

# 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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## *The Horrors of Hell*

Hell, the prison house of despair,  
Here are some things that won't be there:  
No flowers will bloom on the banks of hell,  
No beauties of nature we love so well;  
No comforts of home, music or song,  
No friendship of joy will be found in that throng;  
No children to brighten the long, weary night,  
No love or peace, nor one ray of light;  
No blood-washed soul with face beaming bright,  
No loving smile in that region of night;  
No mercy, no pity, no pardon nor grace,  
No water, oh what a terrible place!  
The pangs of the lost no human can tell,  
No moment of ease—there's no rest in Hell.

Hell the prison house of despair,  
Here are some things that will be there:  
Fire and brimstone are there, we know,  
For God in his Word has told us so;  
Memory, remorse, suffering and pain,  
Weeping and wailing, but all in vain;  
Blasphemers, swearers, haters of God,  
Sinners who refuse to be washed in the blood!  
Christ rejecters while here on earth trod;  
Murders, gamblers, drunkards, and liars,  
Will have their part in the lake of fire;  
The filthy, the vile, the cruel and mean,  
What a horrible mob in Hell will be seen!  
Yes more than on earth can tell,  
Are the torments and woes of Eternal Hell.

Author Unknown

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**The chief duty  
and privilege of  
the Christian is  
soul-winning!**



- ♥ Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes. They were much appreciated and made my day. **Sherry Wilcox**
- ♥ Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and food for grandma Celia's funeral. We appreciate everything! Love, **Chris and Terry [Hofmann]**

A special thank you to **Sallie and Sarah Hinzman** for preparing the communion bread last month.

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Our condolences to the family of Madge Adelene Grimm.  
Her service was Friday at Kimes Funeral Home.



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

Sharon Armstrong, Ed Collins, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Carol Vincent

**Prayers requested for family and friends:**

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), 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), Benjamin Dulaney (requested by Linda Monciref), 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), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller's mother), Jim Nordeck (Brenda Dougherty's stepfather), 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.



### **BAPTISM**

We welcome Heather Osburn. She was baptized Sunday by her grandfather, Bob Armstrong. Her address is: 138 Stone Ridge Road, Washington, WV 26181. Telephone: 304.863.8423. She will be in Care Group 2. We are so glad to have Heather and her daughter, Layla. Let's welcome them and let them know they are loved.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch today in the MP Room after Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, deserts and beverages.

### **DANA'S CLASS/MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS**

Dana's class entitled Bible Fundamentals will now meet in Room 112. The Middle School class will meet in Room 154.

### **29th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL—SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED**

The 29th Annual Bible Bowl will be next Saturday, September 19. Scorekeepers are still needed, see Rick Stanley if you can help.

### **MEN'S MEETING AND BIBLE BUSTERS NEXT SUNDAY**

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

### **ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH FUNERAL DINNERS**

Please meet Sunday, September 20 after evening services in Room 112 for an important meeting to organize volunteers for funeral dinner groups. This will consist of planning, preparing and serving meals to our bereaved families when needed. Plan to attend, we need your help with this work.

### **GOSPEL MEETING OCTOBER 11 -14**

Please plan to attend our Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry October 11-14. Sunday, October 11 will also be Friends Day. This is a good time to invite your family and friends. See the sign-up sheet on the counter if you would like to provide dinner for David and Jean.



Happy 60th Anniversary to  
Keith and Peggy Cowdery!

Their anniversary was September 10.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

September 13—1 Cor 15:1-34, Proverbs 1-2  
September 14—1 Cor 15:35-58, Proverbs 3-4  
September 15—1 Co 16, Proverbs 5-6  
September 16—2 Cor 1, Proverbs 7-8  
September 17—2 Cor 2, Proverbs 9-11  
September 18—2 Cor 3, Proverbs 12-13  
September 19—2 Cor 4, Proverbs 14-15  
September 20—2 Cor 5, Proverbs 16-17



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### *"Learning from Shepherds"*

A young preacher I have known for many years called me the other day to discuss some difficulties that he has been having in his ministry. The church where he preaches has only two elders, one of whom considers himself "in charge." When expressing some concerns he was told by this man "I am the elder, you will do what I say." While not knowing any particulars, I believe this young preacher is sincere and wants only to serve the Lord. The shame is that those responsible for leading the church are not always of the same mind.

This is not to question the authority of elders. (Hebrews 13:7,17) We should realize that God has given this authority to the eldership as a group. (I Timothy 4:14) An elder, apart from that group, has no more authority than any other man in the church. The eldership, however, of which he is a part, speaks with the authority of God.

