

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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Today

- ♥ Traveling Youth Group at North End
- ♥ 5th Grade and under devotional after evening services in the MP Room

February 7

Youth Super Bowl Party after evening services at the Kirk's home.
Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

February 26 - 28

CYC Pigeon Forge, TN

Area Wide Monday Devotionals begin tomorrow

February 1— Area Wide Devo at Lower Paw Paw

February 8—Area Wide Devo at Waverly

February 15—Area Wide Devo at Rosemar

February 22—Area Wide Devo at North End

February 29—Area Wide Devo at Camden Avenue

March 7—Area Wide Devo at Ohio Valley University

We appreciate and love our youth.

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
Chris Mullins
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Never confuse the will
of the majority with the
Will of God.



♥ Love thy neighbor

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins,
Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway, Braden Hesselrode, Phyllis Johnson,
Barbara Saunders, 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), 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.

Gary Farris is scheduled to have lung surgery Wednesday, February 3 at
Pittsburgh Veteran's Hospital. He and Melva will be travelling there Tuesday
afternoon. Keep them in your prayers.

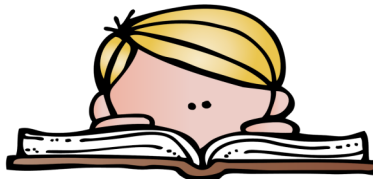
Health South

Sharon Armstrong (No visits, please.)
Phyllis Johnson

Jim Galloway continues to recuperate following back surgery.

Prayers and cards would be appreciated by each of them.

We extend our sympathy to Bob Eddy and family in the passing of his
brother, Jimmy Eddy. His service was held yesterday at Leavitt Funeral
Home.



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

♥ Thank you for each birthday card I received. It was appreciated
very much. **Merilee Morgan**



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARE GROUP LEADERS MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting this evening after services In Room 109 for all Care Group leaders.

COLLEGE DINNER PLANNING MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting in Room 112 this evening after services for anyone willing to help with the college dinner, Wednesday at 5:45 in the MP Room.

SECRET SISTER

Secret Sister forms are available from Julie Taberner or Kimberlee. Completed forms need to be returned as soon as possible.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a shower Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 in the MP Room for Jimmy and Brooke Galloway’s baby boy. They are registered at Walmart, Babies R Us and Amazon (Website: www.amazon.com., Baby Registry, select Brooke’s name.)

CHRISTIAN WOMAN’S MAGAZINE

If you would like to purchase *Christian Woman* magazine, please make checks payable to Robin Anthony for \$17.98 for each subscription by February 7. This is an excellent magazine filled with articles on marriage and family, a Bible study, spiritual growth articles and much more.

BLOOD DRIVE

Donors are still needed for our Blood Drive Monday, February 8 from 1:00–6:00PM in the MP Room. Sign up sheet is on the counter.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING SCHEDULES

The Friday night sing schedules are available on the counter. The first sing will be February 19 at the Hopewell congregation at 7:00PM.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

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

Daily Bible Reading

- January 31–Matthew 20:17-34, Exodus 15-16
- February 1 - Matthew 21:1-27, Exodus 17-19
- February 2 - Matthew 21:28-46, Exodus 20-21
- February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22, Exodus 22-23
- February 4 - Matthew 22:23-46, Exodus 24-25
- February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22, Exodus 26-27
- February 6 - Matthew 23:23-39, Exodus 28-29
- February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28, Exodus 30-31

**Golden Agers Soup
Bean Dinner and
Game Dinner**



Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers soup bean dinner Friday, February 19 at 5:30 in the MP Room.

Sign up sheet on the counter,



DANA'S DIRECTION

How often should a Christian partake of the Lord's Supper?

This question is given many different answers in the religious world. Some groups partake of the Lord's Supper annually, some quarterly, some monthly, others weekly. Some religious groups will partake of the communion on Friday, others Saturday, and still others on Sunday. Does the frequency with which one partakes of the Lord's Supper matter? Does it make any difference on which day one partakes of the divine memorial? Let us look at the Bible for the answer.

