

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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LIFE HAS NO REVERSE GEAR

Life is like a clock. The hands of time go forward, never backward.

Life is unlike a film. It can never be rerun for a second showing.

Life is unlike an automobile. It has no reverse gear.

Life is unlike a pencil. You cannot erase your mistakes.

Today is your opportunity to do all that you can, for all of yesterday's blunders are past, so do the best you can today.

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Rob Hoover
Bill Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
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Brightening the life
of someone else will
also put a shine on
your own!

Ruby Memorial

Sharon Armstrong (Room 1005)

Jim Galloway had back surgery Monday in New Albany, OH. He is home recuperating.

Braden Hesselrode had surgery at Cleveland Clinic Wednesday.

Phyllis Johnson had a procedure at Marietta Memorial. She is home.

Madonna Smith had eye surgery last week and is doing well.

Keep them in your prayers.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway, Braden Hesselrode, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Gene Phillips, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams

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), Harold Haid, Tony Haid (Len's son), Larry Hays (Madeline Gregg's brother), Anne Kaiser, 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.



- ♥ I appreciate everything you have done for me. A special thank you for the prayers, cards and food. In Christian love, **Dorothy Stevens**
- ♥ Thank you for making my birthday special. I appreciate everything. Love, **Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards! They made getting old a little easier! **Cody Hoover**



MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS/LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting, Bible Busters and Ladies' meeting will be today at 5:00.

SECRET SISTERS MEETING THIS EVENING

The Secret Sister kick-off meeting will be this evening after services in Room 109.

YOUTH HOT CHOCOLATE DAY

We are inviting our Camden Avenue youth and area children for hot chocolate and homemade cookies tomorrow at 2:00 in the MP Room. Homemade cookies need to be left in the office today.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

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

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's will meet next Sunday at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Make plans to attend the monthly sing at Love and Care Monday, January 25 at 7:00PM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 30 at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the cost of sending students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.

Daily Bible Reading

January 17—Matthew 12:9-32, Genesis 35-36
January 18—Matthew 12:33-50, Genesis 37-38
January 19—Matthew 13:1-23, Genesis 39-40
January 20—Matthew 13:24-46, Genesis 41-42
January 21—Matthew 13:47-58, Genesis 43-44
January 22—Matthew 14, Genesis 45-46
January 23—Matthew 15:1-20, Genesis 47-48
January 24—Matthew 15:21-39, Genesis 49-50

Our Blood Drive will be
Monday, February 8
1:00—6:00PM
in the MP Room.



Sign up sheets are on the counter.



DANA'S DIRECTION

Reverence in Worship

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

I am often asked, and sometimes reminded of the need to address the subject of reverence in worship. I will admit to being so ‘tuned in’ (or ‘tuned out’) during worship services that I seldom notice the commotion going on around me (talking, visiting, going in and out, texting) but I am no less assured that is taking place. This indicates there is a need to address the attitude we should have when we approach God to worship. As you visit other congregations you also become aware of the wide variety of ‘worship styles’ (from formal and staid to ‘hip, hip, hooray’) which begs the question “What is truly involved in holding God in reverence in the assembly of the saints?”

Reverence is defined as **“a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe and esteem, as for something sacred; veneration.”** (Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary) The English word “reverence” is used seven times in the New Testament and is usually a translation of the Greek word **phobos** referring to “fear,” and indicates the great awe and respect (fear) that we should have for God. Knowing who God truly is should define everything we do in this life. “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole (duty) of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13) A person who does not have reverence for God every day will not understand the need of it when assembled to worship.

God expects reverence when we come together to worship Him. Reverence for God does not ignore the fact that we should be ‘afraid’ to present to God as worship anything that is unacceptable to Him. “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptable with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:28-29) This is certainly what Nadab and Abihu discovered as they offered God a sacrifice that He had not authorized (Leviticus 10:1-2).

If we truly have reverence for God we will seek to demonstrate that when we assemble to worship. Reverence in worship is not created by an atmosphere (low lights, soft music); reverence creates the atmosphere. When we assemble – realizing that we have come to offer God our sacrifice of praise – we will view the time as sacred. Solomon said “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

If we have reverence for God we will show respect when his word is read. When prayers are led we will participate realizing that we are taking those prayers through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, before the very throne of God! When we sing, we will truly ‘let the words of Christ dwell in us richly’ (Colossians 3:16), and will “sing and make melody in our hearts.” (Ephesians 5:19) When a lesson is presented from God’s word we will regard it as “being from God, not from man.” When the Lord’s Supper is taken, we will stand by faith at the foot of the cross, discerning the body and the blood of Jesus. If we truly participate in worship we will be far too aware of the presence of God to be distracted by every worldly interest and concern.

