

# 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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**Welcome to our Gospel Meeting and Friends Day.**



**We are glad you chose to join us for worship today.**

David Newberry will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Lunch today after worship  
and Bible Study.

Again, thanks for joining us. If you have any questions or would be interested in  
a Bible Correspondence Course or Bible study, please let us know.

### Elders:

Pat Barclay  
 Jim Galloway  
 Brian Haught  
 Gary Herridge  
 Paul Inman  
 Stan Inman  
 John Life  
 Bill Mills  
 Ron Riddle  
 Paul Saunders  
 Dwain Shears  
 Dearll Vincent

### Deacons:

Delmas Carr  
 Marion Goldsmith  
 Leonard Haid  
 Doug Hershman  
 Rob Hoover  
 Bill Hoover  
 Kyle Inman  
 Scott Johnson  
 Todd Kirk  
 Keith Smith  
 Jeff Taberner

### Minister:

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*A Family  
 Stitched in  
 Prayer Will Never  
 Unravel.*



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

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

### **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 Moncrief), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Bob Jarell (Brother-in-law of Len Haid), Sue Jones (Teresa Wade's mother), Anne Kaiser (Jo Langler's sister), Ruby Miller (Ted Miller'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.**

♥ HealthSouth—**Ruth Wells** (Room 227)

♥ **Chris Mullins** is scheduled for knee surgery in Morgantown October 19 and requests your prayers.

♥ **Myrtle Metz** is now home. Continue to remember her in your prayers.

♥ **Sallie Hinzman** is home recuperating and doing well. Continue to remember her in your prayers and with cards. Let her know she is loved and missed at services.



♥ Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. **Sharon Armstrong**

♥ Thank you so much for the cards and messages on my birthday! I appreciate the encouragement and love you show to me. **Kyle Inman**

♥ Thank you for all the great anniversary cards. **Allen and Billie Coe**

• Thanks to **Len & Susan Haid** for hosting the soup bean dinner last Saturday.

• A big thank you to **Don Dougherty** for the great job he does with the church sign on the front lawn.



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

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

### **GOLDEN AGERS AMISH COUNTRY TRIP**

The Golden Agers Amish country trip will be Tuesday, October 20. We will meet Billy Jacobs at his gallery in Navarre, OH. We will visit that area then to Berlin and Walnut Creek, including a stop by the orchard. Agendas with sign-up sheet on the counter.

### **LOVE AND CARE SERVICES**

Care Group 4 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 and Thursday, October 29 at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **COUPONS AND BOX TOPS**

Box Tops and Labels for Education are being collected for our school aged children. Coupons are also still being collected. They may be given to Melva Farris or Jo Langler.

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

Coin banks are available in the foyers. The money raised helps take care of the daily expenses of the children. A representative will be here next month to collect the banks.

### **OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY MIDNIGHT MADNESS**

Canned soda pop and chips/snacks for the Midnight Madness at OVU may be left under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by this Wednesday evening.

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

October 11—Philippians 1, Isaiah 27-29  
October 12—Philippians 2, Isaiah 30-32  
October 13—Philippians 3, Isaiah 33-36  
October 14—Philippians 4, Isaiah 37-38  
October 15—Colossians 1, Isaiah 39-41  
October 16—Colossians 2, Isaiah 42-44  
October 17—Colossians 3, Isaiah 45-47  
October 18—Colossians 4, Isaiah 48-50

Good thoughts bear good fruit,  
bad thoughts bear bad fruit—  
and man is his own gardener.



# Reaching Non-Believers



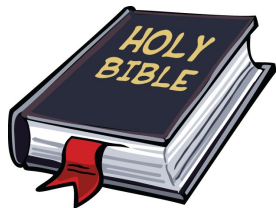
We live in a world where the majority of the people around us are lost and dying in sin. They are lost because they have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. As people who probably have friends and family who are lost, what can we do to reach these people?

1. **Befriend them.** Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors, groups of individuals most people chose to avoid (Matthew 9:9-13). Why would Jesus go against the common practice of society? Jesus knew you couldn't lead someone without first befriending them
2. **Love them.** The second greatest command is to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). Jesus lived this commandments daily. When He saw the crowds of people, Jesus felt compassion for them (Matthew 9:35-36).
3. **Serve them.** Jesus came to earth to be a servant (Mark 10:44-45; Philippians 2:5-8). If we want to make a difference in the lives of others and help lead them to Christ, we have to be willing to get our hands dirty (John 13:12-14).
4. **Pray for them.** Jesus spent a lot of alone time praying. Don't you suppose at least some of His prayers were devoted to praying for the lost? In the Lord's prayer of John 17, Jesus prayed for 1) Himself, 2) His disciples, 3) Future believers. What better way to reach non-believers than by praying for them on a continual basis and asking God to help you teach them?
5. **Teach them.** I know this may seem like one of those "duh" moments, but I think many times we fail to act in this area. Jesus was about the business of teaching (Matthew 4:23; Mark 6:6). How often do we teach those who are lost? As Christians, it's our responsibility to reach out to non-believers and teach them (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).

Sin is a BIG deal and it's time Christians started treating it that way! Let's open our eyes and ask God to give us opportunities to reach the lost around us (Matthew 9:37-38).



# Why I Am a Member of the church of Christ?



*“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense for everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (1 Peter 3:15)*

For more than 94 years my family has served the Lord as members of the church of Christ. I have no greater blessing and no greater pleasure than to be in His church. The church Jesus built is a family (1 Timothy 3:15), and His kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19). The Lord’s church is His bride (Ephesians 5:23-24), and His body (Ephesians 1:22-23).

