

# 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.

Volume 48, Number 30 - July 26, 2015



## Poem on Time and Eternity

Sixty seconds make a minute,  
May we please the Savior in it;  
Sixty minutes make an hour,  
May we feel His saving power.

Twenty-four hours make a day,  
O'er us give His will full sway;  
Seven days make a week,  
Make us humble, lowly, meek.

As weeks into months turn,  
Let us more of Jesus learn;  
As the months shall make the year,  
Free us from worry, doubt and fear.

As the years make up our life,  
Give us victory in the strife;  
When eternity at last we see,  
May we live it, Lord, with thee.

Author Unknown

# Prayer Requests

Hazel Cozad was being moved to  
The Arbors.

Eleanor Slingluff is back at Love & Care.

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

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Peggy Cowdery, Hazel Cozad, Jim Dailey,  
Jo Florence, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Arlene Gibson, Bill Lemley, Jane Pralley, Jenny  
Reynolds, Neil Russell, 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 Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother),  
Michael Hart (Susan Swackhammer'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.**

Treva Daggett is scheduled for surgery Tuesday in Marietta.

Keep her in your prayers.

**Carol Vincent** is a patient at the Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Remember her with cards and in your prayers.

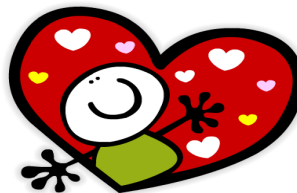
(She is scheduled for surgery tomorrow.)

### **Riverside Methodist Hospital**

3535 Olentangy River Road

Columbus, OH 43214

\* Carol Vincent (Room 3518) \*



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I sincerely appreciate them.  
**Chris Tallman**
- ♥ Thank you for the chicken you brought for our ladies. They always appreciate anyone thinking of them like that and you all always do! In Christian Love, **Love and Care**
- ♥ A special thank you for the many, many cards. I feel so blessed!  
**Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for your concern and prayers. I received good results at my recent scan at OSU. I am thankful for my family in the church. **Phyllis Johnson**
- ♥ **The family of Mary Ann Barclay** wishes to thank everyone for their support, calls, cards, prayers and visits during her recent passing. Christian love is a beautiful thing.
- ♥ I appreciate all the birthday cards and well wishes for my 94th! They sure made my day special. **Harold Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you, one and all, for the very thoughtful anniversary cards. You helped make #60 a special day. In Christian love, **Bill and Jane Pralley**

## **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

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*Thank you for  
worshipping  
with us.*

## SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

Items are needed for the School Supply Give-Away. See the back page for details.

## DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

## LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 3 will be conducting the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 and Thursday, July 30 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## MIDWESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone interested in helping at a work day at Midwestern Children's Home in Pleasant Plains, OH on August 22. Our youth are encouraged to participate but, everyone is needed and welcome to help. Work will include painting cabins, clearing brush, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need details, see Jeff Taberner.

## LOVE AND CARE MONTHLY SING

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

## 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.

## CEDAR POINT TRIP

A Cedar Point trip is planned for Monday August 6. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with details.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank and fill it over the next few months. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children. Banks are available in the front and rear foyers.



Diana, Ryan and Braden Hesselrode are due to return this week from their mission trip to Guyana. Please continue to pray for them.



Remember our shut-ins with cards and in your prayers.

Jane Pralley  
C/O Worthington Care Center  
2675 36th & Core Road  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Neil Russell  
204 Edgelawn Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Chelsea Doonan  
2104 43rd Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Dorothy Weaver  
4206 Powell Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Pat Burkey, Zoe Byrum, and Eleanor  
Slingluff  
C/O Love and Care  
PO Box 1512  
Parkersburg, WV 26102

Let them know we love them.  
Let's help brighten their day.



**American  
Red Cross**

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Blood Drive will be  
Monday, August 10 in the MP Room  
from 1:00PM-6:00PM.

