

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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spring
has
sprung!

The heavens declare the
glory of God, and the earth
shows His handiwork.

Psalm 19:1



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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if you don't have time to
pray & read
scriptures,
 you are busier than
God
 ever intended you to be.



Carol Fleak is recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Jim Hughes is recuperating at home following back surgery.

Walter Morgan is recuperating following foot surgery.

Please keep them in your prayers and send them a card.

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

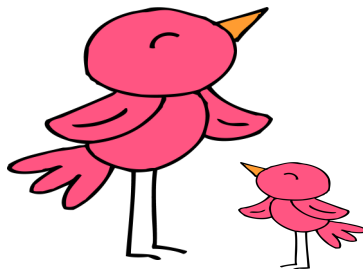
Prayers requested for family and friends:

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)

We extend our condolences to the family of Erma Gore. She passed away Tuesday. Her service was held yesterday at Lambert-Tatman South.



- ♥ Thanks for all the great Birthday cards. They were all appreciated. **Neil Russell**
- ♥ We appreciate all of the lovely anniversary cards. **Bill and Kay Mills**
- ♥ Thank you for all the prayers, cards and acts of kindness during Ray's difficult time. **Ray Sams Family**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I love you all. **Dennis Keller**
- ♥ Nancy and I wish to thank everyone for all the get well, birthday and anniversary cards that we received from last fall until now. We really appreciated all the cards, and get well wishes from our church family. God bless each and every one of you. Thanks again. In Christian Love, **Ira and Nancy Kimes**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciated each one. **Sherry Hoover**
- ♥ Check out the beautiful "springy" bulletin boards in the foyers. Thanks to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk.
- ♥ A special thank you to Sue VanCamp for the communion bread this month.



BAPTISMS

We rejoice that Zachary Taylor was baptized last Friday by Kyle Inman. He is Tammie Wilson's son. His address is: 2503 Beverly Street, Apt. 13A, Parkersburg, WV 26101. He will be in Care Group 3. Also, Janice Skinner was baptized Friday by Ron Riddle. She is a patient at Worthington Care. We welcome them into the Camden Avenue family.

DEACON'S MEETING

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

MARCH BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the Birthday-Anniversary celebration in the MP Room this evening after services. 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 tomorrow evening at 7:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet in the MP Room April 4 at 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.

Jo Langler has requested cards be sent to her aunt. Gert Barnes at 3605 LO-Al Drive, Ravenna, MI 49451. (She will be 90 years old next month and has suffered a fall.)

The Wednesday 11:00 morning class will conclude this week.

It will resume in November.

A special thank you to Dana for the great job he does with this class.



Daily Bible Reading

March 27 - Luke 3:1-18, Deuteronomy 21-22
March 28 - Luke 3:19-38, Deuteronomy 23-25
March 29 - Luke 4:1-15, Deuteronomy 26-27
March 30 - Luke 4:16-44, Deuteronomy 28-29
March 31 - Luke 5:1-16, Deuteronomy 30-31
April 1 - Luke 5:17-39, Deuteronomy 32
April 2 - Luke 6:1-26, Deuteronomy 33-34
April 3 - Luke 6:27-49, Joshua 1-4



DANA'S DIRECTION

“A Day Set Aside—To Honor Jesus”

Today is a day that has been set aside for us to honor Jesus. As we worship today, we will praise Him for His willingness to die on the cross for our sins. We will focus on the Passion of the cross. We will rejoice that He has risen from the grave. We will do these things because this is a special day, set aside, in His memory.

No, I am not referring to Easter! The name Easter never appears in scripture. Its inclusion in the KJV of Acts 12:4 was just that. The translators inserted the word Easter into the text because appointing a single day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus had become the practice of the Catholic Church. The name Easter was actually taken from an annual feast honoring Estre, a Pagan goddess of spring and light. This verse, correctly translated, refers to Passover.

But there is a day that has been set aside to honor Jesus. Near the end of the first century, John, the only apostle still living, had been exiled to the island of Patmos. There he wrote, “I was in the Spirit on the **Lord’s Day**.” (Revelation 1:10) In the original Greek of this text, *Lord’s* is used as an adjective. It is used in the same way we would refer to Veteran’s Day or Martin Luther King Day. The Lord’s Day is a day that has been set aside to remember and honor the Lord.

The first day of the week—Sunday—has always been the day set aside by Christians to honor Jesus. It was the first day of the week—Sunday—that Jesus arose from the grave. From the day Jesus was resurrected, we find Christians assembled every Sunday. The church was established on Pentecost which was observed fifty days after Passover—a Sunday.

In Acts 20:7 we read “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul ready to depart the next day, preached to them.” It is interesting, that although Paul was anxious to return to Jerusalem, he waited in Troas for seven days. Why? Because the first day of the week—Sunday—was the day Christians assembled to observe the Lord’s Supper (the supper observed in the Lord’s memory. (I Corinthians 11:24)

When did Christians assemble to observe the Lord’s Supper? On the first day of the week. How often did they assemble to observe the Lord’s Supper? Every week has a first day! We see this reflected in Paul’s instructions to the Corinthians about giving when they were assembled. “**On the first day of every week** each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.” (I Corinthians 16:2 ESV)

So you see, today is a special day that has been set aside to honor Jesus. We remember His death, burial, and resurrection as we surround the table to commune with Him and with one another. This is done in remembrance of Jesus. Setting aside one Sunday a year to remember Jesus’ death, and calling it Easter, is never commanded of Christians, nor do we find any example of it in the New Testament church.

