayers. **Jo Florence**
- ♥ Thanks for all my birthday cards. **Peggy Dearth**
  
- ♥ Thank you to Mary Lemley for preparing the communion bread this month.
- ♥ We appreciate the beautiful bulletin boards decorated by Annette Kirk and Jo Goldsmith.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING TODAY/COOKIES

VBS teachers brief meeting today in Room 109 after Bible classes. Cookies are needed for VBS. Please leave them on the counter in the office by next Sunday, July 5.

### DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

### LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

### 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. We will enjoy a late lunch at Ponderosa. 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 Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, July 14 at Colombo's Restaurant. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count. All ladies welcome.

### CHURCH PICNIC

Please plan to come to the church picnic Saturday, July 18 at Dupont Park. We will meet at 4:00 and eat at 5:00. Bring covered dish items to go with hamburgers and hotdogs, deserts and beverages. Also, bring sports equipment. **Everyone is invited!**

### LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

Care Group 2 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, July 26 at 2:30 and Thursday, July 30 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship with the residents.

### CORRECTION TO CHURCH CALENDAR

July 28 is Emma Hershman and Phyllis Johnson's birthday, not Emma Johnson's.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

June 28—Acts 5:1-16, II Chronicles 9-11  
June 29—Acts 5:17-42, II Chronicles 12-14  
June 30—Acts 6, II Chronicles 15-17  
July 1—Acts 7:1-19, II Chronicles 18-20  
July 2—Acts 7:20-45, II Chronicles 21-23  
July 3—Acts 7:46-67, II Chronicles 24-25  
July 4—Acts 8:1-25, II Chronicles 26-28  
July 5—Acts 8:26-40, II Chronicles 29-30



A special thank you to  
Justin Moore  
for providing the  
ice cream for the  
end-of-the school year  
party.



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## 25 WAYS TO HONOR GOD THIS SUMMER

Ahhhhhhh, summertime.

It's a time of backyard barbecues and homemade ice cream. A great time for splashing in the water and basking in the sun. A time for road trips to see the Grand Canyon, and Grandma, too.

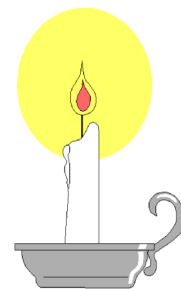
And, what a marvelous time to behold the natural beauty all around us and make it a special point to honor our Creator, our Savior—our God.

To help us in that regard, we offer these 25 simple suggestions of ways to pay tribute this summer to the one who deserves all glory and praise:

1. Sit outside in the cool of the morning and meditates and pray.
2. Give \$20, \$50 or \$100 anonymously to someone in your congregation who is struggling financially.
3. Read through the book of Psalms aloud with the entire family.
4. Write a letter of encouragement to a missionary or a member serving in the military overseas.
5. Mow the grass for a widow or elderly person.
6. Ask each of your children to invite a friend from a less fortunate family to go with you on vacation.
7. Stay home, save gas and skip eating out one night, and donate the money to a ministry that helps the homeless.
8. Put together a family prayer list.
9. Send a thank-you card and a gift certificate to that older member who greets you with a warm smile and handshake each Sunday.
10. Make it a point to think about others. Overcome your self-focus.
11. Vacation close to home so that you will have money with which to be generous.
12. Don't just take a good book to the beach—take the Good Book.
13. Visit someone who shaped your life spiritually and thank them.
14. Bake cookies for Vacation Bible School.
15. Make a list of 10 ways God has blessed your life this year. Pick two or three and make them a blessing in somebody else's life.
16. Pay the toll or the lunch bill for the car behind you in line.
17. Read that book with a spiritual message that a friend recommended.
18. Plan a service project for your community and get teenagers involved in it.
19. Write or call a favorite childhood teacher to let that person know how your life turned out and how much you owe him or her.
20. Go on a mission trip instead of a vacation.
21. Make a list of New Year's resolutions that you didn't have time for in December. Complete them over the next six months.
22. Pick up the phone and call a couple of people just to tell them you are thinking of them.
23. Go to a Little League baseball game and buy the losing team something from the snack bar.
24. Treat each day as a special gift from God and thank Him for your many blessings.
25. Make a list like this of your own, only better.

# Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

(James 4:6-10)



What is the difference between Happy and poor in spirit?

True humility is about \_\_\_\_\_. “To everyone... not to \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ of himself than he \_\_\_\_\_ to think” (Romans 12:3). **Humility primarily does not \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.** “If anyone desires to \_\_\_\_\_ after Me, let him \_\_\_\_\_ himself, take up his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Me” (Luke 9:23).

