

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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Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

Keep our LLL group in your prayers. They will leave for the convention in Louisville, KY Thursday and arrive back next Sunday evening.

Everyone is invited to the LLL Showcase today in the MP Room following the Men's meeting. Come view the projects and encourage the students.

More information on page 6.

Elders:

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

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Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Rob Hoover
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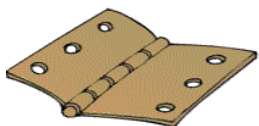
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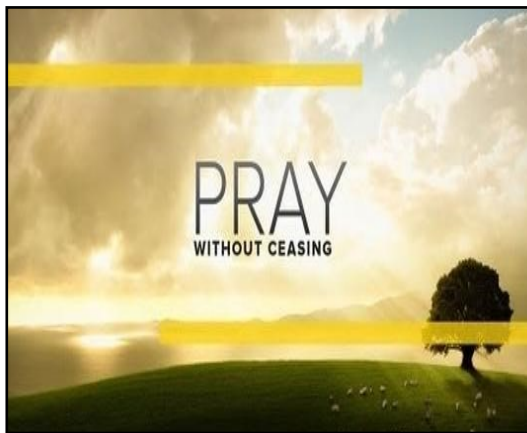
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Little things are the
hinges on which
great results turn.



- ♥ We want to thank everyone who sent us birthday cards. They brightened our day. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the birthday cards I received. I appreciated each one of them. In Christian Love, **Paul Saunders**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards I received. **Mark Dean**
- ♥ To our church family, Thanks, along with much appreciation, for the many birthday cards. God bless all, **Penny Eddy**



Jim Hughes had surgery in
Mt. Albany, OH.
Remember him with cards and in
your prayers.

Cards may be sent to:
3309 North Avery Street
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Russ Alton, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery,
Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jim Hughes, Walter Morgan, Gene & Peggy Phillips,
Jane Pralley, Ray Sams, Eleanor Slingluff (She is in Marietta Center.)

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)



MEETINGS TODAY

Men's meeting, Ladies' meeting and Bible Busters today at 4:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Everyone is invited to MNFTM tomorrow evening in the MP Room. Dinner at 5:45 with work assignments at 6:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items. Please sign if you plan to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:30 in the MP Room. Sheet is on the counter for attendance count. Ecclesiastes 5 will be discussed.

DEACON'S MEETING RESCHEDULED

The deacon's will not meet next Sunday. They will meet Sunday, April 3 at 5:00.

MARCH BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the monthly Birthday-Anniversary celebration in the MP Room following evening services March 27. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. Care Group 4 will be in charge of the clean up.

MONTHLY SING AT LOVE AND CARE

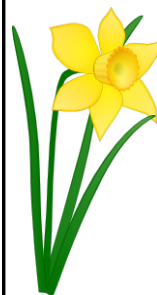
Please make plans to attend the sing at Love and Care next Monday evening at 7:00.

CARD SHOWER

Angela Nelson recently had back surgery and is home recuperating. She would enjoy cards of encouragement. Her address is: 2567 St. Rt. 555, Little Hocking, OH 45742. She is a member at the Sunrise congregation.

Daily Bible Reading

March 20 - Mark 15:21-47, Deuteronomy 3-4
March 21 - Mark 16, Deuteronomy 5-6
March 22 - Luke 1:1-25, Deuteronomy 7-9
March 23 - Luke 1:26-56, Deuteronomy 10-11
March 24 - Luke 1:57-80, Deuteronomy 12-14
March 25 - Luke 2:1-24, Deuteronomy 15-17
March 26 - Luke 2:25-52, Deuteronomy 18-20
March 27 - Luke 3:1-18, Deuteronomy 21-22



May 21 - 22

Family Seminar with Chip Pugh

September 11-14

Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach



DANA'S DIRECTION

"A chicken in every pot"

Every time an election cycle rolls around, the candidates seem to try to out-do one another by making promises. "Free healthcare, better education, full employment, lower taxes, greater benefits, better military – but bring them home, energy independence, etc., etc., etc." The practice of "say anything to get elected" isn't new. In 1928 Herbert Hoover, campaigning on a platform of economic prosperity, ran on the promise that every American would not only have a "chicken in every pot," but a "car in every garage" as well! He was elected – The Great Depression began the next year.

