

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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Sweetheart Dinner

Couples of all ages are invited to the Sweetheart Dinner
Saturday, March 5 at 5:00 in the MP Room.

This will be a covered dish dinner however, the men are to do all of the cooking!
We will vote on the best Bread/Appetizer, Soup/Salad, Main Dish, Side Dish and
Dessert.

There is a sign up sheet on the counter for attendance count.

Come enjoy Christian fellowship, activities and get a couple's picture taken!

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
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

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Some people sow
their wild oats all
week, and then go to
church on Sunday and
pray for a crop failure.



Phyllis Johnson would enjoy visits.
Ray and Phyllis reside at
1807 34th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26104.
Telephone: 304.428.0342

Remember them with visits, cards
and prayers!

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Jr. and Melissa Caplinger,
Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gary Farris, Gloria Frazier, Jim Galloway,
Phyllis Johnson, Gene and Peggy Phillips, 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, Harold Haid (Len's
brother), 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.



Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. Patrick Rine
- ♥ Jimmy and Brooke Galloway want to thank everyone for the generous gifts they received at the baby shower.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone for the birthday cards! I appreciate you thinking of me as I add another year. Christian Love, Marion Goldsmith



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship lunch today in the MP Room following Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

GOLDEN AGERS SOUP BEAN DINNER

Everyone is invited to the Golden Agers soup bean dinner Friday, February 19 at 5:30 in the MP Room. Sign up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING

The Friday night sings begin this week! Schedules are available in the foyers. Transportation will leave here at 6:30 for sing at the Hopewell congregation. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MEN'S MEETING/BIBLE BUSTERS/LADIES' MEETING

Men's meeting, Bible Busters and the Ladies' meeting will all take place next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 27 at 8:30 in the MP Room. James 5 will be discussed. Sign-up sheet is on the counter.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STEPPING STONES BOWL-A-THON

The OVU Stepping Stones Bowl-A-Thon will be Saturday, March 12 1:00-3:00 at Pike Street Bowling Lanes. Flyers are on the foyer bulletin boards with pledge sheets. Support Christian education by taking pledges on your performance.

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP EACH MONTH

We will begin an Anniversary/Birthday Fellowship immediately after evening services the last Sunday of each month. All folks attending are asked to bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. The plan is to enjoy snacks and fellowship then end the evening by singing together. The Care Group in charge of the Fellowship Lunch that month will also be in charge of the MP clean up at these events.

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

February 14 - Matthew 26:57-75, Lev 5-6
February 15 - Matthew 27:1-26, Lev 7-8
February 16 - Matthew 27:27-56, Le 9-10
February 17 - Matthew 27:57-66, Lev 11-12
February 18 - Matthew 28, Lev 13
February 19 - Mark 1:1-28, Le 14-15
February 20 - Mark 1:29-45, Le 16-17
February 21 - Mark 2, Le 18-19



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DANA'S DIRECTION

“When You Miss a Service – You Miss a lot!”

Years ago, I used to listen to the daily program of a news commentator on the radio. During the day, the program was promoted by the catch line “if you miss a day – you miss a lot.” If that is true of a radio program, it is certainly true of every opportunity that we have to be in the services of the church!

When asked “Why a Christian should faithfully attend the worship services of the church?” the best answer that many can give is “because it is commanded.” Well, it is true that God expects us to be faithful to the assembly of the saints. “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25) But, is the fact that it is commanded our highest motivation?

Asking if “Christians **have to** attend all of the services of the church?” is, sort of kin to asking “do I **have to** go home and have dinner with my family each night?” If one has a loving family at home, where else would they want to be? Yes, God has said not to forsake the assembly, but for the conscientious Christian, who loves the Lord and his brothers and sisters in Christ, where else would they want to be? I have been asked, “Where does it say that I **have to** attend on Sunday night or on Wednesday night?” I like to look at the example of the early church (Acts 2:46-47) and ask “Where does it say that we should no longer be together daily?”

