

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

*We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order
that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.*

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**All ages are welcome to a New Year's
get-together at the Mineral Wells School.**

(Details are on page 2.)

We wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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

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Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
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Not forgiving is like
drinking poison and
waiting for the other
person to die.



- ♥ Thanks for the birthday cards I received. I appreciated all of them.
Jean Martin
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and Christmas cards. They were all appreciated. **Allen Coe**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards that I received. Each one is very special to me. I hope you all will have a wonderful holiday season! **Tammy Kerns**
- ♥ To all who helped in making Carson's memorial service and meal such a beautiful tribute to him, Thank You. The meal was delicious. All that you have done is very much appreciated. Sincerely,
Carol Stone & Family



Kathleen Albright
C/O Willowbrook Christian Home (Room 143)
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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams, 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, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, 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), Pam Wilson

Please call the office to add or update names on the Prayer List.



DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

DECEMBER 30 EVENING SINGING SERVICE

This Wednesday evening will be a singing service with no Bible classes. The 11:00 morning Bible class will continue the study of I John. (**Note to song leaders:** Any men wanting to lead a song at the evening service, see John Life or Jim Galloway.)

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a New Year's Eve get-together at the Mineral Wells School beginning at 8:30PM. All ages are welcome. We will have use of the cafeteria and gym areas. Money will be collected for pizza. Please bring beverages, desserts, items to go with pizza. Also bring games and sports equipment.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES MEETING

There will be a LLL meeting next Sunday, January 3 after evening services in Room 109 for everyone involved.

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 10 at 3:30 and hosted by the Grand Central congregation.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 28 at 7:00PM.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Daily Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers. The daily schedule is also printed in the bulletin.

Daily Bible Reading

December 27—Revelation 18, Zechariah 1-5
December 28—Revelation 19, Zechariah 6-8
December 29—Revelation 20, Zechariah 9-11
December 30—Revelation 21, Zechariah 12-14
December 31—Revelation 22, Malachi 1-4
January 1—Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2
January 2—Matthew 2, Genesis 3-5
January 3—Matthew 3, Genesis 6-7

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.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Think On These Things”

A radio talk-show host was lamenting the negative focus that seems to be found in the press. To illustrate, he took the top thirteen news articles that appeared in that day's newspaper. Eleven of the articles were either “doom and gloom” (about something terrible that could happen), or “man's inhumanity to man” (the crimes and the conduct that cast the worst reflection on society.) Only one of the thirteen articles (one about a drug that might be helpful in treating Alzheimer's) was positive in any way. He repeated the process in reviewing the headline stories on the television news programs. All of these programs were focused on the same 5-6 stories of national interest that featured war, scandals, corruption, kidnapping, and rape.

He concluded his commentary by confessing that he had been a “news junkie.” “No wonder I am anxious and depressed all of the time.” His solution, “I'm no longer reading or watching the daily news. I will make my own decisions about what is important to my life. There are plenty of good and positive things happening around us if that is what we are looking for.”

Amen! Long ago, Solomon wrote “as a man thinks in his heart—so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7) There are those in this world who want us to be totally focused on the seamy, depressing aspects of life. This, I guess is their excuse to lose themselves in any excess or indulgence that they choose. After all, the world's motto is “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” (I Corinthians 15:32)

Christians do not deny that there are problems in this world—but we can rejoice that even in the trials there is hope! That hope is in Christ who has overcome this world! The general attitude of a Christian should be one that is upbeat and positive. It's true that we don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future. This affects our entire outlook on life.

Paul writes **“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice! Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.”** (Philippians 4:4-6)

Instead of being preoccupied with all the negativity of the world, Christians have so many blessings and opportunities to rejoice in. What kind of things should we focus on? What kind of thoughts should fill our minds? Paul continues **“finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on these things.”** (Philippians 4:8)

Our whole outlook will change if we “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” (Matthew 6:33) Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. We are “in the world, but we are not of it.” (John 17:15) If we set our “minds on things above, not on the things of this earth” (Colossians 3:1-2) good things will result. Our life will be filled with the joy of helping others; the excitement and satisfaction of seeing lives changed by the gospel. The acts of kindness that we show to others will be returned to us one hundred-fold. Soon we will find more opportunities to do good than we can take advantage of, and a sense of satisfaction and joy will prevail. Good news doesn't just happen—it is created! **“And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 4:7)

Jesus – Son of Man (Matthew 16:13-19)



“He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I the _____ of _____, am?’ (Matthew 16:13) “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the _____, the _____ of the Living _____.’” (Matthew 16:16)

The title ‘Son of Man’ is a declaration of Jesus’ _____. “In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with _____ and the Word _____ God.” (John 1:1) “And the Word became _____ and _____ among us.” (John 1:14)

The title ‘Son of Man’ was a fulfillment of prophecy. “And behold, One like the _____ of _____, coming with the clouds of heaven. He came to the _____ of _____, and they brought him near before Him. Then to Him was given _____ and _____, and a _____ that all _____, nations and _____ should serve Him. His dominion is an _____ dominion which shall not _____ away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be _____.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

The title ‘Son of Man’ is a declaration of Jesus’ _____. “The Word became _____ and _____ among us and we beheld His _____, the glory of the only _____ of the Father, full of _____ and _____.” (John 1:14)