To say that most voters are skeptical of all of these promises is an understatement. A recent survey showed that 92% of them do not think any of the candidates will keep all of their promises. In fact, only 37% thought that they would even try!

Isn't it wonderful to know, that as Christians, we are serving a God whose promises will come true? God's promises are guarantees – how do we know? God is truth. It is impossible for God to lie! (Hebrews 6:17) Knowing that God's promises are certain and true gives us hope – something which we can cling to in an uncertain world – "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." (Hebrews 6:18-19)

And God has made some tremendous promises to us if we will but love and serve Him. Peter states that He, through His divine power "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us **great and precious promises.**" (II Peter 1:3-4) What are some of these promises? The greatest blessings promised by God are certainly the spiritual blessings that are found only in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-13) In that passage Paul includes the promises of **redemption, forgiveness of sins, an eternal inheritance, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.** That alone demands that we take a closer look at the things God has prepared for those who love Him. (I Corinthians 2:9)

In proclaiming the gospel, Jesus promised **salvation** to those who believe and are baptized. (Mark 16:15-18) Peter's first preaching of this good news stated that those who repent and are baptized will receive **the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" (Acts 2:32) Knowing that we stand in a right relationship with God gives us a **peace that passes all understanding.** (Philippians 4:7)

For the Christian God has promised that He will **hear and answer our prayers** (John 14:13-14), including the prayer for **wisdom.** (James 1:5). God has promised **His providential care** – "all things work together for good" – to those who love and serve Him. (Romans 8:28) He has promised that **the needs and necessities of our lives** will be met if we "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:31-33) Most importantly, of course, is the promise that God has made to those He has saved and who remain faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10) of a **home in heaven.** (John 14:1-3) **What great and precious promises!** These are the promises that give us meaning to our lives and the hope, yes the assurance, of eternal life.

"Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. I'm standing on the promises of God."

“The Christian Citizen” (Romans 13:1-7)



“Let every soul be _____ to the governing _____. For there is no authority except from _____, and the _____ that exist are _____ by God.” (Rom. 13:1) “Therefore you must be _____ not only because of _____ but also for _____ sake. For because of this you also pay _____, for they are God’s _____ attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all the _____: taxes to whom _____, customs to whom _____, fear to whom _____, honor to whom _____.” (Rom. 13:5-7)

Our first duty as a Christian citizen is to _____ to those who rule. “Therefore _____ yourselves to every _____ of man for the _____ sake, whether to the _____ as supreme, or to _____ or to those who are sent by him...for this is the _____ of God. (I Peter 2:13-14,15)

The reason we are to submit is because the authorities that exist are _____ by God. Daniel submitted to _____ but told him that “The Most _____ rules in the _____ of men, and gives it to _____ He will.” (Dan. 4:17) “He _____ kings and _____ up kings.” (Dan. 2:21) Jesus submitted to _____ judgment but told him “You could have no _____ against me if it had not been _____ to you from _____.” (John 19:11) To resist the government is to resist _____. “Therefore whoever _____ the authority resists the _____ of God, and those who resist will bring _____ on themselves.” (Rom. 13:2)

Those who are in authority are _____ of God. They exist to _____ those who do good. “Rulers are not a _____ to _____ works, but to _____. Do you want to be _____ of the authority? Do what is _____, and you will have _____ from the same.” (Rom. 13:3) **They exist to _____ those who do evil.** “But if you do evil, be _____; for he does not bear the _____ in vain; for he is God’s _____, an _____ to execute _____ on him who practices evil.” (Rom. 13:4)

There is an _____ to this rule. “We must _____ God rather than man.” (Acts 5:29) **Even then, we may break only the law that is designed to _____ us to disobey God, we have no authority to break other _____ to protest the unjust law.**

Our second duty as a Christian citizen is to _____ what is due. “For because of this you also pay _____, for they are God’s _____ attending continually to this very thing.” (Rom.13:6) “Render to all their _____; _____ to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; fear to whom _____; honor to whom honor.” (Rom.13:7)