Sign-up sheets on the counter



## **Daily Bible Reading**

July 26—Acts 21:1-16, Job 12-13

July 27—Acts 21:17-40, Job 14-16

July 28—Acts 22, Job 17-19

July 29—Acts 23:1-22, Job 20-21

July 30—Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23

July 31—Acts 24, Job 24-27

August 1—Acts 25, Job 28-29

August 2—Acts 26, Job 30-31

# DANA'S DIRECTION

## Wes Cochran

**What was happening in August, 1966?** Lyndon Johnson was in the White House and both the Vietnam War and Protest movements were growing. The Sound of Music was at the theater. Average cost of a new house was \$14,200; a new car \$2650. Gasoline was 32 cents a gallon. Pampers were the first disposable diaper and “Rock Em – Sock Em Robots” were big on Christmas wish lists.

Wallace Skipper was the new preacher at Camden Avenue church of Christ. Brothers Newberry, Watson, Vaught, Summers and Stanley served as elders. Lois Eaton (Nulter) was church secretary, and yes, Wes Cochran was hired to serve as full time church custodian... which means he is now beginning his 50<sup>th</sup> year in that capacity!

Wes's dedication to the congregation here at Camden Avenue encompasses a life-time. In 1953 Elsie Cochran was baptized and began bringing her daughter Linda (Camp), and two little three-year-old twin boys, Wes and Les. Camden Avenue has been Wes's church family for sixty-six years! Wes and his brother were baptized the same Sunday evening by Earl Stevens when they were 16. At 19, Wes was hired to serve as custodian.

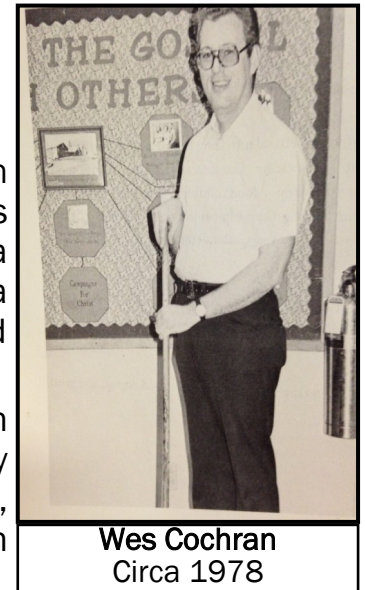
It is hard to find words that describe Wes's contribution to the Camden Avenue congregation. He has been a friend and a beloved brother in Christ to all. He has set up, served and cleaned up after countless weddings and funerals of our members. He has been the first one to come and the last one to leave in nearly fifty years of the church's assemblies. He has been active as a care-group leader, active in visitation efforts, and the keeper of all records relating to the church at Camden Avenue. He has an amazing memory of people and events. If it happened at Camden Avenue he likely can tell you the details. He is the unofficial historian of our church.

There are many other ways that Wes serves this congregation that you may or may not be aware of. He is an excellent cook and has fixed food for funerals and for shut-ins. He provided the meal for several years of Monday Night for the Master. He knows the heartbeat of the church. If there is a need or a problem in the congregation, Wes is generally one of the first to be aware of it. As a preacher, I have leaned upon Wes on many occasions. He is supportive and encouraging. He loves the Lord and the Camden Avenue church of Christ. What many do not realize – for the past two years, Wes has been volunteering his services. You may not have realized that because he is still here every day, doing what he has been doing for almost fifty years!

While the church has been the primary focus of Wes's, it is certainly not his only interest. Wes is a recognized authority in genealogy. He has been the president of the West Virginia Genealogical Society. If you go into the West Virginia State Archives library, you will see a whole section of the books of research that he has authored. If you have any questions about your West Virginia heritage, Ask Wes!

Wes is dedicated to his family. He cared for his parents when they were elderly, and continues to take an active role in the lives of his brother, sister, nieces and nephews. He is an avid sports fan, especially when it comes to Parkersburg South teams, both boys and girls.

