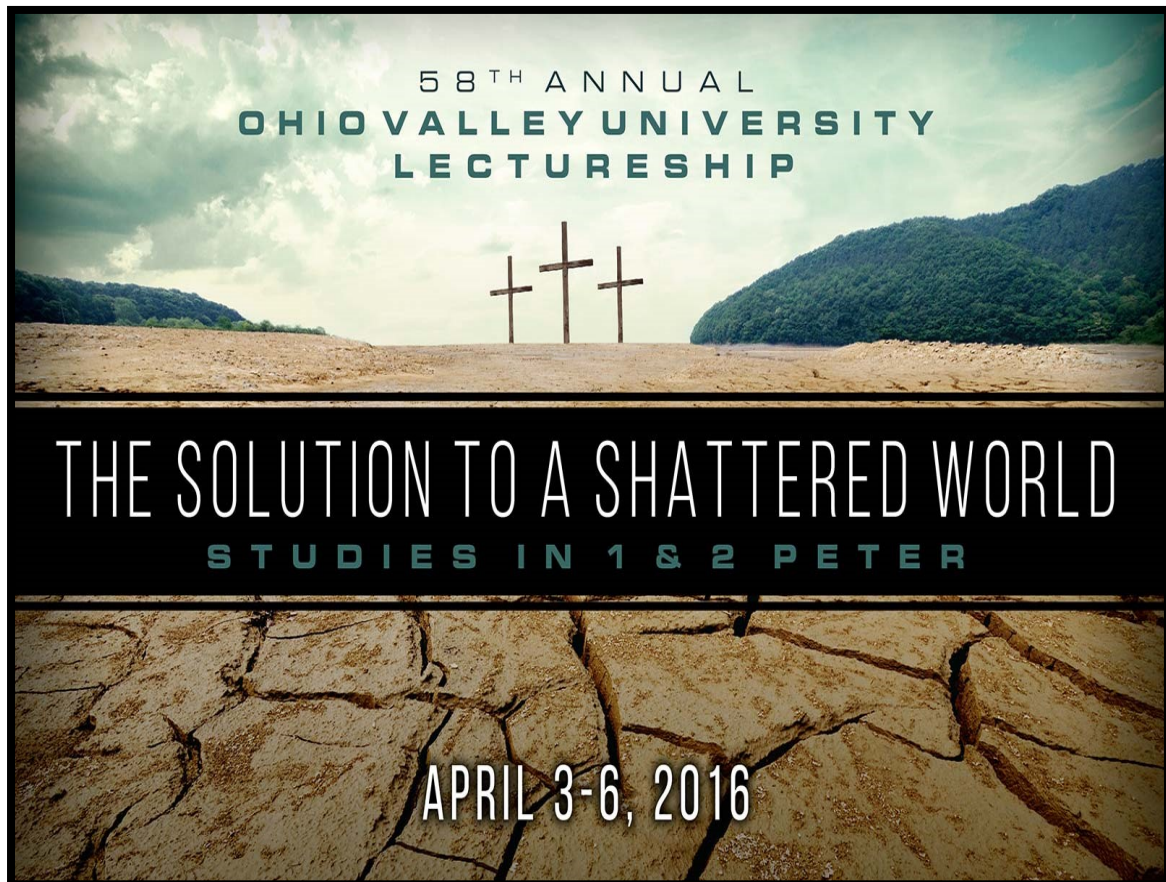


# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

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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The 58<sup>th</sup> Ohio Valley University Lectureship Series will be held April 3-6, 2016 on the university's main campus in Vienna, W.Va.

The theme for the annual event is **"A Solution to a Shattered World"** and will focus on God's power in a broken world.

Over the four-day event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear dynamic keynote speakers, learn about having hope in dark times and participate in breakout sessions and classes. The event is free and open to the public.

Information is on the foyer bulletin boards.

**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  
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Never let  
yesterday use up  
too much of  
today.



