

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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December will be
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

(We do not need canned vegetables. Also, no soups are needed.)

Please leave items on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.



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
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If You Listen to the
 Devil
 You Will Go Where
 He Is!



Selby Hospital

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, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends:

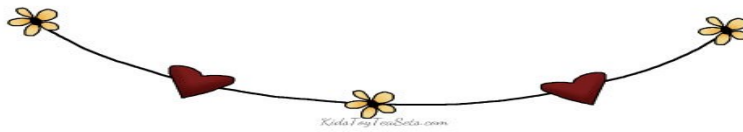
Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother),
 Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Delana Blizzard (Harvey & Mary Caplinger's daughter),
 Kelly Boyce, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Joann
 Goldsmith (Requested by Paul Saunders for a coworker. 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.



- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards we received. They were much appreciated. **Bill and Mary Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Bob Armstrong**
- ♥ To each and everyone (children, parents and grandparents) who totally surprised me with the drawing supplies and toaster oven! I was very surprised and overwhelmed! Words just cannot be expressed how much this has touched me!! Everytime I use my gifts, I'll be sure to think of all of you. I want you to know how much I enjoy teaching your children how to draw. I am truly blessed!!! God bless you! I love my church family!! **Jo Langler**
- ♥ Thank you so much for including us in your Veteran's Day lunch. The ladies have a wonderful time every time they're invited out like that. We especially loved the kids being so helpful. What a wonderful thing!! We love you all! **From the ladies and staff at Love & Care**
- ♥ Dear Camden Ave. Family: A special 'Thank You' to all who provided support to us in the past two weeks, as we have attempted to deal with the loss of our foster son, Carson Stone. Thanks for words of comfort, hugs, cards, phone calls, those who attended the memorial service, those who helped with food, and all the prayers. **Rick and Kay Stanley**
- ♥ Thanks to all for the cards, well wishes, and prayers that brought another Birthday and Thanksgiving day for me to enjoy. **Carol Vincent**

A special thank you to **Patty Sayre** for decorating the back foyer.



News and Announcements

POTTER CHILDREN’S HOME “Silver for Children” COIN BANKS

A representative will be here tomorrow to collect the coin banks. Please leave them in the office today.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 2 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

DECEMBER 23 AND 30

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

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 10 and will be 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.

CHURCH VAN KEYS

Van keys need to be turned in to Jim Galloway.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers for 2016.



Congratulations to Don and Brenda Dougherty in the birth of their second grandson. Connor Michael Vaughan arrived November 30 weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz. and 20 inches. Proud parents are Julie and Dustin Vaughan and big brother, Noah. They reside in Cross Lanes, WV.

Congratulations to Justin, Allie and Cam Moore in the birth of Carter Moore. He arrived Wednesday. Proud grandparents are Sean and Kathy Plant and great grandparents, Larry and Janet Plant.

Daily Bible Reading

- December 6—1 John 1, Ezekiel 47-48
- December 7—1 John 2, Daniel 1-2
- December 8—1 John 3, Daniel 3-4
- December 9—1 John 4, Daniel 5-6
- December 10—1 John 5, Daniel 7-9
- December 11—2 John, 3 John—Daniel 10-12
- December 12—Jude, Hosea 1-3
- December 13—Revelation 1, Hosea 4-7

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

December 13
DESIGNED BY GOD



DANA'S DIRECTION

"Thy Kingdom Come"

When I was growing up, it was still the practice to begin every school day by pledging allegiance to the flag and repeating the Lord's Prayer. My Bible class teacher told us that when we said the Lord's Prayer we should not repeat the phrase "Thy kingdom come." The reason, she said is because the Kingdom of God is the church and the church has already come. So dutifully, whenever we began the school day I would say under my breath "Thy kingdom has come."

What she said was true. The statement Jesus made when he taught his disciples to pray was a reference to the coming of the church. The Old Testament is filled with prophecies regarding the coming of God's kingdom on earth. The place where this kingdom would begin is specified as Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:1-2) The time of the kingdom's establishment was foretold to be in the days of the Roman Empire. (Daniel 2:44).