**CONGRATULATIONS WES ON THIS MILESTONE – AND THANK YOU!**





## Parable of the Rich Fool: (Luke 12:13-21)

**Those who are focused on wealth will miss eternal treasures.** “The ones sown among the thorns are those who, when they have \_\_\_\_\_, go out and are \_\_\_\_\_ with cares, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of life” (Luke 8:14). “But those who desire to be \_\_\_\_\_ fall into temptation and a \_\_\_\_\_, and into many foolish and harmful \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ men in destruction and perdition. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is a root of all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_, for which some have \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith in their \_\_\_\_\_, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (I Timothy 6:9-10).

**Jesus summarized the misdirection of this man’s life:** “Take heed and beware of \_\_\_\_\_, for one’s \_\_\_\_\_ does not consist in the abundance of \_\_\_\_\_ which he possesses” (Luke 12:15).

**The successful farmer:** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of a certain rich man yielded \_\_\_\_\_. And he thought within \_\_\_\_\_ ‘What shall I do, since \_\_\_\_\_ have no room to store \_\_\_\_\_ crops? I will do this; I will pull down \_\_\_\_\_ barns and build \_\_\_\_\_, and there \_\_\_\_\_ will store all \_\_\_\_\_ crops and \_\_\_\_\_ goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have \_\_\_\_\_ goods laid up for \_\_\_\_\_ years; take your \_\_\_\_\_; eat, drink, and be \_\_\_\_\_.’” But God said to him, “\_\_\_\_\_! This night your \_\_\_\_\_ will be required of you; then whose will those \_\_\_\_\_ be which you have provided?” “So is he who lays up \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and is not \_\_\_\_\_ toward God” (Luke 12:16-21)

### Lessons learned from the Parable of the Rich fool:

**#1) The value of a man’s \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_.** “One’s \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ in the abundance of \_\_\_\_\_ which he \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 12:15).

**The true value of a man’s life is his \_\_\_\_\_.** “What shall if \_\_\_\_\_ a man if he \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_ and loses his \_\_\_\_\_, or what shall a man give in \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_?” (Matthew 16:26)

**#2) The purpose of a man’s life is not to \_\_\_\_\_ things. What Solomon learned about material things:** “Then I looked on all the \_\_\_\_\_ that my \_\_\_\_\_ had done and on the labor in which I had \_\_\_\_\_; and indeed all was \_\_\_\_\_ and grasping for the \_\_\_\_\_. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun” (Eccle. 2:11). **Man’s greater purpose:** “But lay up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ ... For where your treasure is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

**#3) The nature of a man’s life is \_\_\_\_\_ not temporal. Two certain things in life: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** “And it is \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men once to \_\_\_\_\_ and then the \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 9:27). **Life is \_\_\_\_\_, uncertain, and passes \_\_\_\_\_.** “Whereas you do not know what will happen \_\_\_\_\_, For what is your \_\_\_\_\_? It is even a \_\_\_\_\_ that appears for a \_\_\_\_\_ time and then \_\_\_\_\_ away” (James 4:14).

**#4) There is a day of reckoning.** “For I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave Me no \_\_\_\_\_; I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave Me no \_\_\_\_\_; I was a \_\_\_\_\_ and you did not take me in, naked and you did not \_\_\_\_\_ Me, \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_, and you did not \_\_\_\_\_ Me” (Matthew 25:42-43). “Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of these, you did not do it to \_\_\_\_\_. And these will go away into \_\_\_\_\_ punishment, but the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ life” (Matthew 25:45-46)



OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
**TEACHERS**  
**ELDERS**  
**DEACONS**  
**WORKSHOP**

Flyers on the foyers bulletin boards with details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

**BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS**

**“A Sunday School Program That Fits Your Church”**

- Building a Successful Class Program in your Church (Pre-K—High School Session)
- Tools for Teaching Adults (adult Session) Hosted by Rick Stanley

**ELDERS**

**“Leading Churches that Work”**

- Session 1: How to Manage so the Elders Can Shepherd the Church
- Session 2: The Role of Elders in Churches that Work
- Session 3: Talking about How to be Better Elders

**DEACONS**

**“Heart of a Servant”**

Deacon Roundtable Sessions

Deacons will engage with others in a peer-to peer roundtable event to gain advice and discuss how to become more effective servants in their unique role in the church.

**Saturday, August 8, 2015**

8:30AM	Registration
9:15AM	Welcome (OVU President Harold Shank)
9:30AM	Keynote: “There is no “I” in Team!” Tom Miller
10:15AM	Session 1
11:15AM	Break
11:30AM	Session 2
12:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Session 3
2:30PM	Wrap-Up (Tom Butterfield)
3:00PM	Goodbye! See You Next Year!

**PREPARE**  
 Preparing youth for service to Christ in His church  
 Saturday, August 8, 2015 at OVU  
 FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN / GRADES 6 -12  
 BREAKOUT SESSIONS



# YOUTH EVENTS

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

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

## Cedar Point Trip

Thursday, August 6—leaving here at 6:00AM (\$52 if we have enough for group discount—if not it will be \$58.) Money needs to be given to Paul Saunders by August 2. Sign-up sheet on the counter.

## Day-Long Program at OVU for 6th-12th Grade

Ohio Valley University **PREPARE**

*Preparing youth for service to Christ in His church  
A special day-long program for young men and women—Grades 6-12*

Saturday, August 8

Sign-up sheet on the counter

**Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards**



**Claire Moser**

We welcome Claire to the Camden Avenue family. She was baptized June 14 by her father.

She is the daughter of our Steve and Julie Moser. Her siblings include Hayden, Alivia and Sophie.

Claire will be in the 8th grade at Wood County Christian School where she participates in cheer and volleyball.

She will be in Care Group 2.

We are glad to have Claire and her family with us.

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## Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

### FIVE STEPS TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

Let me make five suggestions that can help couples improve their marriages:

Accept Each Other: Great marriages are built on honesty, openness, and acceptance of one another—"as is."

Watch for Beetles: A mighty tree survived many years of hail, heavy snows, strong winds, and bitter cold, but was felled by an attack of small beetles. Often, marriages fall victim to the accumulation of little things!

Act, Don't React: A marriage is like a long trip in a small rowboat—if one passenger rocks the boat, the other must steady it; otherwise, they will sink!

Work At It: The phrase "And they lived happily ever after" is misleading, because it has led countless generations to expect something other than what they find in life.

Take Time for Each Other: James Dobson reminds us that even worthwhile activities can drain our energy, and come between married couples!

Solomon wrote, "Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth."

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, August 3

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Dearll Vincent  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Marion Goldsmith

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Ben Haught

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Paul Inman

Close—Russ Alton

6:00 PM—Chris Mullins

Close—Chris Tallman

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Don Gaston

PM—Bob Armstrong

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Stan Inman

PM—Paul Saunders  
Dan Rich

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk



**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.)

Items need to be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer today.

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

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include Jimmy Galloway, Justin Moore and Dwain Shears.



**THE SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 6:00PM IN THE MP ROOM.**

### **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**

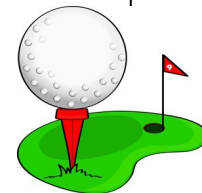
Saturday, August 8

Bel Meadow Country Club in Mt. Clare, WV

### **OVU FIGHTING SCOTS GOLF CLASSIC**

Monday, August 17

Parkersburg Country Club



FLYERS ON THE FOYER BULLETIN BOARDS

## **Facts and Figures**

July 19, 2015

AM Service.....269

Bible Study.....208

PM Service.....208

Wednesday..... 192

Contribution .....\$6632.00

### **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

### 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**

Aug. 2—**LIFE IN CHRIST**

## **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday evening at 6:30 for the sing at the Little Hocking congregation.