There are several words given in scripture for the spiritual leaders of the church: elders, bishops, pastors, shepherds, etc. I believe the spirit of leadership that God wishes for the church is embodied in the word shepherd. It is the only one of these terms that Jesus uses to describe Himself: "I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11) Peter refers to Jesus as the "chief shepherd" to whom all other shepherds must give an account. (I Peter 1:1-4)

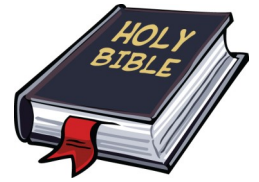
The people in biblical times and places understood the role of shepherds much better than we. Shepherds were totally responsible for the care of their master's sheep. Jesus went on to say "the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." (John 10:11) God refers to His people as His flock. (Psalm 95:7) The responsibility of spiritual oversight of God's people is compared to the role of a shepherd. *"Therefore, take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd (feed KJV) the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood."* (Acts 20:28)

How do shepherds lead their flock? The word lead is the key. Sheep must be led, not driven. *"Nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."* (I Peter 5:3) Jesus speaks of the loving, personal relationship that exists between shepherds and their sheep *"the sheep hear his voice; and he calls out his own sheep by name and leads them out. He goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."* (John 10:3-4) Shepherds make sure that their sheep are properly fed and watered. When they are sick or injured, the shepherd tends to them. If they wander away, the shepherd goes in search for them. Shepherds are responsible – they must give account for every sheep within their care.

That is the model that God has given to those who are responsible for *"the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."* (Psalm 95:7) Shepherds (elders) are responsible for the souls of those that they lead. (Hebrews 13:17) They must make sure that the church is properly taught (fed) and protected from false teaching that would lead them astray. Shepherds (elders) have a responsibility to know those they are leading. When individual Christians are hurt, or weak, or go astray, shepherds must be there for them. As Jesus said, a "good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." I can't imagine a person trying to serve as an elder along with many other leadership roles in the community. President Garfield (a Christian and an elder in the church), said when he became President, "I must step down from the most important job on earth."

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# Elders: What God Expects (I Peter 5:1-5)



**What God Expects of The church:** that each congregation should have elders.

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are \_\_\_\_\_ and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ in every city as I \_\_\_\_\_ you” (Titus 1:5)

**What God Expects of Elders:**

**#1) God expects elders to \_\_\_\_\_.** “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof” (I Peter 5:2).

**#2) God expects elders to set the proper \_\_\_\_\_.** “Nor as being \_\_\_\_\_ over those entrusted to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock” (I Peter 5:3). **The eldership is a work.** “This is a faithful saying: if a man desires the \_\_\_\_\_ of a bishop, he desires a good \_\_\_\_\_” (I Timothy 3:1). **Elders lead by \_\_\_\_\_.** “Remember those who have \_\_\_\_\_ over you, who have spoken the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to you, whose faith \_\_\_\_\_, considering the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_” (Hebrews 13:7).

**#3) God expects elders to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.** “Take heed to \_\_\_\_\_ and to all the \_\_\_\_\_ which the Holy Spirit has made you \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ the church of God which He has \_\_\_\_\_ with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).

**What God Expects of the church in relation to the elders:**

**#1) God expects the church to \_\_\_\_\_ to our elders.** “\_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ over you, and be \_\_\_\_\_, for they \_\_\_\_\_ out for your \_\_\_\_\_, as those who must give \_\_\_\_\_. Let them do so with \_\_\_\_\_ and not with \_\_\_\_\_, for that would be \_\_\_\_\_ for you” (Hebrews 13:17).

**#2) God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ our elders.**

**#3) God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ our elders.** “And we urge you, brethren, to \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ among you and are \_\_\_\_\_ you in the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ you, and to \_\_\_\_\_ them very \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_ sake. Be at \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves” (I Thessalonians 5:12-13).

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God will hold shepherds accountable for their role in leading His sheep. God rebuked the shepherds of Israel that were more interested in themselves than caring for His flock; *“The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost: but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd!”* (Ezekiel 34:4-5)



## What Will You Take With You?

Your home is flooding because the river near you has burst its banks. A small rescue boat is waiting outside while you gather a few precious belongings. What will you take with you?

A forest fire rages and races towards your home in a hot dry area. You have 10 minutes to grab whatever you can and safely get out of the danger zone. What will you choose to take with you? What would you latch onto? Family photos? Important documents? Money under the mattress? These would be good and logical choices. You would be wise to save all the valuables that you could for later.