- ♥ Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. **Billie Coe**
- ♥ Thanks for your cards and encouragement... **Walter Morgan**
- ♥ Thank you for all the B-Day cards. They were greatly appreciated. **Donovan**
- ♥ I appreciate all the lovely gifts and cards for my 88th birthday. Thank you for all the kindness that you show me. **Kathleen Albright**
- ♥ Thank you for my birthday cards. I really appreciated them. **Barbara Cramlet**



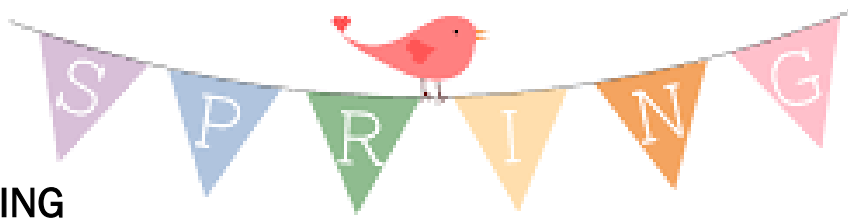
Jim Hughes continues recuperating at home following back surgery. Keep him in your prayers and with cards to let him know we love and miss him.

**Remember our church family in your prayers.**

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Gene & Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell

**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), Bob and Mike Boyce, Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Goodwin, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), 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), Margaret Wilcox and Carolyn Wilcox (Health issues; Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



### **DEACON'S MEETING**

The deacons will meet today at 5:00.

### **LLL RECOGNITION**

Everyone is invited to the LLL recognition after services this evening in the MP Room. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

### **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room tomorrow evening - 5:45 for dinner and 6:30 for work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend.

### **MID OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY**

The Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day will be April 9 from 8:00AM-1:00PM at the 36th Street congregation in Vienna. The day will begin with registration and breakfast and end with a luncheon. The overall theme is "For Such a Time As This". The idea is to present different seasons of our lives as women. Speakers and topics include: **Sally Shank** - Children, **Cecelia Goff**- Jobs, **Kay Grose** - Maturity, **Becky Kidder** - Missions and Keynote speaker, **Teri Copen** - Worthy.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

### **GOLDEN AGER - YOUTH EVENT AT LOVE AND CARE**

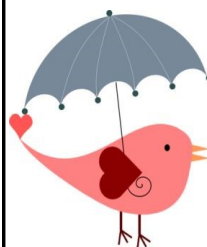
The Golden Agers and youth (6th grade and above) will have a fun evening with the residents at Love and Care Friday, April 29 at 6:00. Sign-up sheets on the counter for food items and attendance count.

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Jared and Esther Rockhold in the birth of their son, Jace Clay Rockhold. He was born March 2 weighing 7 pounds-12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches. They reside in Oklahoma. Grandparents are Roger and Ann Rockhold

#### **Daily Bible Reading**

**April 3** - Luke 6:27-49, Joshua 1-4  
**April 4** - Luke 7:1-17, Joshua 5-7  
**April 5** - Luke 7:18-50, Joshua 8-9  
**April 6** - Luke 8:1-18, Joshua 10-12  
**April 7** - Luke 8:19-39, Joshua 13-14  
**April 8** - Luke 8:40-56, Joshua 15-16  
**April 9** - Luke 9:1-27, Joshua 17-18  
**April 10** - Luke 9:28-45, Joshua 19-20



We have been asked to remember  
Ralph Conner with prayers and cards as he faces health issues.

Ralph Conner  
c/o Arbors of Marietta  
400 N 7th Street  
Marietta, OH 45750



# DANA'S DIRECTION

## “The church will grow when . . .”

Several years ago, at a leadership retreat I was attending, Charles Hodge announced that the topic for his series of lessons would be “How to double the church in one year.” You should have heard the notebooks snap open! Everybody, it seems, is looking for the secret to church growth. Just tell us what programs we should initiate that will make it happen!

While it is true that most congregations could be better organized and consistent in doing the Lord's work, there isn't really a set “program” that can guarantee the church will grow. Brethren, we are the church! The church grows more because of who we are than it does because of what we do. The church will grow when we as individual Christians grow. When the great church at Jerusalem was scattered by persecution, it did not keep it from growing. Why? Because the individual Christians who were scattered “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Any congregation of dedicated and enthusiastic Christians will grow, with or without a program. We are the secret to church growth! Brother Hodge made the five following points:

**The church will grow when we love.** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31) People will be drawn to us when they see that we love the Lord; we love them; we love the lost; and we love our church!

**The church will grow when we give.** Our concern for something is in direct relation to our investment. I'm not really all that concerned for how the IBM Company is doing. That would be different if I worked for them or was a major stock-holder. When we give ourselves to the Lord – totally – there is no question that we will support His church financially. The assets available to the church should be sum total of the assets of its members. If we really believed that – the church would never lack the financial ability or manpower to accomplish any good work.

