

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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This is the kick-off of Vacation Bible School!
Thank you for worshipping with us today.

July 5—8

* This evening 6:00-7:30 *

* Monday-Wednesday evening 6:30—8:00 *

Theme: *"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

VBS 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

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Our Brother Bill Lemley is
in the Riverside Hospital in
Columbus, OH.

Remember him in your prayers.

The address: (Room 6102)
3535 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43214



Our Sister Colleen Ash
is at The Willows
(Room 222)
She would enjoy cards
and visits.

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 Holleran, Dennis Keller,
Bill Lemley, 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), 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.

We extend our sympathy to Chris Hofmann and family in the passing
of his father, Bill Hofmann. He passed away Thursday evening.



♥ I would like to say thank you for all the great cards I received for my birthday!
Stan Inman

♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and well wishes. I enjoyed them all.
Robin Anthony



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 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to kick-off VBS this evening! (Cookies are needed for VBS. Please leave them on the counter in the office today.)

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

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.

BASEBALL TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley has baseball tickets available for the game in Cincinnati July 17. If you are interested or know someone that would like to go, see Rick.

CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to our 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. All are welcome to attend and worship with the residents.

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.

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. 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 the memo noted for the Hesselrode's. **Please remember them in your prayers.**

Daily Bible Reading

July 5—Acts 8:26-40, II Chronicles 29-30

July 6—Acts 9:1-22, II Chronicles 31-32

July 7—Acts 9:23-43, II Chronicles 33-34

July 8—Acts 10:1-23, II Chronicles 35-36

July 9—Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3

July 10—Acts 11, Ezra 4-6

July 11—Acts 12, Ezra 7-8

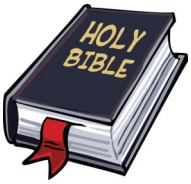
July 12—Acts 13:1-31, Ezra 9-10

Wedding Announcement

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.



DANA'S DIRECTION

A Biblical Response to Homosexuality

The following article posted on Facebook by the elders of the Branson, MO, church of Christ has been viewed by thousands. I commend its author for their kind but biblical approach to an issue that threatens to divide, and or destroy our country. Please read with an open mind and a loving heart.

To our friends and neighbors in Branson,

We love homosexuals. You read it correctly. The church of Christ in downtown Branson loves not only homosexuals, but also fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, sodomites, thieves, the covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners. We love all unrighteous people. Why? Because we have also been guilty of unrighteousness (Rom. 3:23). But because God first loved the world (Jo. 3:16; 1 Jo. 4:19), He, by His grace, has taught us how to become righteous (Ti. 2:11-14). For this we should be eternally grateful and desire to share this soul saving information with others (Ro. 1:16).

The issue of homosexuality and same sex marriage is a moral issue. God's laws concerning morals are everlasting. Moral laws never change. It has always been wrong to kill, steal, commit adultery, practice homosexuality, etc. From the beginning of time marriage has been one man and one woman for life (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 1:27; Rom. 7:2-3).

Homosexuality is not a civil issue. Comparing it to treatment of different races is like comparing apples to oranges. It is not the same thing. People have no decision over their race, but they do have the ability to abstain, or, commit sexual acts, individuals can cease practicing homosexuality. Because God condemns homosexual acts, it is a sin and those who practice, or condone those who practice, such things will not go to heaven (Ro. 1:24-31; 1 Co. 6:9-10; Lev. 20:13). God does not condemn what man cannot control.

The practice of homosexuality is not genetic. It is a learned behavior. No reputable scientific study has drawn any other conclusion. We know that this message is not popular in today's changing culture, But God has not changed (Mat. 3:6). Therefore we have no choice but to speak what God has spoken, regardless of what man may deem right or lawful (Acts 5:29).

It is not unloving, mean spirited, prejudice, hateful or unrighteous judgment to oppose sin. To speak where God has spoken is not passing wrongful human judgment (Mat. 7:1). To speak where God has spoken is to use righteous judgment (Jo. 7:24). We are only repeating what THE JUDGE (Ja. 4:12) has already proclaimed.

We do not expect people who respect man's wisdom over God's wisdom to agree with our stance (Isa. 55:8; 1 Co. 1:25; 3:9). We do not expect to be judged and, if possible, punished/persecuted by those who disagree with our sharing of God's judgment (Jo. 15:20). Nevertheless, we refuse to be silent concerning issues that will affect a person's soul.