If we do not have reverence for God, the time that we spend together in the assembly of the saints will seem no different from a school assembly, ball game, or a concert. The truth is that many of us arrive totally unprepared to worship God. We ‘meet and greet,’ get all caught up in the social aspects of seeing one another, then, unsuccessfully ‘draw our minds in from the world’ to worship God. Make an honest assessment of the time you ‘were in worship’ this Sunday. Did you ‘draw near to hear?’ Or, did you ‘offer the sacrifice of fools?’ Our reverence in the assembly will make the difference between worship that God finds pleasing and that which will bring judgment to our souls. (I Corinthians 11:29)

“Reverence in Worship” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-5)



From Scripture Reading: “Walk _____ when you go to the _____ of God; and draw near to _____ rather than to give the sacrifice of _____, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be _____ with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything _____ before God. For God is in _____, and you on _____.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2)

Introduction: Reverence means to _____; to regard with a mixture of _____, _____ and _____.
God struck Uzzah for his _____.” (II Samuel 6:7)

Reverence in worship:

To reverence God is to _____ Him.

“_____ God and keep His _____ for this is the whole _____ of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

“God is greatly to be _____ in the _____ of the saints, and to be held in _____ by all those around Him.” (Psalm 89:7)

Why should God be feared?

“We must all appear before the _____ seat of Christ.” (II Corinthians 5:10)

The Lord will come in _____ fire taking _____ on those who do not _____ God, and on those who do not obey the _____.” (II Thess. 1:8)

“Do not fear those who kill the body...but rather _____ Him who is able to _____ both _____ and _____ in hell” (Matthew 10:28)

If we fear the Lord:

1. We will _____ Him.

“The _____ of the Lord is the beginning of _____; but _____ despise _____ and _____.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“Then you will _____ the fear of the Lord, and find the _____ of God.” (Proverbs 2:1-5)

2. We will _____ Him.

a. “Blessed is the man who _____ the Lord, who delights _____ in His _____.” (Psalm 112:1)

b. “Now we are all present before _____ to hear all things _____ you by God.” (Acts 10:33)

3. We will _____ away from evil.

a. “The _____ of the Lord is to _____ evil” (Proverbs 8:13)

b. “Let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of flesh and spirit perfecting _____ in the _____ of the Lord.” (II Corinthians 7:1)

4. We will _____ Him appropriately.

a. “Serve God _____ with _____ and godly _____.” (Hebrews 12:28)

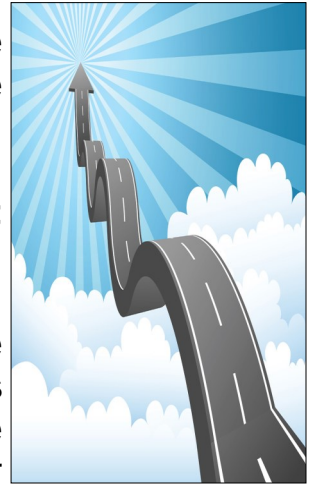
HEAVEN BOUND

We talk about going to be with God in heaven. We sing about the beauties of heaven. Our prayers acknowledge our hope of heaven. Heaven is mentioned at almost all funerals. Most of us think about heaven every day.

The Bible tells us that heaven is a place of joy and eternal bliss; a place where there are no tears, no sorrow, nor death; a place where we will see our friends and loved ones once more, and a home in the eternal presence of God and Jesus. Isaiah and Paul both described heaven as a home so beautiful that man cannot describe it, or even imagine what God has prepared for those who love him (Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9).

Heaven is for everyone - but contrary to what is often expressed by some, not everyone will be there. Jesus said just professing to love God is not enough. "Feeling good about your spirituality" is not God's measuring stick, nor is the word of any man. Jesus is the Judge, and He said it will be those who do (obey) the will of the Father that will enter heaven (Matthew 7:21; John 12:48).

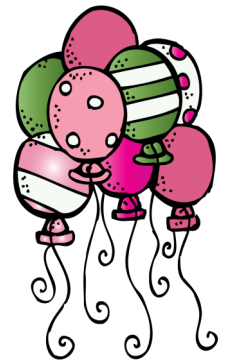
You and I will someday give an account of what we have done while on earth (Romans 14:12). To hear Jesus say "*Well done, good and faithful servant,*" should be incentive enough for each of us to know and serve God to the best of our ability—and be heaven bound.