On the night he was betrayed, shortly before his betrayal, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in the presence of the twelve (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20). Luke's account, coupled with the words of Jesus as recorded by the hand of Paul (I Corinthians 11:23-26), show that by partaking of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice), Christians are fulfilling the Lord's command to do this in remembrance of his death. Had this been all that was written concerning the memorial feast instituted by the Lord, then it would have been left to man's discretion as to the time and the frequency with which this Supper is to be observed. As a matter of fact, it would be necessary to partake of the Lord's Supper only once in one's lifetime in order to fulfill the command, "this do in remembrance of me."

Apostolic example fixes the times and the frequency with which the Lord's Supper is to be observed. The apostles were guided into all the truth (John 16:13) as far as their teaching is concerned [divine guidance did not rule out mistakes in their personal lives and personal judgment]. Therefore, what they spoke, what they wrote, and what they did as directed by the Holy Spirit served as a guide for the infant church, and continues to serve as a guide for the church today. As Paul was making his return to Jerusalem from his third missionary journey, he came to Troas (Acts 20:1 ff). When he and the other disciples got to Troas, they waited 7 days (20:6). Mind you, Paul was in a great hurry to get to Jerusalem, to take the offering that the Gentile churches had given to help alleviate the suffering of the saints in Judea. So why tarry 7 days when time was so important? Paul and his traveling companions waited 7 days so that they could assemble with the church at Troas to partake of the Lord's Supper. This they did upon the first day of the week. The word "when" in verse 7 is very important. It explains why the church came together upon the first day of the week—to break bread. This breaking of bread was not a common meal, for Paul would not have waited 7 days to partake of a common meal.

This example set the time that the Lord's Supper is to be observed—the first day of the week (Sunday). It also sets the frequency—every Sunday. Some will argue that it does not say every first day of the week. In giving the 10 Commandments, God said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." He did not say every Sabbath, but the Jews understood what God meant. The same holds true for the Lord's Supper. The saints assemble every Sunday. Therefore, they observed the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

The Lord's Supper (Luke 22:14-20)



“And He took _____, gave thanks and _____ it, and _____ it to them saying, ‘This is My _____ which is _____ for you, do this in _____ of Me.’ Likewise He also took the _____ after _____ saying, ‘This cup is the new _____ of My _____ which was shed for you.’” (Luke 22:19-20)

“For as often as you _____ this _____ and _____ this cup, you _____ the Lord’s _____ till He _____. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an _____ manner will be _____ of the _____ and _____ of the Lord. But let a man _____ himself.” (I Cor. 11:26-28)

The Lord's Supper is His _____. “I will not _____ of this _____ of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it _____ with you in My Father’s _____.” (Matthew 26:29)

The Lord's Supper is a _____ observation. “The message of the cross if _____ to those who are _____, but to us who are being _____ it is the _____ of God.” (I Corinthians 1:18)

The Lord's Supper is a _____ observation. “I was in the Spirit on the _____ day.” (Revelation 1:10) The stone which the builders _____ has become the chief _____ ... this is the _____ which the Lord has made.” (Psalms 118:22-24) “Now on the _____ day of the week, when the disciples came together to _____, Paul....spoke to them.” (Acts 20:6-7)

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The Lord's Supper is a _____ observation. “Do you _____ the church of God?” (I Corinthians 11:22) “For he who _____ and _____ in an _____ manner eats and drinks _____ to himself, not _____ the Lord’s _____.” (I Corinthians 11:29)

To _____ is to _____. Our common _____. Our common _____. Jesus’ _____ over Satan. Our _____ over _____ and _____. Our Christian _____.



Christians Make a Better World

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come” II Corinthians 5:17

Our world has many moral, ethical, legal, and spiritual problems. As Christians, we are concerned about these matters. And rightly we should be.

Imagine what would happen if the church united together to solve these problems. For example, abortion is a moral plague on our country. Millions of babies have been killed in the name of convenience. So imagine that the church would focus her energy and effort on eliminating this practice by encouraging the alternative of adoption into Christian homes. And imagine that it was completely successful. Would our world improve? Yes. Would it mean the world would go to heaven? No.