Jesus had to live as a man in order to make our _____ possible. “In as much as the _____ have partaken of _____ and blood, He himself likewise _____ in the same, that through _____ He might _____ him who had the power of death, that is the _____.” (Hebrews 2:14) “Who, being in the _____ of God, did not count _____ with God a thing to be _____, but made Himself _____, taking the form of a _____, being born in the _____ of man.” (Philippians 2:6-7)

Jesus had to live as a man in order to be our _____ priest. “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His _____, that He might be a _____ and _____ High Priest, in things pertaining to God, to make _____ for the sins of the people.” (Hebrews 2:17)

No one can claim that Jesus does not know what we are going through. “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot _____ with our weaknesses, but was, in all points, _____ as we are, yet without _____. Therefore, let us come _____ to the throne of _____, that we may obtain _____ and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:15-16) “If any of you lack _____, let him ask of _____, who gives to all _____ and without _____, and it will be given him.” (James 1:5)

There is one thing the ‘Son of Man’ has left to do. “Then they will _____ the Son of Man _____ in the clouds with great _____ and _____.” (Mark 13:26)



No, Not One! Not Even One!

Last Sunday evening during our worship in song, one of the songs that we sang together was “No, Not One.” The chorus of the song states: “Jesus knows all about our struggles; He will guide will the day is done; There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No not one!”

As we were singing, I thought to myself, “Does Jesus really understand every trouble and struggle I am having?” The answer is a resounding “Yes!”

I don’t know what “struggles” you are having in life, but likely it could be fit into one of the following categories:

- ◆ **Do you have financial struggles?** Jesus had them, as well. For example, He knew what it was like to live “hand to mouth” (Matthew 8:20; 17:24-27).
- ◆ **Do you have family struggles?** Jesus has them as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have His earthly siblings not believe in Him for a while (John 17:5).
- ◆ **Do you have friend/people/relationship struggles?** Jesus had them, as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have His close companions forsake Him just when He needed them most (Matthew 26:31, 56).
- ◆ **Do you have time struggles?** Jesus had them, as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have a lot to do and little time to do it in (John 9:4). He also knew what it was like to want to get away and have others demand your free time (Matthew 14:13-14).
- ◆ **Do you have “enemy” struggles?** Jesus had them, as well. For example, He endured the unjust ridicule of those who hated Him without a cause (Matthew 27:15-31; 1 Peter 2:21-23).
- ◆ **Do you have spiritual struggles?** In a sense, Jesus had them as well. For example, Jesus knew what it was like to be bombarded with temptation after temptation from Satan (Matthew 4:1-10). He also knew what it felt like to struggle with one’s own will and the will of God (Matthew 26:38-39).

Take comfort that Jesus, our true friend, understand—and not only that, He cares and He is always available and willing to help us.

“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest...For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 2:17, 4:15).

YOUTH SECTION

The 6th-12th graders are asked to meet in the MP Room tomorrow at noon. Pizza will be provided. We will prepare and deliver baskets. Let Jeff Taberner know if you can help with this project.

(Thanks to Dwain for donating the goodies.)



LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES EVENTS

- LLL Keepers class will meet Tuesday, December 29 in the MP Room at 10:00AM. Please bring your lunch. See Annette Kirk if you have any questions.
- LLL meeting next Sunday evening after services in Room 109 for everyone involved.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP



A recent issue of Consumer Reports had a small article about a recent trend in orange juice marketing. It seems that the major orange juice companies are attempting to keep up with the latest “lower carbs” and “fewer calories” fads, so they are manufacturing orange juice with “half the sugar and calories”. So how did they make an orange juice like this? Simple. They watered down the juice.

It is funny how things change. Not long ago, fruit juices were being advertised in such a way that we were made to believe that only 100% pure juice should ever be purchased. To buy watered down juice at that time was made out to be a crime to your body!

Is the same thing working in the church? Are preachers giving us a “watered down” version of the gospel message—just because that seems to be what the world wants to hear? Changing the message from 100% truth to a watered down version of truth might sell in today’s world, but it will never feed souls the truth that they **NEED** to receive eternal life!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

December is
Sack the Pulpit
to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
 - Canned fruit
- Any canned meat (TREET, SPAM, tuna, potted meats, Vienna sausage)
 - Applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce (We have spaghetti pasta.)
 - Boxed macaroni and cheese

Please leave items on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.

Winter Training Series

January 7—January 28 Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM
Dewey Avenue congregation

Marriage and the Family—Roger Rush

Sermons from Songs—Andy Robison

Bible Geography—Ed Melott

1 Thessalonians—Randy Baker

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards.

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, January 3

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE—Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brent West

PM—Kevin Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Ryan Gaston

Close—Stan Inman

6:00 PM—Kevin Cochran

Close—Dave Nulter

SCRIPTURE

AM—Rob Hoover

PM—Cody Young

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Russ Alton

PM—Ron Riddle

Barry Hupp

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Ron Riddle
 2—Doug Hinzman
 4—Peggy Riddle

PM Door

1. Mark Dean & Wes Cochran
2. Bill & Rosemary Merrill
3. Mike & Pam Bayer
4. Jennifer Thomas & Robin Anthony
5. Marion & Jo Goldsmith
6. Cotton & Patty Sayre

Facts and Figures

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AM Service.....294

Bible Study.....211

PM Service.....225

Wednesday.....197

Contribution\$6024.00

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