Our third duty as a Christian citizen is to _____. “For kings and all who are in _____, that we may lead a _____ and peaceable life in all _____ and _____. For this is good and _____ in the sight of God our Savior.” (I Tim.2:2-3)



This Thursday we will leave for our convention in Louisville. This is the culmination of year of hard work that our kids have put forth. You can see much of what our kids have done this year this afternoon at our Showcase. We will get started right after the men's meeting is completed. If you have opportunity please plan on coming and show the group how proud of them you are. I would like to thank all of the direct adult support that we receive each year from our event coordinators. This would not be possible without the help of so many adults! There is a list posted on the youth Bulletin Board by the office. Stop by and see the adults that make this happen each year. Lastly I would like to thank Bill Mills for all of the direction he gives to this work. Yes Bill has retired from the Eldership but he is just as involved as ever. The leadership and love he has shown to this group is second to none. It is a great honor to work with Bill each year.

Todd Kirk

Madison Taberner

Hostess Volunteer
Art Says It – Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Year Round Bible Reading/Study
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle
Year Round Songs of Praise
Group Banner
Keepers

Hayden Moser

Debate
Know the Books
Good Samaritan
Speech
Jordan Kirk
Debate
Good Samaritan
Group Banner
Year Round Songs of Praise
Group Scrapbook
Songs of Praise – Winner Circle
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Alex Saunders

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan
Group Scrapbook

- Everyone is invited to view the projects and encourage the students at the LLL Showcase today in the MP Room following the meetings.
 - Items are still needed for the LLL picnic. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.
- If you would like to make a monetary donation to send students to the LLL convention, please see Bill Mills or Todd Kirk.



Whose Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

(Thank you to Gilbert Hardman for sharing this.)



YOUTH EVENTS

March 24 - 27

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes

Saturday, April 2

The Mineral Wells congregation will have a youth day for teens from 9:30-3:00 Saturday, April 2. Speakers include Ryan Currey, Terry Jones and Andy Robison.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

While President Harry S. Truman was in office, there was an attempt made to assassinate him. Endeavoring to protect the President, one of his guards was killed. With deep sadness, the President commented, "You can't understand how a man feels when somebody else dies for him."

I would think, after such an experience, that the remainder of Truman's life would become very special. After all, without the self-sacrifice of that guard, the President would not have had those remaining years of life. Each day would seem very precious, because of it's having been purchased for him by the shedding of another man's blood.

Does this sound familiar? Does the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ, have the same kind of meaning for us? Can we really understand what it means to have someone die - choose to sacrifice their life - so that we might have the opportunity for eternal life? Jesus did do this for us. Once we truly understand, the remainder of life takes on a new and different meaning, just like it did for president Truman!

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

JESUS
he died for you
& me!

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, March 27

ELDER IN CHARGE—Ron Riddle

DEACON IN CHARGE—Todd Kirk

SONG LEADERS

AM—Brian Haught

PM—Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Dearll Vincent

Close—Mike Wade

6:00 PM—Ryan Gaston

Close—Don Gaston

SCRIPTURE

AM—Delmas Carr

PM—Cody Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Jimmy Galloway

PM—Keith Smith

Steve Moser

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Bill Davis
 2—Cody Hoover
 4—Carolyn Davis

PM Door

1. Kyle & Sarah Inman
2. Gary Alton & Barry Hupp
3. Delmas Carr & Dustin Hughes
4. Justin & Allie Moore
5. Mary Daniel & Melva Farris
6. Ryan Gaston & Donovan Walton

Facts and Figures

March 13, 2016

AM Service.....276

Bible Study.....193

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....221

Contribution\$10593.00

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



March 20-25

Pennsboro Church of Christ

Speaker: Phil Grear

March 20-25

Spencer Church of Christ

Speaker: Steven Haguewood

April 10-13

West Union Church of Christ

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

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 3-6

58th Annual OVU Lectureship

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 22-23

2016 Men's Retreat

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pre-registration only...due by April 15

FLYERS OF THESE EVENTS ON THE FOYER BULLETIN BOARDS

Friday Night Sing

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sing schedules are in the foyers.

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

March 27 - YOUR DESTINY