**The church will grow when we promote.** When we are really sold on something, we don't have to be persuaded to tell others. We have all known people who were almost evangelistic in their promotion of a particular brand of vitamin or cleaning solution. I met a lady who worked with one of our members. She said “I almost feel that I've been there. All she does is talk about her church!” Each Christian should be an “ambassador for Christ;” a living, walking advertisement for the Lord and His church.

**The church will grow when we fellowship.** Who wouldn't be drawn by a church that really “feels like family?” A church where members are loved, supported, accepted and cared for. Jesus said “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

**The church will grow when we invite people to come.** The simplest “program” for church growth, is actually the most effective. When studies have been made of why people have chosen the church to which they belong, the results have been very informative. Yes, a few people have chosen a church because the building is nice or in a convenient location. Some attend where they do because they like the preacher. A few have been drawn because of church activities and programs. But, the vast majority of people in any church are there because of the influence of another member. Somebody invited them to church! This form of evangelism is as old as the church. When Andrew found Jesus, he went and got his brother Peter. Phillip went and got Nathaniel. (John 1:40-51) Who have you invited?

Inviting others is something that we can all do. If we would all just reach out to our own circle of associates, family members, and friends! If every single week we would invite people until somebody agreed to come with us to church! When they come they will be able to see the love, and fellowship, and commitment that we have to the Lord and His church.

This really is the only way the church will grow – one at a time – when each of us lives a life of dedicated service to the Lord.

# I am my brother's Keeper: (Romans 12:9-18)



**Am I my Brother's keeper?** Then the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Where is Abel your \_\_\_\_\_?" He said "I do not know, am I my brother's \_\_\_\_\_?" And He said "What have you done? The voice of your \_\_\_\_\_ blood cries out from the ground" (Gen. 4:9,10). **When Cain asked "Am I my brother's keeper?" God's answer was \_\_\_\_\_!**

**We must recognize that we are \_\_\_\_\_.** Jesus said that God's people are a \_\_\_\_\_. "Who is My mother and who are My \_\_\_\_\_? Here are My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_! For whoever does the \_\_\_\_\_ of My \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven is My \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and mother" (Matthew 12:48-50). **Paul tells Timothy that the church is a family.** "I write so you may know how you ought to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God" (I Tim. 3:15). **Jesus considers us to be His \_\_\_\_\_.** "For both He who \_\_\_\_\_ and those who are being \_\_\_\_\_ are all one, for which reason He is not \_\_\_\_\_ to call them \_\_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 2:11).

**As brethren, we must \_\_\_\_\_ one another.** Jesus stated "A \_\_\_\_\_ commandment I give to you, that you \_\_\_\_\_ one another, as I \_\_\_\_\_ you, that you also love one another. By this all will \_\_\_\_\_ that you are My \_\_\_\_\_, if you have love for one \_\_\_\_\_" (John 13:34-35). **Paul wrote** "He who \_\_\_\_\_ another has fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 13:8).

**Our relationship in the family of God.** "Therefore if there is any \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, any comfort of love, any \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, any \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy; fulfill my joy being \_\_\_\_\_, having the same \_\_\_\_\_, being of one \_\_\_\_\_, of one mind. Let nothing be done through \_\_\_\_\_ ambition or \_\_\_\_\_, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem \_\_\_\_\_ better than himself; let each of you look out not only for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the \_\_\_\_\_ of others" (Philippians 2:1-4).

## Evaluating our role as our brother's keeper:

**#1) When one becomes a brother do we \_\_\_\_\_ them into the family?** "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ one another, just as Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ us" (Romans 15:7).

**#2) Do we \_\_\_\_\_ our brother or put \_\_\_\_\_ blocks in his way?** "Be an \_\_\_\_\_ to the believers in \_\_\_\_\_, in conduct, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in faith, in purity" (I Tim.4:12).

**#3) Do we \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_ or rule over them. We are here to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and support one another.** "Love does not \_\_\_\_\_ in its own \_\_\_\_\_" (I Corinthians 13:5). "Submit to one \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21).

**#4) Will we \_\_\_\_\_ our brother, or expect to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Him?** "I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_ that you should \_\_\_\_\_ as I have done to you... A \_\_\_\_\_ is not greater than his \_\_\_\_\_, nor is he who is sent greater than He who \_\_\_\_\_ him" (John 13:14-16).