You could say “isn’t it good that we set aside one Sunday each year to honor Jesus for His death and resurrection?” My question would be “why don’t you honor Him the other 51 ‘first days of the week’?”

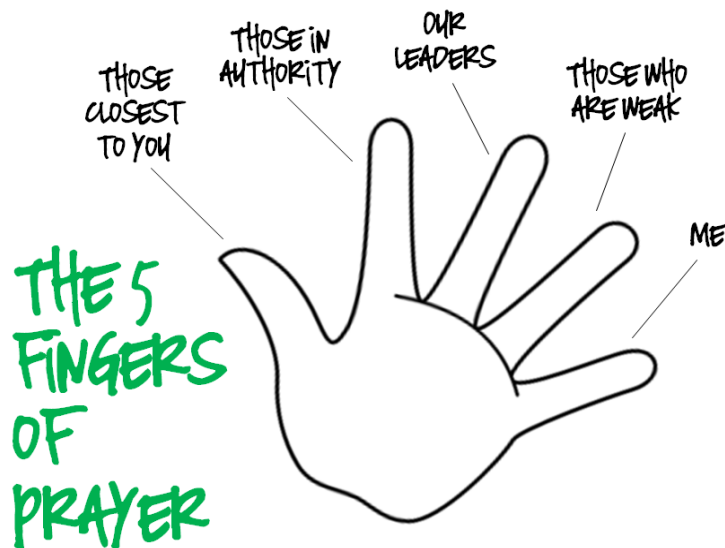
SERMON NOTES

Guest Speaker: Mark Tonkery



Mark Tonkery preaches for the church in Laings, Ohio. He is a graduate of Ohio Valley University and has a Masters Degree from Kentucky Christian. He and his wife, Laura have two daughters Brianna and Samantha. He has served as a teacher and director at Camp Hervida. He is filling in for Dana today who is with our LLL group.

We welcome Mark and his family!



1. **Your thumb is nearest to you.** So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is a “sweet duty”.
2. **The next finger is the pointing finger.** Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes elders, ministers, teachers and doctors. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. **The next finger is the tallest, which reminds us of our leaders.** Pray for the nations leaders, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. Remember, they need God’s guidance too. Pray for our country.
4. **The fourth finger is our ring finger.** Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night.
5. **Lastly comes our little finger;** the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible states, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective. You will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Remember to thank God for our many blessings.



Bob, Paula and Benjamin Franklin

Bob and Paula Franklin have placed their membership with us.

Their son, Benjamin is in the fourth grade at Franklin Elementary.

Bob teaches Senior Civics at Parkersburg High and Paula is a guidance counselor at Parkersburg South.

Bob attended here as a child with his parents and grandparents.

They are in Care Group 1.

We welcome them to the family at Camden Avenue.

Happiness



is filled with sunrays that come from God

Youth Day - Saturday, April 2

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

Our LLL group will return today from the convention in Louisville, KY. Keep them in your prayers.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

A little boy was visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with. He practiced but could never hit the target. Getting discouraged, he headed back home. As he was walking he saw Grandma's pet duck. On an impulse, he let the slingshot fly, and hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked. In panic he hid the dead duck only to see his sister was watching!

Later his grandma said, "Sally let's wash the dishes," but Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen," then she whispered to her brother, "Remember the duck!" After several days of hearing "Remember the duck!", the little boy couldn't stand it any longer. He came to his grandmother and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was watching at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let your sister make a slave of you!



Don't you imagine that God is wondering how long you will let Satan make a slave out of you!

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, April 3

ELDER IN CHARGE—Paul Saunders

DEACON IN CHARGE—Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—Gary Alton

PM—YOUNG MEN

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Len Haid

Close— John Life

6:00 PM—YOUNG MEN

Close—YOUNG MEN

SCRIPTURE

AM—Kevin Inman

PM—YOUNG MEN

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Paul Inman

PM—Russ Alton

Doug Hershman

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Mike Bayer
 2—Wes Cochran
 4—Pam Bayer

PM Door

1. Emma Hershman & Hannah Shears
2. Gary & Sharon Herridge
3. Donovan Walton & Bill Mills
4. Haley Johnson & Malorie Fleak
5. Sonya Hescht & Sherry Wilcox
6. Doug & Alisha Hershman

Facts and Figures

March 20, 2016

AM Service.....276

Bible Study.....200

PM Service.....229

Wednesday.....204

Contribution\$6485.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....4

Schedule of Services

Sunday

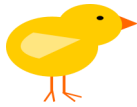
AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

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



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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 10-15

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 9

Ladies Tea at 6th & Washington congregation

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

May 21 - 22

Family Seminar with Chip Pugh

September 11-14

Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach

Upcoming events at
Camden Avenue . . .

Friday Night Sing



The Friday sing will be held at the Rosemar congregation this week at 7:00.

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 3 - BORN IN SIN?