

# 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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## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU WORSHIP WITH US.**

- When you worship with us you will find we pray to God through Christ (1 Timothy 2:5).
- When you worship with us you will find we praise God without the use of instruments but by blending our voices. (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).
- When you worship with us you will find that what we preach and teach comes from God's word. We speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- When you worship with us you will find we partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week, in the same manner of those in the New Testament (Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42).
- When you worship with us you will find we also give of our means on the first day of every week, in the same manner of those in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8,9).
- When you worship with us you will find water baptism (Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38-41).
- When you worship with us you will find we are a church family. We love and care for each other. We assemble to worship (Hebrews 10:25) but also to edify and build up each other in the faith (Ephesians 4:29-32).

**If you would like more information, please let one of us know.  
We would love to share our faith with you.**

## 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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*If God is for you,  
it doesn't matter  
how many are  
against you!*

## Camden Clark

Ed Collins (CVU7)  
(No visits, please.)

Cards may be sent to  
his home address:  
600 Schultz Street  
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Please keep Carol Vincent in your prayers and with cards as her health continues to improve. No visits, please.

Jim Dailey and Gary Farris are home. Brighten their day with cards and keep them in your prayers as they recuperate.

## Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Ed Collins, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Gary Farris, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, 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, Delana Blizzard (Harvey & Mary Caplinger's daughter), Kelly Boyce, Ona Jean Brundy (Eloise Smith's sister), Gary Caplinger (Woody Wagoner's stepfather), 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 (Requested by Brenda Dougherty), Bob Jarell (Brother-in-law of Len Haid, Sue Jones (Teresa Wade's mother), 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.



- ♥ Thank you for the many beautiful anniversary cards. **Marion and Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ We appreciate the anniversary cards and kind notes for our 27th. Love, **Dwain and Kimberlee Shears**
- ♥ Thank you Rochel, Allison, Mekayla and Jo for the drawings. I appreciate them. **Lillie Fox**
- ♥ Each card, visit and phone call made #83 a special day. In Christian love, **Jane Pralley**
- ♥ Thank you again and again for all the beautiful birthday cards. They made my day. Love, **Colleen Ash**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards. Each one was special. Thanks for the special singing phone call. It was great! Love you all, **Sallie Hinzman**



### DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

### GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip Thursday, August 27 to Harrisville, WV (Berdine's 5 & 10, Antique Mall, Chevrolet museum, old school, etc.) with a buffet lunch at North Bend State Park Lodge. The cost will be \$17.00. Leaving at 8:30AM and returning around 2:30PM. Sign-up sheet and flyers are on the counter.

**Dwain would like to meet this evening after services in Room 109 with those folks planning to go.**

### COOKIES NEEDED

We are in need of homemade cookies for our display at the Ohio Valley University EXPO tomorrow evening. This is a fun way to welcome the students to OVU and Camden Avenue. Please leave cookies on the counter in the office today.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, August 29 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

### LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is invited to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, August 31 at 7:00PM.

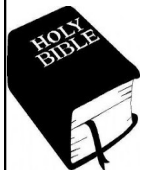
### 29th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL/SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED

The 29th Annual Bible Bowl is fast approaching September 19. See Rick Stanley if you would be willing to keep score.

Our Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry will be **October 11–14** .  
October 11 will be Friends Day. Invite your friends and family.

### **BIBLE CLASS CURRICULUM NEW TRIMESTER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.**

***This will be the class promotion date for school age children.***



We will begin a study of the Prophets, beginning with Isaiah.

Copies of the schedule are available in the foyers.

Join us for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible study!

### **Daily Bible Reading**

**August 23**—Romans 14, Psalms 67-69

**August 24**—Romans 15:1-21, Psalms 70-72

**August 25**—Romans 15:22-33, Psalms 73-74

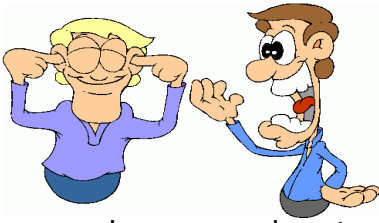
**August 26**—Romans 16, Psalms 75-77

**August 27**—1 Cor 1, Psalms 78-79

**August 28**—1 Cor 2, Psalms 80-84

**August 29**—1 Cor 3, Psalms 85-88

**August 30**—1 Cor 4, Psalms 89-90



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “Those Who Discourage”

I once read a story of a Union soldier during the Civil War who received a court-martial for “discouraging the troops.” It wasn’t that he refused to fight, or committed mutiny against his superior officers—He simply continued to criticize and complain about anything and everything to the point that everyone around him became discouraged.