**#5) Our purpose in coming together: to encourage.** "And let us \_\_\_\_\_ one another in order to stir up \_\_\_\_\_ and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). "Exhort one another \_\_\_\_\_"(Hebrews 3:13).



## THANK YOU

This past weekend the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes group traveled to our annual convention in Louisville KY. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our kids! The growth that they have shown over the past year is encouraging to all of the adults involved in this process. This would not be possible without the support of the entire congregation. I would like to thank all who have helped our group in the past year. There are too many people to name that are vital to our success. No matter how great or small the task is the congregation always supports us. We are going to have a recognition celebration after evening services today. Come and see all our kids have accomplished this year.

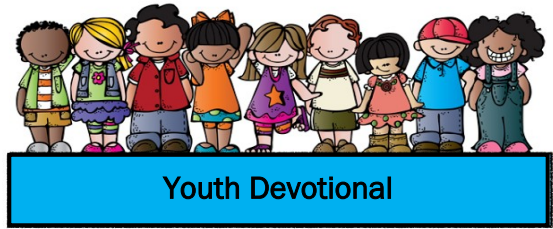
Todd Kirk



Representatives from *Lifetouch* will be taking photographs for our church directory:

- Tuesday, May 3 2:00PM-9:00PM
- Wednesday, May 4 11:00AM-6:00PM
- Thursday, May 5 2:00PM - 9:00PM
- Friday, May 6 2:00PM-9:00PM
- Saturday, May 7 10:00AM-5:00PM

Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyers.



### Devotional for 5th Grade and younger

There will be a devotional for the 5th grade and younger  
Sunday, April 10 after evening services.



### 30th Annual Bible Bowl

Gary Herridge has selected the books of Daniel and Hosea for this year's Bible Bowl. The 1st-6th grade will only cover the book of Daniel.

The Bible Bowl will be held here Saturday, September 17.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Have you ever wondered why your children seem to grow up so fast? It seems like yesterday they were babies and then suddenly they are off to college or some job.

Children are such a precious gift from God, and each day we have with our children is a blessing. However, for some, children are a hassle to be endured. This view says more about the attitude of the parent than the value of the child. Children are children and we cannot expect them to think or act as adults. They must learn so many little lessons in life in order to grow to full maturity. They will make plenty of mistakes in their lives, some through no fault of their own and some out of spite. And children are expensive. Daily, they require lots of time, energy, and money. Parenting is not for the lazy, the timid, or the selfish.

But rather than be down on children, we all need remember that someone took a 20 year to raise US! David said, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3)

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





## LOCAL GOSPEL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, April 10

ELDER IN CHARGE—Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE—Keith Smith

#### SONG LEADERS

AM—Brent West

PM—Breck Hesselrode

#### PRAYER

9:30 AM—Sean Plant

Close—John Hall

6:00 PM—Jon Hescht

Close—Scott Smith

#### SCRIPTURE

AM—Brandon Sheppard

PM—Bob Miller

#### COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Chris Tallman

PM—Stan Inman

Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

#### April 3 - 6

Hopewell Church of Christ  
Gospel Meeting and Friends Day

Speaker: Clarence DeLoach

#### April 8-10

6th & Washington Church of Christ

Speaker: Don Craighead

#### April 10-13

West Union Church of Christ

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

#### April 10-13

North End Church of Christ

Speaker: Andy Robison

#### April 10-15

Hillview Terrace Church of Christ

Speaker: Mike Phillips

#### April 17-20

Ullman Street Church of Christ in Beverly, OH

Speaker: Bob Vincent

#### April 9

25th Annual

Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day

36th Street Church of Christ

#### April 9

28th Annual Golden Agers Day

New Concord Church of Christ

Speakers: Tom & Louann Arnold

#### April 9

Ladies Tea at 6th & Washington congregation

#### April 22-23

2016 Men's Retreat

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pre-registration only...due by April 15

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#### May 21 - 22

Upcoming events at  
Camden Avenue . . .

Family Seminar with Chip Pugh

#### September 11-14

Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach

### The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include  
Delmas Carr,  
Braden Hesselrode,  
Bill Hoover and  
Todd Kirk.

### Facts and Figures

March 27, 2016

AM Service.....304

Bible Study.....183

PM Service.....219

Wednesday.....192

Contribution .....\$5642.00

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....2

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.....7:00

### Friday Night Sing



Transportation will  
leave at 6:15 Friday for  
the sing at the  
Harmar Hill  
congregation.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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

April 10 - FAITH ALONE?