

# 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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**RAKE AND RUN  
is being planned for  
Saturday, October 31.**

If you would like your leaves raked, please sign the sheet on the counter.

There is also a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to help rake.

**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

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We often try to fix  
our problems with  
WD-40 and duct  
tape.  
God did it with nails.



*We are a praying, loving church family.*

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

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Jim Dailey, Lillie Fox, Gloria Frazier,  
Sallie Hinzman, Nancy Kimes, 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.**

- ♥ Keep **Sallie Hinzman** in your prayers and remember her with cards as she recuperates.
- ♥ **Nancy Kimes** has been experiencing health issues. Keep her in your prayers and with cards.
- ♥ **Ruth Wells** was released from HealthSouth and is now home.
- ♥ **Chris Mullins** is scheduled for knee surgery tomorrow in Morgantown and requests your prayers.
- ♥ **Ron Moncrief** requests prayers for his eye surgery.



**A big THANK YOU to all our Bible class teachers.  
Just remember...  
FOR EVERY LESSON YOU HAVE SHARED—  
THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN SHARED.**



## **BAPTISMS**

We rejoice that Jason and Leigh Parmer were baptized Sunday. We welcome them and their children, Abi (Abilene), Ike and Jed (Jedidiah) with us at Camden Avenue. They will be in Care Group 1.

## **MEN'S MEETING—BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY**

The Men's meeting will be today 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 visit Navarre, OH and 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.

## **DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**

Deacon's will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

## **LADIES LUNCH**

The Ladies lunch will be Tuesday, October 27 at noon in the MP Room. Bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided. More information next week regarding our fun time. Sign-up sheet on the counter for attendance count.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 31 at 8:30 in the MP Room. James 2 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

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

A representative will be here next month to collect the banks.

### **Daily Bible Reading**

October 18—Colossians 4, Isaiah 48-50  
October 19—1 Thessalonians 1, Isaiah 51-54  
October 20—1 Thessalonians 2, Isaiah 55-58  
October 21—1 Thessalonians 3, Isaiah 59-63  
October 22—1 Thessalonians 4, Isaiah 64-66  
October 23—1 Thessalonians 5, Jer 1-2  
October 24—2 Thessalonians 1, Jer 3-4  
October 25—2 Thessalonians 2, Jer 5-6



The Wednesday morning class  
will begin November 4 at  
11:00.

The Wednesday 7:00PM Bible  
study will continue.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these  
services!



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “Deacons—Proven Men being Proven”

A well-known speaker in our brotherhood is famous for teasing deacons as part of his preaching. When asked why, he said it was because they are the most neglected people in the church. The expression “all dressed up and no place to go” comes to mind! It’s true, in many churches, deacons are a tremendous resource that basically goes untapped. These men are well prepared, by the qualifications given in scripture, to serve the church in a very significant way. But often, they are not given the opportunity to use their abilities in a meaningful way. One man I knew had been a deacon for over ten years. His only “responsibility” for that entire time had been to keep song book racks in order.

**“Deacons must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to wine or fond of sordid gain, but holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience...let them be husbands of one wife and good managers of their children and their own households.”** (I Timothy 3:8-9, 12) Surely such men are qualified for greater service than they are often given!

Actually “deacon” is more of a description than it is a title. The Greek *diakonos*, means a servant, minister, waiter or attendant. When the church in Jerusalem found it difficult to keep up with the daily care of widows, men were selected to be over this ministry. (Acts 6:1-7) Serving is the highest calling in the church (Luke 22:24-26). The Apostles certainly were not above serving, but it wasn't expedient for them to leave their ministry (service) of prayer and the preaching of the word to serve tables. You want the right kind of men taking care of needs in the church. The apostles said **“seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.”** The end result of organizing the work of the church was positive. **“The word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly.”** (Acts 6:7)

This is no indication, however, that the role of deacons is limited to the physical work of the church. Two of these original seven, Stephen and Phillip, went on to distinguish themselves as evangelists in the mission field. In deacons, the church has a group of qualified men, ready and able to serve in most any capacity. They effectively work, not only caring for the physical needs of the church, but assist in all areas of the church's work. The only responsibility that the elders cannot delegate to them is accountability—the oversight of the church.

Serving as a deacon is a great way for a man to grow as a Christian leader. Some men will faithfully serve in this capacity for a lifetime—and we thank God for their faithfulness. But for some, becoming a deacon is the first step toward accepting even greater responsibilities in the church. A deacon must be a man of proven character before he is appointed. **“Let them first be proved, then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.”** (I Timothy 3:10) The way they handle the responsibilities given to them as deacons will prove whether they are qualified to be given more. **“For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”** (I Timothy 3:13) Certainly, not all deacons become elders—but many elders (all of ours at Camden Avenue) begin their service to the church as deacons.

So, let's never take our deacons for granted! Paul said that we should **“appreciate those who diligently labor among you.”** (I Thessalonians 5:12 NASV)

# Deacons – God’s Special Servants (Acts 6:1-7)



Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the \_\_\_\_\_ and said, “It is not \_\_\_\_\_ that we should leave the word of God and \_\_\_\_\_ tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from \_\_\_\_\_ you seven men of good \_\_\_\_\_, full of the \_\_\_\_\_ and wisdom, whom we may \_\_\_\_\_ over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to \_\_\_\_\_ and to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the word.” (Acts 6:2-4)

What is a deacon? From DIAKONOS meaning “A \_\_\_\_\_, minister, waiter or \_\_\_\_\_.” (Biblically) “A special \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

(I) The Church has many \_\_\_\_\_. “Now in those days, when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples was \_\_\_\_\_, there arose a \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 6:1)

(II) Deacons make it possible for \_\_\_\_\_ to function. No office in the church is more \_\_\_\_\_ but there are \_\_\_\_\_ to the work to be done.

(III) Deacons come \_\_\_\_\_ and belong \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

(IV) The right man, serving in the right way can gain \_\_\_\_\_ for himself and the church. “Those who have \_\_\_\_\_ well as deacons obtain for themselves a good \_\_\_\_\_ and great \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (I Timothy 3:13)

(V) Deacons need a \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to do that job. ‘Deacon’ is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a title.

(VI) Deacons need to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves for the greatest \_\_\_\_\_. Misconception: ‘Elders are over \_\_\_\_\_ things and Deacons are over physical things \_\_\_\_\_.’

**Stephen and Philip:** “And Stephen, full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, did great signs and wonders among the people.” (Acts 6:8) “And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ to them... when they believed Philip and he \_\_\_\_\_ the things concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 8:5, 12)

(VII) When deacons are \_\_\_\_\_ the church will \_\_\_\_\_. “Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was spread, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ greatly in Jerusalem.” (Acts 6:7) **Qualified, \_\_\_\_\_ deacons are the key to a church at work.**

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries



November 1—Ryan Hesselrode, Brian Knotts  
November 2—Kevin Inman  
November 3—Sophia Moser  
November 4—Rochelle Young  
November 5—Clifton Inman, Rebecca Miller  
November 7—Diana Hesselrode  
November 8—Leon Hupp, Peggy Riddle  
November 9—Gregg Hennen  
November 11—\*Bill & Sherry Hoover  
November 14—Kimberlee Shears  
November 16—Lexi Knotts  
November 17—Gary Alton, Drake Logston, \*Justin & Allie Moore  
November 18—Mary Caplinger, Kelly Fleak  
November 20—Wes Cochran, \*Bill & Mary Lemley  
November 21—Gwen Johnson  
November 22—Van Putnam  
November 23—Carol Vincent  
November 24—Linda Hall, Kay Stanley  
November 25—Debby Nesselroad, Mary Nesselroad, Holly West  
November 26—Bonnie Sams  
November 28—Bob Armstrong  
November 29—Chelsea Inman, Brent West

\* Anniversary

If you (or your children's) birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like to it be on the church calendar, please notify the office this week.

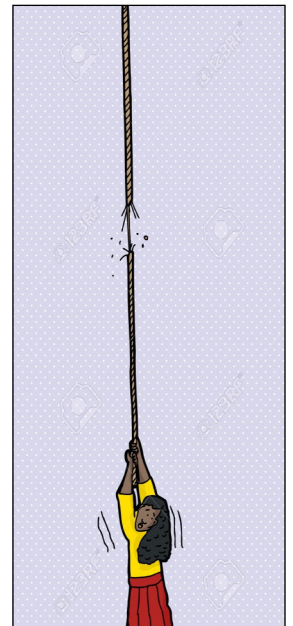
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## God Does Not Always Prevent Evil From Happening To Us

Though God does provide care for the sparrows, the fact that “not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will” (Matthew 10:29) means that sometimes bad things can happen. Although He watches over the sparrows, this does not prevent them from being hunted by predators. Although He watches over every one of us, this does not mean that our lives will be free from care.

God had placed a “hedge” around Job (Job 1:8-11), but allowed Satan to tempt Job (Job 1:12). In the midst of his trials he did not lose his trust in God (Job 1:21). In one of the most beautiful passages in the book of Job, we hear Job say of God, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15).

We can be assured that with every temptation there will also be a way of escape. “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). My brethren, there are no special cases! When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on!



# Youth Events

TODAY 6th-12th Grade devo. in MP Room after PM services  
October 24 Youth Event at Lower Paw Paw  
October 25 Traveling Youth Group at Waverly congregation  
October 31 Rake and Run



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Rake and Run will be Saturday, October 31.  
Sign-up sheets are on the counter.  
If you would like your leaves rakes sign the sheet.  
There is also a sign-up sheet if you would like to volunteer to rake.



Transportation will leave here at 3:30 **Saturday, October 24** for the youth event at the Lower Paw Paw congregation.

Transportation will leave here at 5:45 **Sunday, October 25** for our youth to join the traveling youth group at the Waverly congregation.

Let Jeff Taberner know if you plan to attend these event(s).

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

The drought continued for what seemed an eternity. As the problem became more urgent, a local church felt it was time to get involved and called for a prayer meeting to ask God for rain.

As the preacher began to ask for quiet from the assembled townspeople, his eyes scanned the crowd and he took note of an eleven year-old girl sitting on the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement and she quietly sat in her place. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The beauty and innocence of the girl made the preacher smile as he realized the faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella! They had all come to pray for rain, but she had come expecting God to answer with the needed rain.

You know, most of us try to use our own resources when we get in trouble. Only as a last resort, when all else fails do we look to God in prayer. It seems that many of us not only forget to bring our umbrella, but we forget that we have an umbrella!

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 25

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—Stan Inman

**DEACON IN CHARGE**—Doug Hershman

### SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Ben Haught

### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Cody Hoover

Close—Bill Hoover

6:00 PM—Kyle Inman

Close—Clyde Yoho

### SCRIPTURE

AM—Chris Tallman

PM—Drake Logston

### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Ron Riddle

PM—Bill Merrill

Brian Knotts

**PA SYSTEM**—Todd Kirk



### Marriage Matters

(A Conference Providing A Practical and Spiritual Guide for Marriage)

October 18-21

Register at 740.687-1332

Hosted by: Lancaster Church of Christ

### 21st Annual West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship

October 25-29

“When I Study the Psalms...”

Various speakers

RSVP by calling 304.845.8001

Hosted by the Hillview Terrace congregation

### Ladies' Day

Saturday, November 7

Church of Christ North 10th & Clairmont Avenue, Cambridge, OH

**Flyers are on the bulletin boards in the foyers for these events.**

## Facts and Figures

October 11, 2015

AM Service.....288

Bible Study.....230

PM Service.....215

Wednesday.....237

Contribution .....\$6075.25

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....8

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....5

Placed Membership....8



BEFORE YOU ASK GOD  
FOR WHAT YOU WANT...  
THANK HIM  
FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE!

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

### OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY VAN SCHEDULE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
10/18	Mike Bayer	Barry Mills	Doug Hershman
10/25	Steve Moser	Dan Rich	Jeff Taberner

The Lawn Crew for this week  
is the Shears crew.



They include  
Don Dougherty,  
Jimmy Galloway,  
Justin Moore  
and  
Dwain Shears.

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 25  
BAPTISM

## Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave  
Friday at 6:15 for the sing at  
the West Ripley congregation.