Those who practice homosexuality have souls. Those who condone the practice of homosexuality have souls. God is not willing that any should perish (2 Pe. 3:9). Therefore, because we strive to have the mind of Christ and be imitators of Him, (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:5), we also do not want those who practice homosexuality or those who condone its practice to be lost.

We, the church of Christ in downtown Branson, refuse to be numbered with the silent majority. God is not silent. Therefore, neither will we be! Because God desires the repentance of those who practice unrighteousness, we are willing to be accused of hate speech by those who hate God's speech (John 17:17).

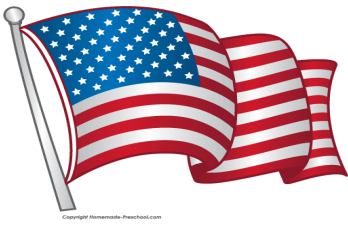
Are you living the life of the unrighteous? We love you, but our love for you is not capable of making you righteous. Only your obedience to God's teaching can save you (Mat. 7:21). And it is because of God's love for all people no matter what transgressions any of us may have committed, the blood of Jesus can wash those sins away, if only we obey the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:1; Gal. 3:27; Rev. 2:10).

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? ...And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Come to Jesus, He will save you!

Elders for the Branson church of Christ,

Blaine Orr and Tim Kideell



What can I do for my country? (Romans 13:1-7)

I) God expects us to be good _____.

“Submit yourselves to every _____ of man for the _____ sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to _____, as to those who are sent by him for the _____ of evil-doers and the _____ of those who do _____. (I Peter 2:13-14) “As _____, yet not using _____ as a cloak for vice, but as _____ of God. Honor _____ people. Love the _____. Fear _____. Honor the _____.” (I Peter 2:16-17)

Good citizens: #1) will _____ the law of the land. “As much as depends on you, live _____ with all men.” (Romans 12:18) **#2) pay their _____.** “Render therefore to _____ the things that are _____, and unto _____ the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:21) **#3) Do _____.** “Do good and you will have _____ of the same.” (Romans 13:3) ‘Let your _____ so shine before men that they will see your good _____ and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) **#4) Respect our _____.** “Honor all people. Love the _____. Fear _____. Honor the _____.” (I Peter 2:17)

II) God expects us to _____ for our leaders. “I exhort first of all that supplication, _____, intercessions, and the giving of _____ be made for all men; for kings and those who are in _____, that we may live a _____ and peaceable life in all _____ and all reverence. For this is _____ and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires _____ men to be saved and come to the _____ of the truth.” (I Timothy 2:1-4)

III) God expects us to speak out against the _____ of our society. “And have no _____ with the unfruitful works of _____, but rather _____ them.” (Ephesians 5:11)

IV) Christians should _____.

V) God expects Christians to _____ our country back to _____. “If My _____, who are called by My _____, will _____ themselves and _____, and seek MY face, and _____ from their _____ ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will _____ their sin and _____ their land.” (II Chronicles 7:14)

The _____ is God’s instrument for _____. “Yet who _____ whether you have come to the _____ for such a _____ as this?” (Esther 4:14)



YOUR FREEDOM—USED OR ABUSED?

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

Brother Guy N. Woods in his commentary on John, explains that here Jesus is teaching His disciples that genuine discipleship involves much more than believing Him. That is, one must believe “on” Him, to trust Him as a person, and to abide in what He says as opposed to simply acknowledging one’s words as truth.

As Americans, we are fortunate enough to live in a country blessed with many freedoms not enjoyed by others. Above all, Christians are given the freedom to worship and serve God, teach His will to those around you, and as much as possible, to make God known to those in oppressed nations so they too can be free.

Young people, don’t abuse your freedom! Celebrate the freedom of America with allegiance and honor. Celebrate your Christian freedom by committing your lives to Christ. Paul said in Galatians 5:1, *“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”*

This freedom in Christ frees us from the bondage of sin, Satan and fear. But just as not defending our national freedom threatens its future, our spiritual freedom can dissipate to its adversaries unless we “cling” to the truth that makes us free.

As we celebrate the birthday of our National Freedoms, will you not pledge loyalty to America, and enjoy its freedom by rededicating your life to Christ? You’re free to be in Sunday school—**BE THERE!** You’re free to attend worship—**SEE YOU THERE!** You’re free to live everyday for Christ—**SO LIVE!** There is strength in numbers—**PLEASE BE IN OUR NUMBER!**



Why Did He Call?

I love the commercial that ran some years ago. A mother answers the phone and talks to her son and hangs up with tears in her eyes. The father says, "What did he say?" She said through her tears, "He just called to say 'I love you'."

It reminded me so much of our family. In my later years I do not like to answer the phone. If Mother is there she answers. But I, like the father will ask "What did they want?"

There may be a message here for children and parents as well. So many times when we call, we want or need something and that is fine too, but what a call! I just called for one reason, to say I love you Mom and/or Dad. This would bring joy and tears to any parents eyes.

Parents also need to call their children just to say, I love you, and to thank God for what you have become. Sometimes we need to say, I love you, I believe in you, and I know the good in you is going to win out. I pray for you daily.

Might not this be a good call to our heavenly Father? I just called to say, I love you and thank you for being my Father. And just for once not to clutter it with twenty plus requests.

P.S. Why Do You Call?



Adapted from article in Bulletin Digest by B. Plunket

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Several years ago, two students graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. The highest ranking student in the class was a blind man named Overton. When he received his honor, he insisted that half the credit should go to his friend, Kaspryzak.

They met one another in school when the armless Mr. Kaspryzak had guided the blind Mr. Overton down a flight of stairs. This acquaintance ripened into friendship and a beautiful example of interdependence. The blind man carried the books which the armless read aloud in their common study, and thus the individual deficiency of each was compensated for the other.

Did you catch what they did? They sought for common ground and for common abilities. What one lacked, the other provided. Rather than complain about their mutual woes, they looked for ways to get around them and not just ignore or tolerate them. This certainly did not solve all their problems, but it led to a mutual love, dignity and respect. The world could sure use more people with this kind of attitude!

Let's you and I sincerely seek ways in which we can help each other. As Solomon said, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor." (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

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 12

ELDER IN CHARGE—John Life
DEACON IN CHARGE—Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught
 PM—Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Barry Mills
 Close—Cody Hoover
 6:00 PM—Jimmy Galloway
 Close—Steve Moser

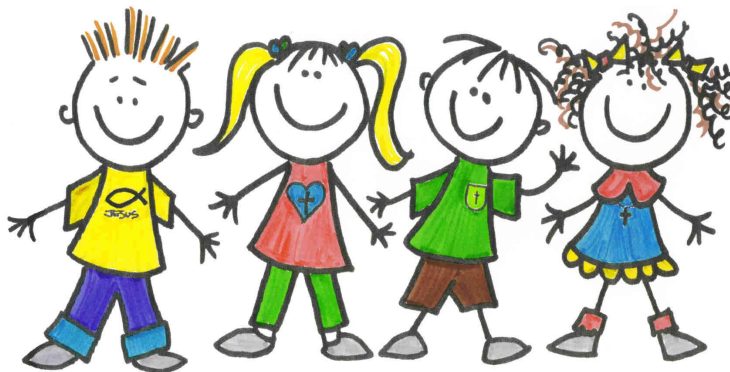
SCRIPTURE

AM—Dave Nulter
 PM—Braden Hesselroad

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bob Smith
 PM—Brian Haught
 Dustin Hughes

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway



YOUTH EVENTS

- ✓ **LLL kick-off** next Sunday, July 12 after evening services in the MP Room. Bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.
- ✓ **All 6th-12th graders** are invited to a devotional in the MP Room Sunday, July 19 after evening services.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include
 Delmas Carr,
 Bill Hoover,
 Barry Hupp and
 Todd Kirk.



POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME
"Silver for Children"
COIN BANKS

Each family is asked to take a coin bank and fill it over the next four months. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children.

Banks are available in the front and rear foyers.

Facts and Figures

June 28, 2015

AM Service.....273
 Bible Study.....197
 PM Service.....200
 Wednesday.....171
 Contribution\$6504.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

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

The Alkire Road Church of Christ Announces
 Its 15th Annual

YOUNG MEN'S PREACHERS TRAINING CAMP

July 12 - 17

Applications with details 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 6:15 for the sing at the Cairo 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 12
WOMEN OF THE CHURCH