**The arrogance of the non-believer:** “Because although they \_\_\_\_\_ God, they did not \_\_\_\_\_ Him as God, nor were they \_\_\_\_\_, but became \_\_\_\_\_ in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 1:21).

**The arrogance of those who claim to be religious.:** “The sacrifices of God are a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, a broken and \_\_\_\_\_ heart” (Psalm 51:17). “I tell you this man went down to his house \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the other, for everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_, and he who \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 18:14).

**Why humility is essential:** “God \_\_\_\_\_ the proud, but gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble” (James 4:6). “\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves in the sight of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will lift you up” (James 4:10).

**We must be poor in spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel and be \_\_\_\_\_.** Saul of Tarsus went from \_\_\_\_\_ to poor in spirit. He trembling and astonished said, “Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ would you have me to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:6)?” **We must be poor in spirit to live the Christian life.** “I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in me” (Galatians 2:20). “I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ me” (Philippians 4:13).

**Characteristics of the poor in spirit:** Will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. “The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have a broken \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ such as have a contrite \_\_\_\_\_” (Psalm 34:18). Will have \_\_\_\_\_. Will recognize their total \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

How can we become poor in spirit? We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of self and let God \_\_\_\_\_ us up!





# A Prayer For Our Elders

Our Father let me be a pillar of strength to our elders, not a thorn in the flesh to sap their strength, nor a burden on their back to pull them down.

Let me support them without striving to possess them. Let me lift their hands without placing shackles upon them. Let me give them aid that they may devote time to saving others and less time to gratifying my vanity.

Let me see them as shepherds of the whole flock, not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them, not selfish in demanding that they do more for me. Let me serve church more, happy that they serve me less.

Let me receive not an accusation against them except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. Help me to be merciful in judgment upon them—for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me, Lord, to be a Christian at all times that their work may be easier and my own soul may be brought close to Thee. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord in this petition offered unto Thee. Amen.

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## DRESSING FOR GOD

The warmth of summer is upon us, praise God! But with the warmer weather comes the temptation to dress down to the point of being immodest. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2:9, *“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly...”* Church, (men and women) it matters to God how we dress when it comes to exposing ourselves.

The way we dress can bring reproach upon the church not to mention cause a brother or sister to stumble. Now we cannot allow ourselves to become legalistic by establishing a dress code for men and women. So what do we do? Let me give you a principle to help you in selecting your clothing. Ask yourself this questions. **“Does my apparel bring honor to God or bring attention to myself?”** I believe this principle if answered honestly will ensure that God’s people are properly clothed.



## School Supply Give-Away

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 26.

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

The Give-Away will be Monday, August 3.



## MISSION TRIP

Diana, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode will be going on a mission trip to Guyana July 15-29.

If you would like to donate New King James large print Bibles or funds to be used to purchase Bibles for them to distribute, 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.

Please pray for them and this good work.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Here is a good prayer for grandparents, of which I am one!

Dear Lord, You know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful but not bossy. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet because a sour old person is one of the

crowning works for the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And God, give me the grace to tell them so.

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, July 5

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Paul Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Delmas Carr

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Scott Smith

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Kevin Cochran

Close—Dwain Shears

6:00 PM—Leon Hupp

Close—Doug Hinzman

### SCRIPTURE

AM—John Hall

PM—Breck Hesselrode

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Don Gaston

PM—Ryan Gaston

Chris Hofmann

**PA SYSTEM**—Steve Gray



## Prayer of Thanks

- ♥ Thank You, Lord, for the rewards of Your love and the simplicity of Your grace; thank You for letting me discover Your will for my life with patience and understanding; thank You for being a compassionate Father and constant friend.
- ♥ Thank You, Lord, for listening closely to my prayers, seeing what my heart needs most, and blessing my life with Your goodness.
- ♥ The blessing of prayer is knowing God is listening and upholding every promise He has made to you.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Author Unknown

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.



They include  
Jimmy Galloway,  
Justin Moore and  
Dwain Shears.

## Facts and Figures

June 21, 2015

AM Service.....278

Bible Study.....202

PM Service.....210

Wednesday.....173

Contribution .....\$7604.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....3

### Mid-Western's 23rd Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 1

TWIN RUN GOLF COURSE in Hamilton, OH  
Sponsorship information on the foyer bulletin boards.

### West Virginia Christian Youth Camp Golf Benefit

Saturday, August 8

Bel Meadow Country Club in Mt. Clare, WV

### OVU FIGHTING SCOTS GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, August 17

Parkersburg Country Club



Flyers for each of these are on the foyer bulletin boards.

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday evening at 6:30 for the sing at the Little Hocking 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 TOPIC—JULY 5

THE LAW