There are many things we could focus on that would make our world a better place. Eliminating the drug problem, encouraging the holy state of marriage, restoring moral principles so people would not lie, cheat, steal, commit murder or other such acts would all be wonderful improvements to our world, but they wouldn't save anymore.

But if we focus ourselves upon preaching the gospel in all the world, we could save souls - Mark 16:15-16. If people were *“in Christ . . . a new creature . . . New things have come”* (II Corinthians 5:17) by being *“baptized into Christ”* (Romans 6:3-4), then these problems would be fewer because more people would become like Christ. As people become Christians and submit to the will of God, the world's problems would be easier to handle because there would be fewer people doing fewer things against the will of God.

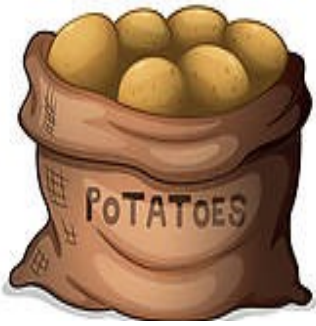
If we want to make the world a better place, where *“the old things have passed away; behold new things have come,”* we need to have more Christians in the world! If we teach more, there will be more Christians. More Christians is the answer to a better world!

Bob Harrison



Look for ways today and this week to be a blessing to someone. Share a smile and a hug. Find someone to share your faith with this week.

Find the best in everyone you meet!



A Sack of Potatoes

A Bible school teacher once told her students to bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to class. For every person that they refused to forgive in their life experience, they were to choose a potato, write that person's name and the date on it and put it in the plastic bag.

Then they were told to carry the bag with them everywhere for one week, putting it beside their beds at night, on the car seat when driving, on their laps when riding with others and next to their desk at school.

Some of the bags became quite heavy. The hassle of lugging the bag around made it clear what a weight they were carrying spiritually, and how they had to pay attention to it all the time to keep from leaving it in embarrassing places. Naturally, the potatoes became moldy, smelly and began to sprout "eyes".

Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and it clearly is for ourselves! To forgive unloads what would otherwise become a heavy, rotten burden.

"Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do" Colossians 4:13

Bulletin Digest

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Being a grandparent is something special! Let me tell you why:

- My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it too!
- Grandmother and grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love.
- One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather.
- If your baby is "beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time," then you're the grandmother.
- What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure.
- Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is a good thing, because grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them.
- Grandmas hold tiny hands for just a little while, but they hold their hearts forever.
- If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first.



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



Trials Are A Good Thing

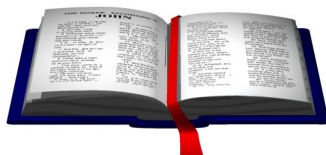
When James Garfield, former President of the United States, was principal of Hiram College in Ohio, a parent asked him if the curriculum could be simplified for his son.

“Certainly,” Garfield replied, “but it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak tree, He takes a hundred years. When He wants to make a squash he requires only two months.” Do you want him to be more like a squash or an oak tree?”

James 1:2-4 reminds us that enduring trials of life is not the easiest way, but it is the best way. Trials make us stronger and more mature.

NOTE: James Garfield was a member of the Lord’s church. He was a preacher and an elder. Before taking the oath of office as President, he spoke these words to his congregation, “Today I step down from the highest office on earth to become your president.”

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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.

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, February 7

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE—Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Don Gaston

Close—Chris Tallman

6:00 PM—Keith Smith

Close—John Hall

SCRIPTURE

AM—Breck Hesselrode

PM—Mike Fleak

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Kody Inman

PM—Bob Smith

Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Dearll Vincent

2—Jeff Taberner

4—Julie Taberner

PM Door

1. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

2. Brian & Natalie Haught

3. Len & Susan Haid

4. Patrick & Bev Rine

5. Sonya Hescht & Sherry Wilcox

6. John & Karen Life

Facts and Figures

January 24, 2016

AM Service.....186

Bible Study.....129

PM Service.....169

Wednesday.....201

Contribution\$4339.00

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