When we miss any service of the church, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Midweek Bible study, Gospel Meetings, etc., - we really do miss a lot! Consider the following things you miss when you fail to assemble with your Christian family:

- When you miss the Lord's Day, you miss being with the Lord and your brethren as they surround the Lord's table. Jesus told us when He instituted the supper that He would take it with us in the kingdom. (Matthew 26:29)
- When you miss any service, you miss the opportunity to be with the Lord in a unique and special way. He also said “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)
- You can sing by yourself (although it is doubtful that you do), but you miss the opportunity to join your voice with others being taught and admonished by the words that you sing. (Ephesians 5:19)
- You miss the opportunity for an organized and prepared study of the scriptures.
- When you don't attend, you fail to receive the encouragement of other Christians as they admonish one another and “stir one another up to love and good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)
- When you forsake the assembling of the saints, can it be truly said that you are “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?” (Matthew 6:33)
- How can you “let your light shine before men” (Matthew 5:16) and “be an example to the believers” (I Timothy 4:12) if the church isn't more important than the things of the world that keep many away.

When you, without any true cause, forsake the assembling of the saints, you are actually guilty of committing a “willful sin.” (Hebrews 10:28) Consider your choices in light of James 4:17 “Therefore to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

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Jesus – The Greatest Love: (John 3:14-17)



“For _____ so _____ the world that He _____ His only begotten _____, that whoever _____ in Him should not _____ but have _____ life” (John 3:16).

#1) The greatest love because of _____ loved. “For _____ so loved.” “What is _____ that You are _____ of Him, and the Son of Man that you did _____ him” (Psalm 8:4). “God is _____” (I John 4:8). “In this is _____, not that _____ loved God, but that _____ loves us” (I John 4:10).

#2) The greatest love because of _____ He loved. “For God so loved the _____.” “For when we were without _____, in due time, Christ died for the _____. For scarcely for a _____ man will one die; perhaps for a _____ man, some would even dare to die. But _____ demonstrates His own _____ toward us, in that while we were still _____, Christ _____ for us” (Romans 5:6-8).

#3) The greatest love because of how _____ He loved. “For God _____ loved the world.” “Behold what _____ of love the Father has bestowed on us” (I John 3:1).

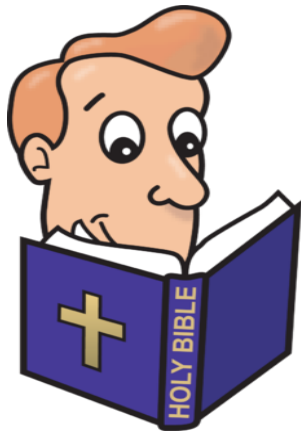
#4) The greatest love because of what He was willing to _____. “God so loved the world that He _____ His only begotten _____.” “In this the love of God was _____ toward us, that God has _____ His only _____ son into the world, that we may _____ through Him... This is love, not that we _____ God, but that He _____ us, and sent His Son to be the _____ for our sins” (I John 4:9-10). “By this we _____ love, because He _____ down His _____ for us; and we also ought to lay down our lives for the _____” (I John 3:16).

#5) The greatest love because of the _____ of that love; how _____ He loves. “That _____ believes in Him shall not perish.” “Behold, I stand at the door and _____: if _____ hears My voice and opens the door, I will _____ to him” (Rev. 3:20). “The _____ and the Bride say _____. Let him who hears say “_____.” Let him who _____ come. Whoever _____ let him take of the water of life _____” (Rev. 22:17).

#6) The greatest love because of what He saves us _____. “Whoever _____ in Him shall not _____.” “The wages of sin is _____ but the _____ of God is _____ life” (Romans 6:23).

#7) The greatest love because of what He desires to _____ us. “Shall not perish but have _____ life” “In Him was _____ and the life was the _____ of men” (John 1:4). “Eye has not _____, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the _____ of man the things which God has _____ for those who _____ Him” (I Cor. 2:9). “An _____, incorruptible and _____ and that does not _____ away, _____ in Heaven for you” (I Peter 1:4).

#8) The greatest love because of the only thing that He _____. “Whoever _____ in Him.” “Faith, if it does not have _____ is _____” (James 2:17). “Go into all the world and preach the _____ to every creature. He that _____ and is _____ shall be _____” (Mark 16:15-16).



What Does Reading Do For You?

The National Geographic Magazine informs us that a mystery intrigues, a biography inspires, but no reading moves us like that of a love letter.

A love letter's salutation, contents and closing quickens our hearts. Every line is important to us because it is written with love and received with love.

When we think of reading, this is exactly how we should approach the Bible, for it is written to us as a love letter. It is written heart to heart, mind to mind, and soul to soul. It is written to us by the great lover of lovers, God Himself.

