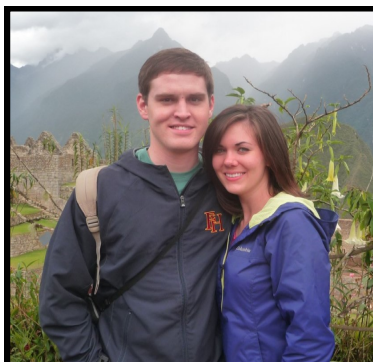


Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Camden Avenue.

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Ryan and Sarah Davis

Brother Ryan Davis will speak to our congregation this evening about the mission work in Cusco, Peru.

Continue to pray for Ryan and Sarah in this good work.

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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:

Dana Slingluff
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Marietta Memorial

Ray Sams (No visitors at this time please.)

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams, 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, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Joann Goldsmith (Requested by Paul Saunders for a coworker. This is not Joann, a member here.), Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tony Haid (Len's son), Larry Hays (Madeline Gregg's brother), Anne Kaiser, David Newberry, 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), Rosemary Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-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.

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- We extend our sympathy to the family of our sister Lillie Fox. She passed away Wednesday. Her service will be today at 2:00 at Leavitt Funeral Home.
- We also offer our condolences to Leonard Haid and family in the passing of his brother-in-law, Bob Jarrell. His service was held Friday.
- The memorial service for Carson Stone will be this Tuesday at 1:00 at the Lynn Street congregation. Keep Rick and Kay Stanley in your prayers.



Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.



Congratulations to Cody and Kristi Hoover in the birth of Parker James Hoover. He arrived November 18 weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 19 1/2 inches. Congratulations to his siblings—Edwin, Leah and Henley Hoover. Proud grandparents are Stan and Debi Inman.



DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's will meet today at 5:00.

RYAN DAVIS—MISSION WORK IN CUSCO, PERU

Brother Ryan Davis will be here this evening to speak about his work in Peru.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 28. The location is yet to be determined. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LOVE AND CARE SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be Monday, November 30 at 7:00PM. This is a wonderful time of singing and fellowship.

DECEMBER SHOPPING—OGLEBAY HOLIDAY LIGHTS TRIP

A trip is being planned for Saturday, December 5 to Cabela's and the local shops at *The Highland* and then to see the Oglebay Park lights. Leaving at 10AM. Sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

DECEMBER 23 AND 30

December 23 and 30 will be singing services with no Bible classes.

CD'S AND TAPES AVAILABLE

CD's and tapes of our Gospel Meeting with Brother David Newberry are available on the counter.

CHURCH CALLING SYSTEM

You may notice that our church calling system is coming from 681.315.3051. That is a dedicated line for our system. The church office number remains 304.428.0504.

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 PROGRAM NOVEMBER 22

BE THANKFUL

Daily Bible Reading

November 22—Hebrews 13, Ezekiel 17
November 23—James 1, Ezekiel 18-20
November 24—James 2, Ezekiel 21
November 25—James 3, Ezekiel 22-23
November 26—James 4, Ezekiel 24-26
November 27—James 5, Ezekiel 27-28
November 28—1 Peter 1, Ezekiel 29-31
November 29—1 Peter 2, Ezekiel 32-33



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Happy Thanksgiving—Are You Full?”

I saw a sign this week advertising a “Thanks Giving Sale.” I’m not sure if this was a misprint or not—but it does express a factor that is often forgotten during this coming Thursday’s holiday celebration. In fact, by the way Thanksgiving is usually celebrated, the most common question is not “Are you thankful?” but, “Are you full?”

I truly believe that Thanksgiving is a day for “being filled,” but not necessarily with turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, cranberry salad, and pumpkin pie! (although I have no objection to any of them!) In the true spirit of “Thanks Giving,” I would like to point out several things, mentioned in Ephesians 5:18-20, that we should be filled with, not just one day out of the year, but every day of our lives as Christians.