Both John the Baptist and Jesus began their preaching ministries by telling people to "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2; 4:17) What did they mean by "at hand?" Jesus plainly stated that meant soon, in fact during the lifetime of those to whom he was speaking. "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (Matthew 17:27)

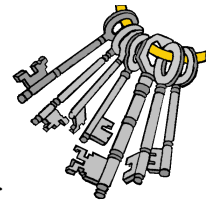
Jesus also told of the establishment of the church. Upon Peter's confession "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God," Jesus said "Upon this rock, I will build My church." (Matthew 16:18) And what was this church? The kingdom of God on earth. Jesus continued "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19) After his resurrection, Jesus told the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem. Why? Because of the coming of the kingdom.

On the Day of Pentecost, all of these prophecies and promises were fulfilled. Peter preached the gospel in its fullness for the first time. He indeed held the keys to the kingdom. When asked "Men and brethren, what shall we do," Peter presented the terms of entrance into the kingdom. "Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." (Acts 2:38) "Those who gladly received his word were baptized, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (Acts 2:41) What were they added to? "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47) Contrary to the preaching of some - Jesus is not coming again to establish his kingdom on earth. The kingdom has already come - it is his church.

But what about the Lord's Prayer? Is it wrong to pray "Thy kingdom come?" What did Jesus say for us to pray regarding his kingdom? "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done one earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) A kingdom is the sphere of authority of a king. Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18) The kingdom of God is where His will is done. Can that always be said about the church? Can that always be said about my life, or yours? I believe that we should constantly pray that God's rule will come and prevail in our lives and in the church.

And what about the lost? Should we not pray that they will seek and find the kingdom of God? Should we not pray that the borders of God's kingdom will be spread to the corners of the earth? Should we not pray that people and rulers of every nation on earth will submit themselves to the rule of God? Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the kingdom of God prevail? "God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!" (Daniel 2:44) **Thy kingdom come!**

“Thy Kingdom Come” (Matthew 16:13-19)



The Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your _____ come, Your _____ be done on _____, as it is in _____” (Matthew 6:9-10).

The Truth about the Kingdom of God:

God has always had a kingdom.

“The Lord has established His _____ in _____. And his _____ rules over all” (Psalm 103:19). “Your _____ is a _____ kingdom and your _____ endures throughout all _____” (Psalm 145:13).

Sometimes “kingdom of God” refers to man’s eternal existence in heaven.

“Flesh and blood cannot _____ - the _____ of God; nor does corruption inherit _____” (I Corinthians 15:50). “Do you not know that the _____ will not inherit the _____ of God” (I Corinthians 6:9-10)? “We must through many _____ enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22). **This is not the kingdom for which Jesus prayed.**

Jesus was not praying for an earthly, physical kingdom:

“My _____ is not of this _____” (John 18:36).

God’s Spiritual Kingdom on earth (the church) was spoken of in prophecy.

“And in the days of these _____, the God of _____ will set up a _____ which shall never be _____” (Daniel 2:44). “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days, the _____ of the Lord’s house shall be established on _____ of the mountains; and all _____ shall flow into it” (Isaiah 2:2).

In the New Testament the time came for the prophecy of the kingdom to be fulfilled.

From that time _____ began to _____ and to say “Repent for the _____ of heaven is at _____” (Matthew 4:17). “Assuredly I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste _____ till they see the Son of Man coming in his _____” (Matthew 16:28).

Jesus promised to build His Church which he referred to as the Kingdom of Heaven:

“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my _____, and the gates of Hades shall not _____ against it. And I will give you the _____ of the _____ of _____, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in _____, and whatever you loose on earth will be _____ in heaven” (Matthew 16:18,19)

The prophecies and the promises were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2):

Then Peter said to them, “Repent and let _____ of you be _____ in the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 2:38). “And the Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).



SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORD

Most have heard about “the seven wonders of the world.” More need to hear about the wonders of the Word (the Bible). The Psalmist prayed, “*Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law*” (Psalm 119:18).