John K. Wills, Bulletin Digest

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- February 2—Sonya Hescht
- February 4—Addie Miller, Doris Newberry, Patrick Rine
- February 5—Nancy Proffit, Bret Wilcoxen
- February 7—Paul Inman
- February 8—Geraldine Pahl
- February 10—Charlotte Burton
- February 11—Mildred Gault, Marion Goldsmith
- February 13—Candice Rich
- February 14—Sandy Hughes, *Russ & Patty Alton, *Dennis & Sandy Keller
- February 17—Daniel Rich
- February 19—*Richard & Lorna Marshall
- February 20—Sandy Sheppard
- February 21—Brenda Guthrie
- February 24—Martha Metz
- February 25—Payton Knotts
- February 26—Kelsay Cox, Mikayla Hennen, Kody Inman, Ira Kimes, Neil Russell,
*Pat & Kim Barclay, *Mike & Gwen Lucas
- February 27—Charlotte Galloway, Doug Hershman
- February 28—Danielle Mullins



If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, please contact the office this week.

Take Time!

To THINK—it is the means of discernment.
To PLAY—it is the secret of perpetual youth.
To be FRIENDLY— it is the road to happiness.
To LOVE—it is a God-given privilege.
To READ—it is a fountain of wisdom.
To PRAY—it is our power source.
To LAUGH—it is the music of the soul.
To GIVE—it is too short a day to be selfish.
To WORK—it is the price of success.
To be THANKFUL—it is an attitude adjuster.
To SERVE—it is the way to greatness.
To OBEY—it is the essential to pleasing God.
To WORSHIP—it is such a privilege.
To REJOICE—it is a joy to be a Christian.

Bulletin Digest



Take time this week to be a blessing to others . . .

Send a card, make a phone call, smile to a stranger along the way.

Look for a way to make someone's day!



We rejoice that Haley Johnson was baptized into Christ.

Haley is a freshman at Parkersburg South High School. She enjoys playing softball.

Her parents are Scott and Gwen Johnson and younger sister, Emma.

She is in Care Group 2.

We are proud of Haley in her decision to become a Christian.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

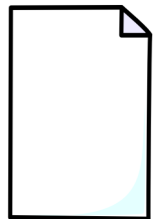
A teacher was teaching a challenging class in logic. He was known for giving difficult exams. The final exam was looming, and the professor mercifully told the class that each student would be permitted to bring in a single 8 X 11 sheet with as much information as they could put on that one sheet for help during the test.

On exam day, some students had crammed lines so tiny on the single sheet that you had to wonder how they could read it! One young man walked in with a single blank sheet of paper and a friend who was a senior student who had an "A" in logic. He placed the paper on the floor next to his desk and his expert friend stood on the paper.

When the professor asked the student what he was doing. The student replied, "You said we could bring in whatever we could fit on a single sheet of paper. Well, my friend can fit on this paper!" He was the only student in that class to score an "A" because his expert friend was standing beside him.

Never forget that Jesus is our friend, standing beside us and supporting us! (John 15:14)

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, January 24

ELDER IN CHARGE—Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE—Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM—Breck Hesselrode

PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Brian Haught

Close—Chris Hofmann

6:00 PM—Jeff Taberner

Close—Brandon Sheppard

SCRIPTURE

AM—Josh Gray

PM—Ben Haught

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Brent West

PM—Paul Inman

Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Jim Hinzman
 2—Keith Smith
 4—Eloise Smith

PM Door

1. Jordan Kirk & Holly Haught
2. Brandon & Calle Sheppard
3. Doug & Alisha Hershman
4. Hayden Moser & Ben Haught
5. Richard & Lorna Marshall
6. Jim & Sandy Hughes

Facts and Figures

January 10, 2016

AM Service.....269

Bible Study.....191

PM Service.....178

Wednesday.....219

Contribution\$5959.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....2

Schedule of Services

Sunday

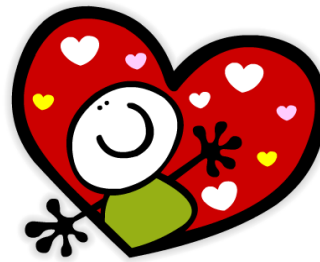
AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



Remember our shut-ins and those that have not been able to attend services for awhile:

Kathleen Albright

565 Brackenridge Road

Vincent, OH 45784

Keith & Peggy Cowdery

815 Westview Drive

Belpre, OH 45714

Janet Looney

2700 24th Avenue

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Myrtle Metz

Ohio Valley Health Care

222 Nicolette Road

Parkersburg, WV 26104

Jane Pralley

Worthington Care & Rehab. Center

2675 36th Street

Parkersburg, WV 26104

Jenny Reynolds

605 Hill Street

Parkersburg, WV 26104

Neil Russell

204 Edgelawn Street

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Ray & Bonnie Sams

23 Delaware Street

Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Dorothy Stevens

76 Blair Avenue

Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Zoe Byrum, Pat Burkey, Valeria Sprout

Love & Care

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Parkersburg, WV 26102

Remember them with prayers and cards.

Winter Training Series

January 21 and January 28 (Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM)

Dewey Avenue congregation

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards.

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—January 24

THE RESTORATION PLEA