However, when the Lord returns, we will not have time to grab anything, fix anything or change anything as it will all happen in the twinkling of an eye. (1 Corinthians 15:52). We will also not take anything with us (1 Timothy 6:7). In the past, we have said that we will take our record of life with us, but in reality, God holds those records. (Revelations 20:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10). So what is the point of this lesson? Be faithful every day. Be prepared to leave this world every day.



### September 19

Parents of all youth are invited to a  
DINNER & PLANNING MEETING  
in the MP Room.  
(More details to come.)

### September 20

#### **SEARCH FOR TRUTH**

6th-12th grade devotional in the MP  
Room following evening services.

### October 17

Annual Hotdog Roast-Devotional at  
the home of Marion and Jo  
Goldsmith  
(More details to come.)

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

**September 13–17**  
West Ripley congregation  
Speaker: Bob Vincent

**September 13–17**  
Bridge Street congregation in  
New Martinsville  
Speaker: Greg Morris

**September 13–16**  
Harrisville congregation  
Speaker: John Wright

**September 20–23**  
North End congregation  
Speaker: Keith Ball

**September 20–23**  
Harmar Hill congregation  
Speaker: W. Terry Varner

### LADIES' DAY

**September 19**  
Congregation in Rio Grande  
Speaker: Lucy Mitchell

**September 26**  
Sistersville congregation  
Speaker: Imogene Aebi

**September 20**  
**Friends & Family Sunday**  
Sunrise church of Christ

**October 18–21**  
**Marriage Matters**  
Hosted by: Lancaster  
congregation  
See flyer on foyer bulletin  
boards for details.

**September 26**  
**Golf Scramble**  
Horseshoe Bend Gold  
Course in Armstrong Mills,  
OH  
Hosted by the  
Monroe/Noble County  
Chapter of Stepping Stones  
for OVU

**October 25–29**  
**21st Annual**  
**WV School of Preaching**  
**Lectureship**  
"WHEN I STUDY THE  
PSALMS..."  
Various speakers

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

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

Let me give you a major reason why today's movies are a threat to your home. It's because in these movies, sexual immorality is treated as normal!

So-called "respectable" movies have no hesitation showing couples in bed, having spent the night together. Instead of showing this to be immoral, the audience, which is usually your kids, is left to think that no evil consequences come from this affair. They are not told of the psychological problems arising when young people violate standards they know to be consistent with good behavior. Guilt feelings plague them, and habits are formulated that render a happy marriage impossible.

The Bible is very clear about this practice. "Flee sexual immorality...Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?...Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators,.....not adulterers,....will inherit the kingdom of God." [1 Corinthians 6:9,18]

The best advice I can give is, stay away from this filth. If you don't watch them, the movie industry won't make them.

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, September 20

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Ron Riddle

**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Leonard Haid

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM—Jim Galloway

PM—Brian Haught

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM—Paul Saunders

Close—Bob Smith

6:00 PM—Rick Stanley

Close—Chris Mullins

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM—Steve Gray

PM— Bob Miller

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM—Len Haid

PM—John Hall

Stan Inman

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk



## Everyone is encouraged to attend the **29th Annual Bible Bowl**

Saturday, September 19.

9:00—9:30  
9:30—9:45  
9:45—10:00  
10:00—10:20  
10:20—10:40  
10:40—11:00  
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3:05—3:30

Registration  
Devotion  
Welcome & Rules  
1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 1  
Teen Teams, Round 1  
Adult Teams, Round 1  
1st-6th Grades, Round 2  
Teen Teams, Round 2  
1st-6th Graders & Teen Teams Dismissed for lunch  
Adult Teams, Round 2  
Adult Teams Dismissed for Lunch  
1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 3  
Teen Teams, Round 3  
Adult Teams, Round 3  
1st-6th Grade Teams, Round 4  
Teen Teams, Round 4  
Adult Teams, Round 4  
Afternoon Devotional  
Presentation of Awards

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

They include  
Austin Hennen,  
Gregg Hennen,  
Jon Hescht and  
Kyle Inman.



## **Facts and Figures**

September 6, 2015

AM Service.....321

Bible Study.....225

PM Service.....217

Wednesday.....207

Contribution .....\$9731.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015**

Baptisms.....6

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

Everyone is encouraged to support the teams.  
Come for part of the day or all day.

### **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE**

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
9/13	Dan Rich	Mike Bayer	Ted Miller
9/20	Kyle Inman	Kyle Inman	Doug Hershman

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**

September 20  
**POOR IN SPIRIT**

## **Friday Night Sing**



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 6:00 for the sing at the  
Pike congregation.