

# 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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Everyone is invited to our church picnic this Saturday at Dupont Park. We will meet at 4:00 and eat at 5:00. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Also, remember sports equipment.

**Everyone is invited!**

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Items are needed 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.)

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

Items may be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer by July 26.

The Give-Away will be Monday, August 3 at 6:00PM.

**Elders:**

Pat Barclay  
 Jim Galloway  
 Gary Herridge  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
 John Life  
 Bill Mills  
 Ron Riddle  
 Dearll Vincent



We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Barclay. She passed away Sunday, July 5. Her service was held Friday at the church building. Remember Pat, Rhonda and their families in your prayers.

Also, continue to remember Chris Hofmann and family in the passing of his father, Bill Hofmann.

His service was held Monday at the Leavitt Funeral Home.

**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

- ♥ I thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards I received. **Debbie Tallman**
- ♥ I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for the different ways you helped make my birthday real special and very happy! I appreciated all that you have done for me. Love, **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Breck and Diana Hesselrode**
- ♥ **Dorothy Weaver** wants to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. It makes "95" a lot more fun!

**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, Bill Lemley, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Eleanor Slingluff, Carol Vincent

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Ona Jean Brundy (Eloise Smith's sister), Diane Conrad (Caplinger's neighbor), Treva Daggett, Edna Drillian (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Steve Hartzler (experiencing serious health issue, requested by Brenda Dougherty), Sue Jones (Teresa Wade's mother), 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.**

**Colleen Ash** is a patient at The Willows. (Address: 723 Summers Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101)

**Bill Lemley and Jim Dailey** are now home.

**Eleanor Slingluff** remains at the Marietta Center.

Please remember them in your prayers and with cards.

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# Church News and Announcements

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## PARKERSBURG—HALF MARATHON WATER STOP MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening in Room 109 for those willing to volunteer at our water stop at the Half Marathon Saturday, August 15. Sign-up sheet in on the counter.

## BASEBALL TRIP MEETING

Rick Stanley would like to meet this evening after services in Room 112 for those planning to go on the baseball trip Friday.

## LADIES' LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Luncheon Tuesday, July 14 at Colombo's Restaurant. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

## MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS

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

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

Care Group 3 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.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 25 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Take note of our upcoming Blood Drive Monday, August 10 in the MP Room.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

LLL kick-off will be Sunday, August 2 in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

## BILL PRALLEY'S NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please update your records of the new telephone number for Brother Bill 304.483.2840.



Diana, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode will be leaving on their mission trip to Guyana Wednesday (July 15-29). Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

**July 12**—Acts 13:1-31, Ezra 9-10

**July 13**—Acts 13:32-52, Neh 1-3

**July 14**—Acts 14, Neh 4-5

**July 15**—Acts 15:1-21, Neh 6-7

**July 16**—Acts 15:22-41, Neh 8-9

**July 17**—Acts 16:1-15, Neh 10-11

**July 18**—Acts 16:16-40, Neh 12-13

**July 19**— Acts 17:1-15, Esther 1-3

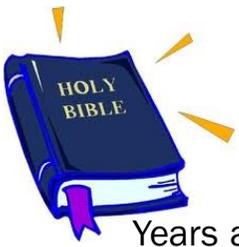
### **Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp News**

We rejoice that **Gavin Hilliard** and **Steven Hogue** were baptized at church camp.

We welcome them to Camden Avenue!

**Braden Hamilton**, Paul & Nancy Inman's grandson, was **OUTSTANDING BOY CAMPER OF THE WEEK.**

**Carly Taberner** placed 2nd in the **GIRLS BIBLE BOWL.**



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “Modest Clothing”

Years ago, when I was in college (late 1960's-early 1970's), the congregation I attended was made up mostly of college students. More than a thousand young people gathered for worship every Sunday. One way that I often participated was by passing communion. One day when we were preparing to serve (which required more than twenty young men), a student asked to be excused. When asked why, he simply said that he found it difficult to be in the proper frame of mind when serving. What was the problem? The fashion of the day was very short skirts (mini skirts). He complained that there was no way to pass communion without being tempted to lust. We all feigned denial, but we knew exactly what he was talking about! He was simply trying to heed Paul's warning to Timothy to “flee youthful lusts” (II Timothy 2:22). It was a shame when he had to stop leading in an important part of worship in order to do so.

Well, fashions come and go, hemlines go up and down, but God's will for modesty has not changed. I haven't served communion in years, but I'm sure the problem hasn't gone away. If it's not the short skirt, it is the revealing neckline. Christian men have an obligation before God to keep their hearts pure. Jesus warned that to look at a woman to “lust after her” is to commit adultery with her in your heart” (Matthew 5:27-28). It is a shame when it becomes necessary to avert your eyes just to be able to hand the communion tray to a sister in Christ!

Paul was speaking specifically of the assembly of Christians when he wrote “in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold and pearls, or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.” (I Timothy 2:9-10) Three principles established for the way that one should dress: **modesty** (decent), **propriety** (translated more accurately “shamefacedness” in the KJV. Both Vine and Thayer define this word as a sense of shame as related to a lack of modesty), and **in moderation** (showing a proper regard for their reputation and quality of life). Paul's point: the Christian assembly is not a fashion show! Immodesty can be shown through any kind of clothing that is designed to draw attention to oneself, particularly, one's appeal to the opposite sex.

It is certainly within the realm of elders and preachers to speak on the subject of appropriate dress for worship, but the issue of modesty goes beyond what one wears to church! It is the duty of older Christian women to instruct their daughters and other young women about the modesty that God would have them demonstrate in their lives; “that they admonish the young women to be discreet, chaste” (Titus 2:3-5) I know what a tremendous challenge it is, in our society, to teach and encourage our young girls about modesty. The clothes available, even for pre-teens, are designed to accentuate the body in a “sexy” way. Young girls, many of whom are innocent and clueless about the effect their dress and behavior has on men and boys, need to be taught. Unfortunately, many of their mothers, who should be giving that guidance, dress in the same way!

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No one is saying that Christian women must dress like Muslims to be modest, but we need to take an honest look at who we allow to dictate what we wear. We know what the world is about: “for all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.” (I John 2:16) This is reflected by the fashion industry. Mary Quant, the London fashion designer who introduced the mini-skirt, unashamedly admitted the intention of her clothing designs were to “seduce men.” Christian women are admonished to wear clothing “which is proper for women professing godliness.” We cannot be “conformed to the world” when the world is walking in opposition to the will of God. (Romans 12:2) Mature Christian women should stress the importance of dressing to please God. Christian husbands and fathers share in this responsibility, too.

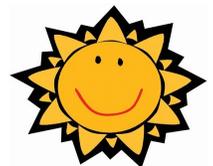
It is said that “clothing makes the man.” I’m not sure about that, but I do know that what we wear reflects what we are on the inside. Dressing immodestly may not mean that one has loose morals, but it definitely expresses that to those around you. Many young girls have been shocked and offended by men who have made improper advances toward them. Many young men have been equally shocked because that was exactly the impression they were given by the dress and actions of those girls.

Christian young people, male and female, must live according to the standards of purity taught in the word of God. Young women need to be sure that the way they dress does not entice lust in the hearts and minds of young men. We must never “put a stumbling block or reason to fall in our brother’s way.” (Romans 14:13) Young men are also instructed to treat the younger women “as sisters with all purity.” (I Timothy 5:2) We can create a proper attitude toward the opposite sex only when we are modest in our behavior and dress.



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### TEN RULES FOR HAPPIER LIVING



1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance).
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it’s life’s lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not near enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you’ll live forever (because you will).
10. Live as though you’ll die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).



## “What a friend we have in Jesus”

(John 15:9-17)

Scripture text: fill in the blanks. “As the \_\_\_\_\_ loved Me, I also have \_\_\_\_\_; abide in My \_\_\_\_\_. If you keep My \_\_\_\_\_ you will abide in My \_\_\_\_\_. This is My commandment, that you \_\_\_\_\_ one another as I have \_\_\_\_\_ you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_. You are My friends if you do \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ you. No longer do I call you \_\_\_\_\_ but I have called you \_\_\_\_\_. You did not choose Me, but I \_\_\_\_\_ You. These things I command you that you \_\_\_\_\_ one another.”

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

Jesus is my friend because He \_\_\_\_\_ by me.

We can have Jesus as our friend if we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

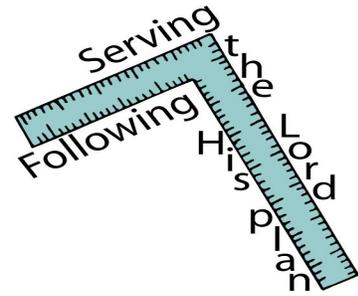
The friendship of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ .



Sarah Gray and Bret Wilcoxon happily invite you to celebrate their wedding July 25, 2015 at 1:30PM at the Belpre Church of Christ.

Reception immediately following in the church fellowship hall.

**Sign-up sheet for attendance count on the counter.**



## YOUTH EVENTS

- All **6th-12th graders** are invited to a devotional in the MP Room next Sunday after evening services.
- LLL will kick-off Sunday, August 2 in the MP Room following morning worship and Bible classes. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.



We are so happy that Max Barclay was baptized June 14 at the Rosemar congregation. We are proud of Max and his decision to put on Christ in baptism.

We pray he has a long, prosperous life serving the Lord.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Have you ever really listened to little children? I think we might learn something valuable if we did this more often. For example, here is a list of Property Laws as determined by a Toddler:

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours!



Sure, that is cute, but does any of it sound familiar? Most of the world's problems are simply extensions of personal greed that should have been left in the sandbox following graduation from nursery school!

God has a very good answer to this problem—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Luke 6:31) That is the way we can **ALL** win!

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



## MALFUNCTIONING OF OUR MEMORY

One problem we face as human beings is the malfunctioning of our memory. We remember what we are supposed to forget, and we forget what we should remember.

God says, "Your sins and your iniquities I will remember no more." Yet many Christians go through life shackled with the memory of sin God has forgotten. I meet many people who are still chained to failures of the past. Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind."

But we need to ask God for a good memory concerning the help He has given in the past. For some reason, we forget the mercies and blessings of the past. Our God has cared for you thus far. Continue to trust Him. His care is sure and steadfast. "Yesterday God helped me. Today He will do the same. How long will this continue? Forever—praise his name!"

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## **HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY** to our Brother Harold Stanley this Saturday!

Thank you for being a wonderful Christian example. May the Lord continue to bless you!

## **Opportunities To Serve** Sunday, July 19

ELDER IN CHARGE—Bill Mills  
DEACON IN CHARGE—Delmas Carr

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Kyle Inman  
PM—Kody Inman

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Hoover  
Close—Bill Camp  
6:00 PM—Dave Wadlington  
Close—Chris Hofmann

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Stan Inman  
PM—Mike Fleak

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Gary Herridge  
PM—Dwain Shears  
Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

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

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



## Facts and Figures

July 5, 2015

AM Service.....256  
Bible Study.....187  
PM Service.....226  
Wednesday.....192

Contribution .....\$9147.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....5  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership....3

## **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 5:15 for  
the sing at the Pennsville, OH  
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 19**  
**LEFT BEHIND?**