The church Jesus built is not a denomination; it has no earthly headquarters and no structure above the local congregation. Instead, the church Jesus built is undenominational, predenominational, and anti-denominational. Sometimes people say the church is nondenominational, but this is a little confusing. While some non-denominational churches are not connected with any denomination, they see no error in denominationalism. The Scriptures, however, speak against the division of denominationalism (John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:1-6).

At the heart of everything in the churches of Christ, one finds an unfailing commitment to Scripture and the Lord’s way. They are committed to following only the teaching of our Lord; and should they stray from the Word in doctrine or practice, they are committed to returning to the truth. They speak where the Lord speaks and are silent where the Lord is silent, because they love the Lord and want to please Him (John 14:15; Colossians 1:10).

Anyone’s greatest privilege is to know the Lord and to be in His family, the church. True Christians want everyone to know the Lord and to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4). We preach the pure gospel, because it has the power to save (Romans 1:16). We reject error, because it leads people to be lost (James 5:19-20). We must preach the truth again and again so people might come to know the Lord.

Will you help SEARCH in this noble quest to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ?

May the Lord be with you.

Phil Sanders  
In Search of the Lord’s Way

# Youth Events

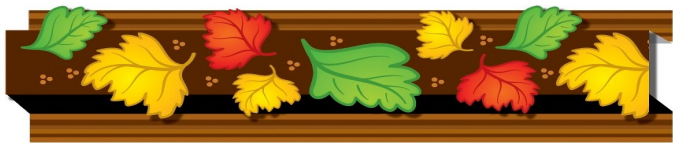
Trunk or Treat will be **Wednesday, October 14** after Bible study.

If you would like to give treats, please park on the lot across from the MP Room.

Bring your children's costume. They will have time to change after Bible study. Then we will meet in the MP Room.

Everyone will return to the MP Room for snacks after the children receive their treats.

Please bring snack foods and beverages to the MP Room to share afterwards.



The Youth Hotdog Roast and Devotional at the home of Marion and Jo Goldsmith will be **Saturday, October 17** at 4:00.

Please bring items to go with hotdogs, chips, desserts and beverages. Also, bring lawn chairs.

Sign-up sheet on the counter or let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to attend.



We welcome Brent and Holly West and their daughter Isabelle, age 4. They are expecting a son in December.

Brent attended here in his teen years with his parents, Harvey and Lisa West.

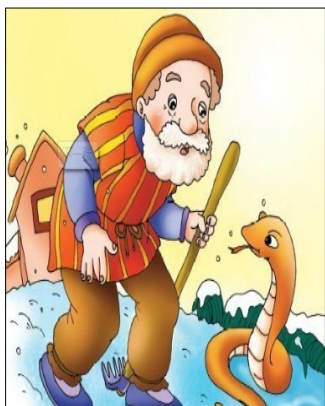
Brent graduated from Parkersburg High and Holly from Parkersburg South. They are avid Pirate and Buckeye fans.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and golfing. She enjoys scrapbooking, photography and being in the kitchen.

They reside at 323 Wood Street, Davisville, WV 26142 and are in Care Group 1.

We welcome them to the family at Camden Avenue.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



There was once a farmer who, while clearing a field came upon a snake. He raised his hoe to kill it, but the snake begged for mercy. It pleaded, "I'm almost frozen; I can do you no harm."

The farmer, moved by good will, picked up the half-frozen snake and put it in his coat against his chest. The snake began to thaw and suddenly without warning the deadly snake bit the farmer. The farmer cried out "Why? I did you no harm, I befriended you. I trusted you."

As the snake slithered away, it mockingly replied, "Don't blame me. You knew I was a snake when you picked me up!"

How many snakes are you picking up, innocently thinking they will do you no harm? How about the snakes of gambling or pornography or drugs or R-rated movies or adultery? These are all represented by a simple word that has been essentially banned from our media. That word is "sin". God's word tells us about sin and its consequences. That should be warning enough!

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, October 18

ELDER IN CHARGE—Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE—Doug Hershman

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley

PM—Jim Galloway

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Todd Kirk

Close—Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM—Delmas Carr

Close—Scott Johnson

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Bill Camp

PM—Ira Kimes

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Barry Hupp

PM—Russ Alton

Steve Moser

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray



## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Your read about it in the Bible.

(Romans 16:16; Matthew 16:18)

It has no creed but God's word and members wear only the Bible name.

(Acts 11:26)

It speaks where the Bible speaks.

(1 Peter 4:11)

It exhalts Christ as head of the church.

(Ephesians 1:22-23)

Its founder is Christ.

(Matthew 16:18)

Not a denomination, but simply the body of Christ.

(Colossians 1:18)

Established on the first day of Pentecost after the resurrection.

(Acts 2:37-47)

## Facts and Figures

October 4, 2015

AM Service.....319

Bible Study.....223

PM Service.....211

Wednesday.....205

Contribution .....\$9512.00

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....6

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....8

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

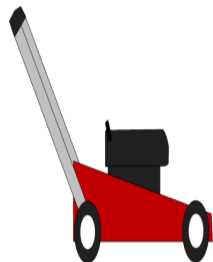
Bible Study.....7:00PM

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### OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
10/11	Dan Rich	Kyle Inman	Ted Miller
10/18	Mike Bayer	Barry Mills	Doug Hershman

The Lawn Crew for this week  
is the Inman  
crew.



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

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

October 18  
**REPENTANCE**

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday  
at 5:30 for the sing at the  
Central congregation.