The Bible is written to reveal God's marvelous love for us. Certainly it is true that we read the Bible for instructions in life and godliness. It is also true that we read the Holy Scriptures to discern proper doctrine according to the will of God. It's also true that we must read the word of God to obtain faith. And, it is absolutely true that we must read the Bible in order to know of God's everlasting love for us.

Are you hungering for something to move you? Why not spend some time reading your Bible and enjoy the original love story. A great place to start is the book of Hosea. There the Lord declares His everlasting love for His children.

Bulletin Digest

March Birthdays-Anniversaries

March 4 - Gary Herridge, Paul Hoover

March 5 - Haylee Smith, Cody Young

March 6 - Gavin Hilliard, Kayla Inman, Chris Mullins, Kelsay Proffitt

March 7 - Harvery Caplinger Sr.

March 11 - Malorie Fleak

March 12 - Penny Eddy

March 13 - Patty Dawson, Allie Moore

March 14 - Jim Galloway

March 15 - Mark Dean, Anthony Hilliard, Lindsey Proffitt, Paul Saunders

March 16 - Dennis Keller, *Bill & Kay Mills

March 18 - Billie Coe

March 21 - Sheila Deems

March 22 - Barbara Cramlet

March 23 - Mike Lucas

March 24 - Justin Moore

March 26 - Sherry Hoover, Ted Miller, Dawn Mullins

March 27 - *Stan & Debi Inman

March 28 - Kathleen Albright, Donovan Walton

March 29 - Rob Hoover, Teresa Wade

March 30 - *Scott & Gwen Johnson

March 31 - Scott Smith, Norma Vaught



*Anniversary

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



Thanks to all who helped with our Blood Drive this week. Betty Lamb, Sandy Hughes, Bill & Mary Lemley, Tammy Kerns, Karen Life, Jo Goldsmith and the Hershman's for the cookies!

We had a total of 27 donors with a goal of 39.

In appreciate to all,
Marion Goldsmith

Youth Section

Area Wide Monday Devotionals

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

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February 26 - 28

CYC Pigeon Forge, TN



Events in March

March 6 - Travelling youth group at Rosemar

March 11 -12 - North End Youth Rally

March 18-19 - Stark County Youth Rally

March 24 - 27 - Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand - a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me, you lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people, and you don't have the brains to realize you will never amount to anything. Yes, I know you."

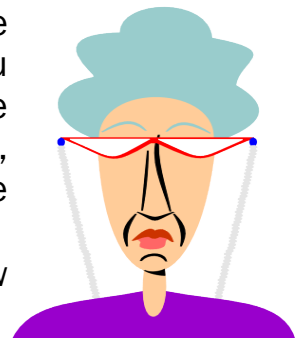
The stunned lawyer, not knowing what else to do, asked, "Do you know the defense attorney?"

Why yes, she replied. "I've also known him since he was a youngster. He too has been a real disappointment. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. Yes, I know him."

At this point the judge called both counselors to the bench and in a quiet, menacing voice said, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be in jail for contempt!"

God knows all about us too! In Revelation Jesus says, "I know your works." It is a sobering thought to know we will stand before the great Judge who knows all that we have done. May that knowledge help us live righteous lives!

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, February 21

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE—Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM—Kyle Inman

PM—Breck Hesselrode

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Merrill

Close—Rick Stanley

6:00 PM—Scott Smith

Close—Jon Hescht

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kevin Cochran

PM—Kody Inman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bill Mills

PM—Ryan Gaston

Dennis Keller

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Herb Wright
 2—Donovan Walton
 4—Joyce Wright

PM Door

1. Barry Hupp & Dustin Hughes
2. Leon & Judy Hupp
3. Paul & Nancy Inman
4. Chris & Patty Mullins
5. Richard & Lorna Marshall
6. Bob & Gala Miller



THE GOSPEL WILL DO

Maybe at times we think, we don't have enough to bring lost souls to Jesus. So maybe we need better Bible tracts, better flyers and advertising our endeavors, better evangelistic programs, better turnouts by our members, and while all these things may be true they are not needed to save the lost. The gospel will do (Romans 1:16). Go setup a Bible study. Talk to someone about the Plan of Salvation.

Borrowed



Happy 50th Anniversary to
Richard and Lorna Marshall this Friday!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Facts and Figures

February 7, 2016

AM Service.....285

Bible Study.....221

PM Service.....218

Wednesday.....170

Contribution\$8535.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....1

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....4

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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

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.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
leave Friday at 6:30
for the sing at the
Hopewell
congregation.

Everyone is invited to join us!