Be filled with the Spirit. *“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation (fleshly excess), but be filled with the Spirit.”* (Ephesians 5:18) The way many of us eat on Thanksgiving probably is fleshly excessive! But, no matter how much we eat, we will soon hunger again (in time for Thursday night leftovers). On the other hand, there is a way to be filled spiritually in a way that we will never hunger—“Be filled with the Spirit.” As Christians we receive the Spirit of God when we render obedience to the gospel and are born again. But in order to be led by the Spirit, we must spend time feasting on God’s word. Instead of a second or third helping of stuffing, why not spend time reading and meditating on all of the things with which God has blessed us.

Be filled with edification and encouragement. *“speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.”* (Ephesians 5:19) We need to share our faith with one another. Ask the people around the table to share the things they are thankful for. Reinforce this gratitude by Bible reading and prayer.

Be filled with praise. *“singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”* (Ephesians 5:19) Gratitude is not gratitude until it is expressed. *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.”* (Psalm 107:2) Why not only speak of God’s goodness, but sing about it as well? “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”

Be filled with gratitude. *“giving thanks always for all things to God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ.”* (Ephesians 5:20) Thanksgiving should certainly be a day of prayer—but so should every day in the life of a Christian. Giving thanks—always. Giving thanks—for all things. Giving thanks—to God. Thanking God—for Jesus through Jesus.

This year on Thanksgiving, when dinner is over and you are enjoying the company of family and loved ones—will you be able to say “Yes, I’m full!”

The Goodness of God

(Romans 2:4-10)



“Or do you _____ the riches of His _____, forbearance, and _____, not knowing that the _____ of God leads you to _____?” (Romans 2:4)

The Nature of God’s Goodness:

The Goodness of God describes His _____ nature. “God is _____, and in Him there is no _____ at all.” (I John 1:5) “No one is good but one, that is _____.” (Matthew 19:17)

God has been good in all of His _____ with man. We see God’s _____ in Creation. “Every good _____ and every perfect gift is from _____, and comes down from the Father of lights with whom there is no _____ or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17) “I will praise You because I am fearfully and _____ made; marvelous are your works, and that my soul _____ very well.” (Psalm 139:14) **God bestowed His highest honor on _____.** “What is _____ that You are _____ of him and the son of man that you visit him?” (Psalm 8:4)

God’s _____ is seen in his forbearance and _____. “but that He is _____ toward us, not wishing that any should _____, but that all should come to _____.” (2 Peter 3:9)

The Purpose of God’s Goodness:

The Goodness of God leads men to _____. “Not knowing that the _____ of God leads you to _____.” (Romans 2:4) “Do not be overcome by _____ but overcome evil with _____.” (Romans 12:21)

When our soul was lost because of sin, God gave his _____. “Who Himself bore our _____ in His body on the tree, that we having died to _____ might live to righteousness – by whose _____ you were healed.” (I Peter 2:24)

God’s goodness should lead us to live a life of _____. “Who will render to each one according to his _____, eternal _____ to those who by patient _____ in doing _____ seek for glory, honor and _____.” (Romans 2:6-7)

Heaven will surely be worth it all. “Therefore we do not lose _____.” For our light _____ ... is working for us a far more exceeding and _____ weight of glory.” (II Corinthians 4:16-17)

What about those who reject God’s Goodness?

“But to those who are self-_____ and do not _____ the truth, but obey unrighteousness – indignation and _____, tribulation and _____, on every soul of man who does _____.” (Romans 2:8-9)



The Power Of Can't

Words have meanings and words have power.

The Old Testament writer tell us that, "*the power of life and death are in the tongue.*" Think about the power of that little statement, "I can't." It cripples and destroys opportunities. It robs us of growth and kills initiative. Once we convince ourselves that we cannot do something, and then be assured we will not be able to do it. That little statement keeps us from knowing what we truly can and cannot do. What might be done is killed before it is even attempted.

I cannot teach a Bible class, I cannot lead a prayer, cannot teach others what they must do to be saved, and the list goes on and on of the things that cannot be done. It would be wonderful to hear, "I will try." Then after the effort has been extended I could better determine what I can or cannot do.