Again, he declared, “*Your testimonies are wonderful*” (Psalm 119:129). I am impressed with the following seven wonders of the Word:

1. The wonder of its **INSPIRATION!** Not just part of it—not just the thoughts of it—but “*all Scripture is given by inspiration of God*” (2 Timothy 3:16). To the very jot (tiniest letter) and tittle (tiniest projection which distinguishes one letter from another), it is inspired (Matthew 5:18).
2. The wonder of its **FORMATION!** It didn’t all come at once but over a period of some 1600 years, “*precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little*” (Isaiah 28:10).
3. The wonder of its **UNIFICATION!** It is a library of 66 books, yet ONE BOOK. Written by some 40 writers over approximately 1600 years. Yet ONE MESSAGE (Revelation 19:10).
4. The wonder of its **REVELATION!** The Bible is the complete, final revelation of “*the things of God*” (1 Corinthians 2:10-12) which came not by “*the will of man*” but as holy men of God were “*moved by the Holy Spirit*” (2 Peter 1:20-21).
5. The wonder of its **INFORMATION!** It is the greatest literature in the world, but it is more—it contains “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*” (2 Peter 1:3). No additional information is needed for it sufficiently equips man for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17).
6. The wonder of its **PROPAGATION!** Read by all nations, classes, races. It is the world’s best seller.
7. The wonder of its **PRESERVATION!** The most hated of all books, yet it continues. “*The word of the Lord endures forever*” (1 Peter 1:25).

“*My heart standeth in awe of thy word*”
(Psalm 119:161)

Charles C. Pugh III



LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Ladies! It is time for our 4th annual holiday luncheon at Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna Tuesday, December 15. It will be a buffet this year.

Arrival time will be 11:30 with lunch at noon.

Buffet will include: Baked steak and cordon bleu, salad bar, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls, coffee, water and iced tea plus assorted desserts. Cost: \$19.00 each (Please pay by check to **Gala Miller** for the \$19.00 each.) There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange.

Please sign the sheet on the counter **TODAY**...the very last day to sign-up will be this Wednesday.

Youth Events

6th-12th GRADE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The 6th-12th grade Progressive Dinner will be today in the MP Room after Bible study.

CYC MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a CYC meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for 6th-12th graders and their parents.

If you are interested in going and cannot attend this meeting, please see Jeff Taberner for details.

DO **NOT** LET ANYONE
LOOK **DOWN** ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG
BUT SET AN **EXAMPLE** FOR
BELIEVERS IN SPEECH
IN **LIFE** IN **LOVE** AND
IN **PURITY**.

1 Timothy 4:12

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

You know, we live in a very proud and egotistical generation. Everywhere you turn there is the promotion of self. Previous societies have made pride a virtue and humility a weakness. Remember ancient Babylon, then the Roman Empire, and more recently Hitler's Germany. No society of the past survived when pride became the norm.

Even in the religious realm, some appear to believe that God's only design for us is to be healthy, wealthy, happy, satisfied and fulfilled. We have written sacrifice and suffering out of our vocabulary. We have become consumed with creature comforts and accommodative religion.

Jesus taught his disciples about true greatness. He said that humility and service come before honor. The real way to exalt ourselves does not come through ambition, pulling rank or manipulating people, but by HUMBLE service. Are we learning the lesson?

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, December 13

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE—Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—John Hall

Close—Dan Rich

6:00 PM—Leonard Haid

Close—Delmas Carr

SCRIPTURE

AM—Jimmy Galloway

PM—Ryan Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Barry Mills

PM—Brian Haught

Doug Hinzman

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Mike Bayer
 2—Wes Cochran
 4—Pam Bayer

PM Door
1. Claire Moser & Hannah Shears
2. Donovan Walton & Dana Sponseller
3. Mike & Kelly Fleak
4. Larry & Janet Plant
5. Bob & Gala Miller
6. Chris & Terry Hofmann

Facts and Figures

November 29, 2015

AM Service.....209

Bible Study.....317

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....208

Contribution\$6609.00

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



I Am a Christian

“A woman’s heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek **Him** first to find her.”

When I say that I am a Christian, I am not shouting that I am clean living.

I’m whispering I was lost, but now I’m found and forgiven.

When I say I am a Christian I don’t speak of this with pride.

I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say I am a Christian I’m not trying to be strong.

I’m professing that I’m weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say I am a Christian I’m not bragging of success.

I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say I am a Christian I’m not claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say I am a Christian I still feel the sting of pain.

I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say I am a Christian I’m not holier than thou, I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow!

Borrowed

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE

12/6	Steve Moser	Barry Mills	Delmas Carr
12/13	Kyle Inman	Mike Bayer	Ted Miller