I’m sure we all understand how important unity is to a group that seeks to work together to accomplish a common goal. The same is certainly true regarding the church. Jesus’ prayer for His disciples is “that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.” (John 17:21) Anything that destroys this unity violates God’s will and serves only to expedite Satan’s efforts to destroy the church.

In Proverbs 6, the writer makes an astonishing statement. We certainly realize that God hates all sin—but Solomon states that among all sins that men commit, there are “six things the Lords hates, yes seven are an abomination to Him.” (Proverbs 6:16) Included on that list is the “one who sows discord among brethren.” Jesus stated that “He who is not with Me, is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” (Matthew 12:30) There is no way to misunderstand! Those who create dissention, division, and disrupt the unity of the church are working against Jesus himself.

There are attitudes and practices, often found in the church, that serve to discourage other Christians. **Gossip is discouraging.** You know this if you have ever realized that your life, or problems, or private matters, had become the source of conversation and amusement to others. There are some who are determined to tell others anything they believe will cause them to think less of someone. Many times even those who have repented of past mistakes and try to get on with their lives, find that “concerned” brothers or sisters make sure that everyone knows and no one forgets. When God forgives, the sin is removed from His memory. He expects the same of us.

**Criticism is discouraging.** So many people expect perfection of everyone but themselves. Anyone can find fault. It takes no talent. It contributes nothing that is positive or good. Anyone who “looks at others for the purpose of finding fault” is a hypocrite—because he is overlooking his own faults in the process. Jesus said, “judge not that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Matthew 7:1-2) He also tells us to “first remove the plank from your own eye, then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” (Matthew 7:5)

**Ignoring others and showing favoritism is discouraging.** Some people treat the church as if it is their own personal “social club.” Jesus regards the church as His family. I cannot imagine a family experiencing the birth of a child and that child not being immediately accepted. Certainly the same should be true in God’s family. I have heard sad tales, on many occasions, of people who were not made to feel welcome in the church. James refers to such partiality as sin. (James 2:9)

Rather than being a source of discouragement to one another, **God expects us to edify, to build up one another.** This includes not only what we say, but also what we think. Paul writes “if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8) “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearer...Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:29-30)



# Sound Doctrine (1 Timothy 1:1-7)



I urged you....remain in \_\_\_\_\_ that you may \_\_\_\_\_ some that they preach no other \_\_\_\_\_, nor give heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and endless genealogies, which cause \_\_\_\_\_ rather than godly \_\_\_\_\_ which is in faith.” (I Timothy 1:3-4)

**The importance of preaching:** “It \_\_\_\_\_ God through the foolishness of \_\_\_\_\_ to save those who \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Corinthians 1:21)

**What is good preaching? A faithful minister of God’s word must preach \_\_\_\_\_ aspects of Christian living.** “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a \_\_\_\_\_ minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the good \_\_\_\_\_ which you have faithfully followed.” (I Timothy 4:6) “I am innocent of the \_\_\_\_\_ of all men, for I have not \_\_\_\_\_ to declare to you the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (Acts 20:26,27)

**The whole counsel of God:** “Preach the \_\_\_\_\_! Be ready in \_\_\_\_\_ and out of season. Convince, \_\_\_\_\_, exhort, with all longsuffering and \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Timothy 4:2)

**Preaching that is not sound. Doctrine that is \_\_\_\_\_.** “If anyone preaches any other \_\_\_\_\_ to you than what you have received, let him be \_\_\_\_\_.” (Galatians 1:9) “Because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves \_\_\_\_\_; and will turn their ears away from the \_\_\_\_\_.” (II Timothy 4:3,4)

**Even preaching of scripture can be unsound if not properly \_\_\_\_\_.** **The result of unsound doctrine:** It will cause \_\_\_\_\_. (I Timothy 4:1) It is unprofitable and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:9) “Reject a \_\_\_\_\_ man after the first and second \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 3:10)