Some people have more faith in their doubts than they have in their Lord. Paul said, "*I can do all things through Christ.*" When I was young I didn't believe I could deliver a lesson in front of a class. I had a teacher that convinced me that I could, and now I cannot hardly shut-up. Until you try, you just don't know if you can.

Floyd Johnson, Bulletin Digest

Attendance

Habits Are Hard To Break

When I was little, my mother took me to Bible School.

When I was in my early teens, I went to church on my own.

When I was a teen, I became a member of God's church.

When I married, my wife and I attended worship regularly.

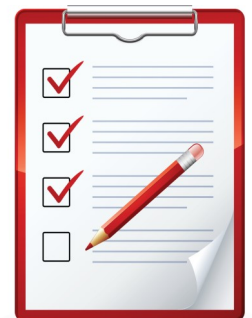
When we had children, we carried them to Bible Classes.

When they left home, I (in my mid-years) still attended worship regularly.

Now in my senior years I still attend worship regularly.

HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK.

What kind of habits are you building?





We welcome Bernetta (June) Freels as she recently placed membership with us.

She resides at 502 Parmaco Street, Apt. 3, Parkersburg, WV 26101. She is in Care Group 3.

June is a retired seamstress. She moved to this area in 1969 from Detroit, Michigan.

Welcome June to Camden Avenue.



There will be a 6th-12th grade Progressive Dinner in the MP Room Sunday, December 6 after worship and Bible study.

Sign-up sheet is on the counter

We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving school break!

This is a great time to count your blessings.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



Did you know that mortality is back in vogue! Many so called moral activists on our college campuses are demonizing Christians, the government and Bible believing churches by saying that they ignore the “true” ethical issues of animal rights, poverty, tolerance, the “right to choose”. They push for moral restrictions when it comes to the economy, the environment, and social attitudes, but they accept no moral governance on sexual behavior.

I guess it is a sign of progress that these liberal thinkers are attempting to appeal to moral principles. But if you ask them what those principles are, you are unlikely to get a coherent answer. They say they want to feel moral, but they do not want objective absolutes such as found in the Bible. They want to feel righteous, but they want an ethical system that does not make them feel guilty. They strain at gnats while swallowing camels (Matthew 23:24). In fact, true biblical mortality is truth, which some people can deny, but from which they cannot escape for long.

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, November 29

ELDER IN CHARGE—Ron Riddle
DEACON IN CHARGE—Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Rick Stanley
 PM—Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bob Smith
 Close—Jeff Taberner
 6:00 PM—Paul Inman
 Close—Doug Hershman

SCRIPTURE

AM—Dennis Keller
 PM—Delmas Carr

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Todd Kirk
 PM—Leonard Haid
 Brent West

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Bill Davis
 2—Cody Hoover
 4—Carolyn Davis

PM Door

1. Cody Young & Drake Logston
2. Paul & Nancy Inman
3. Leonard & Susan Haid
4. Kyle & Sarah Inman
5. Richard & Lorna Marshall
6. Dwain & Kimberlee Shears

Facts and Figures

November 15, 2015

AM Service.....275
 Bible Study.....214
 PM Service.....239
 Wednesday.....218
 Contribution\$6515.57

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Baptisms.....8
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....6
 Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM



AFTER THANKSGIVING

When Thanksgiving Day is over,
 Do we give up giving thanks,
 Forget what God has done for us
 And rejoin the worldly ranks?
 Is Thanksgiving just a holiday,
 No work and too much food,
 Which helps to change our waistline
 But not our attitude?
 Or does it serve its purpose
 To remind us of what God's done,
 How he gave us life and substance,
 How he gave his own Son.
 Be thankful, you can know the God
 Who blesses from above;
 You can be a vessel of his grace
 And a channel for his love.

John E. Anderson

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
 Your presence has been a blessing!*

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE

Date	AM	PM	Wednesday PM
11/22	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
11/29	Mike Bayer	Dan Rich	NA