**Preaching that is sound. The original.** “The glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of the blessed God that was committed to my \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Timothy 1:11) “For this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all \_\_\_\_\_, as a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are going to \_\_\_\_\_ on Him for \_\_\_\_\_ life.” (I Timothy 1:16) “Now the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_ is love from a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Timothy 1:5)

**What is needed to build up the church? Sound \_\_\_\_\_.** “You shall know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 8:32)

**Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can save.** “Go into all the world and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature. He who \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved.” (Mark 16:15-16)

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We welcome Dana back. He took some vacation time. We are glad to have him and Cindy with us.



## **That's How He Hurt His Hands**

Many of us have seen or heard about little boys plucking flowers from the earth to give to their adoring mothers. A little known song recounts a similar story of one small boy who came running to his mother with tears streaming down his cheeks and roses in his hands that he had gathered as a gift for her. The tears were shed because he had cut his hands on the thorny stems of the beautiful red roses. The song's refrain says, "He was showing his love, and that's how he hurt his hands."

In my mental images of Jesus I often think about His hands and how He used them out of love for others. With his hands He cleansed a leper (Matthew 8:3). He placed His hands on the tongue and ears of the deaf mute, causing him to hear and speak. With His hands He gave sight to the blind (Mark 8:23). To the failing faith of a sinking man, He extended His hand in assurance (Matthew 14:31). To a maiden asleep in death, His hand had the power of life (Mark 5:4). But at no time were those hands more precious or more loving than when they were nailed upon the cross for you and me. Those bleeding hands, that bloody brow, His stricken back, and that "sword pierced body" were given as a sacrifice for my many sins. Indeed, He was showing His love and that's how He hurt His hands. Let all of us see more clearly the love in the hands of Jesus. He truly loves and cares for you.

"Behold my hands" John 20:2.



## Youth Events

The Rockport Church of Christ invites you to a time of worship, sports and bonfire  
Saturday, August 29  
3:00PM—?  
Sign-up sheet on the counter

**6th—12th Grade Devotional**  
Sunday, August 30 in the MP Room  
following evening service



## *I Know Something Good About You!*

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we met would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us just that way?  
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each handclasp, warm and true,  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you?"  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?  
Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too;  
You know something good about me;  
I know something good about you?

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## **Minute of Meditation** Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Have you ever been conned? I have, and after it was over, I felt foolish and hurt. You know, we get conned when we let our guard down. Some people get conned when their emotions are stirred. Others get conned when something appealing—money, fame, or something for nothing is dangled before them.



There are a lot of con artists out there including many in the political arena, and I hope you never get duped by any of them. I must warn you, however, that the granddaddy of all con artists has you in his sights every day. Satan will do all that he can to get you to let down your guard. He will distract you. He will smooth-talk you. He will lie to you. He will stir your emotions. He will dangle appealing things before your eyes. And when you let your guard down, he will strike. The end result is worse than lost money or a bruised ego; the end result is sin against God. Remember, "your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

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 30

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Paul Inman  
**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Marion Goldsmith

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Kyle Inman  
PM—Kody Inman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Kody Inman  
Close—Dave Wadlington  
6:00 PM—John Hall  
Close—Jim Hinzman

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Paul Saunders  
PM—Todd Kirk

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Leon Hupp  
PM—Dennis Keller  
Scott Johnson

**PA SYSTEM**—Jim Galloway



## Life Is A Gift

Today before you say an unkind word—think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food—think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife—think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life—think of someone who died too early.

Before you complain about your children—think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep, think of people who are living on the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive—think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job—think of the unemployed, disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another—remember that not one of us is without sin and we will all answer to one Maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down—put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

Author Unknown

## The Lawn Crew for this week is the Shears crew.

They include  
Jimmy Galloway,  
Justin Moore and  
Dwain Shears.



## **Facts and Figures**

August 16, 2015

AM Service.....293

Bible Study.....200

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....199

Contribution .....\$6354.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**

Baptisms.....5

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....4

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 at 5:15 for the sing at  
the Whitehall (Fairmont)  
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**

Aug. 30—*ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS*