

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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I can do all things through Christ which
strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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

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Steve Gray
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It is not necessary to
blow out the other
person's light in order
to let your own shine!



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 Boyce, Cindy Cleninger, Treva Daggett, Jim Fitcher, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), Bernice McClelland (Friend of Bob and Gala Miller), 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 (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)

Mary Jo Stanley Miller passed away Monday in Cleveland at the age of 92.

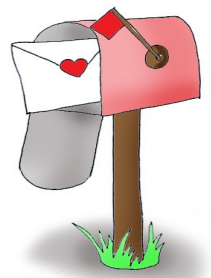
Ralph Conner is staying with his son in Tennessee. Keep him in your prayers and remember him with cards. His address is: 7812 Legacy Park Court, Chattanooga, TN 37421.



Congratulations to Kody and Chelsea Inman in the birth of Amzie Jane Inman, She arrived Thursday, April 7 weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20 inches.

Congratulations to big sister, Maci and grandparents Stan and Debi Inman and Dave and Alisha Fleak.

♥ I've looked at your cards over and over again. Your kind words helped me get through a difficult time. I can never thank you enough for those cards, the encouraging visits, and your prayers. I hope to see you soon. Sincerely, **Jim Hughes**





PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to have Charlene Donahue worshipping with us. She placed her membership Sunday. Her address is: 708 Knopp Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. She will be in Care Group 3. Welcome Charlene into the Camden Avenue family.

MEETINGS TODAY

The Men's meeting, Ladies' meeting and Bible Busters today at 5:00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow evening in the MP Room - 5:45 dinner and 6:30 work assignments. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count. Please sign if you plan to attend. (A special THANK YOU to Herb Wright for preparing the delicious MNFTM meals.)

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacon's will meet next Sunday, April 24 at 5:00.

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the April Birthday-Anniversary get-together in the MP Room next Sunday, April 24 after evening services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

SING AT LOVE AND CARE

Please make plans to attend the sing at Love and Care Monday, April 25 at 7:00PM.

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. Herb will prepare ham, soup beans and homemade biscuits. Sign-up sheets on the counter for food items and attendance count.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 30 in the MP Room at 8:30. John 10 will be discussed. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

BASEBALL TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Rick Stanley still has baseball tickets available for the game August 12 in Cleveland. See him for details.

Daily Bible Reading

April 17 - Luke 12:22-40, Judges 9-10
April 18 - Luke 12:41-59, Judges 11-13
April 19 - Luke 13:1-17, Judges 14-16
April 20 - Luke 13:18-35, Judges 17-19
April 21 - Luke 14:1-14, Judges 20-21
April 22 - Luke 14:15-35, Ruth 1-2
April 23 - Luke 15, Ruth 3-4
April 24 - Luke 16, 1 Samuel 1-3



Amish Heartland Tour



We are planning a backroad, guided Amish culture tour Thursday, May 12.

This will include a meal in an Amish home.

The cost will be \$69 per person.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter.



DANA'S DIRECTION

“Are we living up to our name?”

There is a story that claims a soldier in the army of Alexander the Great was brought before him accused of retreating before the face of the enemy in battle. When Alexander asked his aide what he was accused of, he answered “Cowardice, Sir.” Then Alexander asked his name, and was told, “Alexander, the same as yours.” The great military leader paused for a moment as he glared at the young man, then said: “You there, listen! Either you change your habits or change your name.”

We have an even greater obligation to live up to the name of our great leader, Jesus Christ. We read where the “disciples were first called **Christians** in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). A Christian is one who identifies with Jesus, one who believes in Him, has trusted in Him for salvation, follows Him, and lives according to His teachings. The name Christian was soon the common designation for those who followed Jesus. King Agrippa told Paul, “You almost have persuaded me to be a **Christian**” (Acts 26:28).

As Christians, we are admonished to “have a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called” (Ephesians 4:1). What kind of walk is worthy of the one who calls himself after the name of Jesus? Paul prayed that we “may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10). To be pleasing to the Lord, we must follow His teachings and example. It was said of Jesus “He went about doing good” (Acts 10:38). So will we if we are Christians.

On the other hand, not everyone who claims the name of Jesus will be claimed by Him. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied **in Your name**, cast out demons **in Your name**, and done many wonders **in Your name**?’” “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice iniquity’” (Matthew 7:21-23)

Paul instructs “whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord**” (Colossians 3:17). If we do good in His name, God will be glorified. (Matthew 5:16) If, on the other hand, our lives are filled with sin, it will bring reproach on His name. Paul told the Romans, that because of their hypocrisy and sinfulness, “the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles.” (Romans 2:24) They, like many Christians today, needed to change their name, or change their ways!

“The Lord knows those who are his,” and “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (II Timothy 2:19)

They Went Everywhere Preaching the Word

Acts 8:1-4



“At that time a great _____ arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all _____ throughout the regions of _____ and _____, except the _____” (Acts 8:1). “Therefore those who were _____ went everywhere _____ the _____” (Acts 8:4).

How is the size of the church described in these verses?

- Acts 1:15 _____
- Acts 2:41 _____
- Acts 4:1-4 _____
- Acts 5:12-14 _____
- Acts 6:1 _____

1.) It is not the _____ but the _____ that determines church growth.

2.) Evangelism is every Christian’s _____. “Go and make _____ of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to _____ all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20).

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, _____ these to _____ men who will be able to _____ others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal _____, a holy _____ His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the _____ of Him who has _____ you out of darkness into His marvelous _____” (1 Peter 2:9).

The church will die when evangelism becomes the special _____ of special _____ at special _____.

3.) As Christians we must _____ wherever we _____. Every Christian is a _____ somewhere to _____. “Who knows whether you have come into the _____ for such a _____ as this?” (Esther 4:14)

4.) Christians must go everywhere _____ the _____. People cannot be saved without the _____. “And _____ be ready to give an _____ to everyone who asks you a reason for the _____ that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15).

The Formula for successful Evangelism

Every _____
Every _____
Every _____
Telling _____ about _____!



Priorities in Worship

“Worship” is a familiar term for many, but few of us know much about its origins. This is clear in how we use the term somewhat causally in everyday language. The term originally meant “worth-ship,” that is, to give or recognize the worth of someone or something. We may use it in common speech to indicate affection, but it is really much more than that. Worship is a reverent act of declaring God’s inestimable power, his unparalleled love, and perfect goodness. So how do we do this properly? By keeping a few things in mind:

1. **Be prepared.** Rushing out the door, screaming at the kids to take their breakfast with them and put their shoes on in the car is not being prepared. It is stepping into the church building already having conditioned our minds for the importance of giving God the glory He is due.
2. **Put aside other thoughts.** Things like what we’re having for lunch, last night’s episode of our favorite television show, and whether our belt matches our shoes distracts us more than we might realize. Worship is entering into the presence of God with our fellow believers, and should be treated as such.
3. **Focus our minds.** Keeping our minds on God is vital. Hymns to God should not be sung halfheartedly. We should pay attention in prayers and meditate during the Lord’s Supper.

Distractions will appear, to be sure. A crying infant who refuses to be satisfied or a toddler trying to escape his parents by army-crawling under the pew in front of him are inevitabilities.

Children need to know that our church worship is special. Pack a special bag for church. Small quiet games and toys in the bag that they haven’t played with until that time. Encouraging the children to be involved in the service. They can sing, pray and sit quietly, looking forward.

Remember there are people around you that are worshipping and let’s never be a distraction for others. We need to worship and focus on Him.

As the creator and redeemer of our souls, He is more than worth the effort.

Adapted Bulletin Digest article



Mark Tonkery will be here Sunday, May 1 to preach the morning and evening sermons and teach the auditorium Bible class. We will have a potluck lunch after worship and Bible study. Please bring entrees, covered dish items, desserts and beverages. The Elders are considering him for a second minister position and welcome your feedback.



April 24

Transportation will leave at 5:30 to join the Traveling youth group at New Matamoras. Their service begins at 6:30. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

April 29

Golden Ager - Youth Event at Love & Care for the 6th grade and above. Sign-up sheets are on the counter.

April 30

Spring Formal Night

Hosted by the Sunrise congregation 4PM-10PM

Details on the youth bulletin board by the office or see Jeff.

May 14

6th - 12th graders service project helping with the Postal Food Drive at the church building

May 29

Transportation will leave here at 6:00 to join the Travelling youth group at the Rockport congregation. Service starts at 6:30. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

In May 1995, Randy Reid, a 34-year-old construction worker, was welding on top of a nearly completed water tower outside Chicago. Reid unhooked his safety gear to reach for some pipes when a metal cage slipped and bumped the scaffolding he stood on. The scaffolding tipped, and Reid lost his balance. He fell 110 feet, landing face down on a pile of dirt. A fellow worker called 911. When paramedics arrived, they found Reid conscious, moving, and complaining of a sore back. Apparently the fall didn't cost Reid his sense of humor. As paramedics carried him on a backboard to the ambulance, he requested: "Don't drop me." (Incidentally, Reid came away from the accident with just a bruised lung.)



Sometimes we resemble that construction worker. God protects us from harm in a 110-foot fall, but we're still nervous about three-foot heights. The God who saves us from hell and death can protect us from the smaller dangers we face this week.

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



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 are on the table in the parking lot foyer.

We encourage every member to sign up to have their picture taken. For every family or individual that participates in having their photo taken, we will receive a free directory. Shut-ins who are unable to have their picture taken may submit one. Please see Steve Gray for more information.

LOCAL GOSPEL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 17-20

Ullman Street Church of Christ in Beverly, OH
 Speaker: Bob Vincent

April 22-23

2016 Men's Retreat
CHURCH LEADERSHIP
 Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp, Bergholz, OH

April 23-24

Creations vs. Evolution
 Held at St. Albans High School
 Speaker: David Everson

FLYERS OF THESE EVENTS ON THE FOYER BULLETIN BOARDS

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 5:30 for the sing at the South Logan congregation.

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 24 - CAN CHRISTIANS BE LOST?

Opportunities To Serve Sunday, April 24

ELDER IN CHARGE—Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE—Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life
 PM—Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Gary Herridge
 Close—Kody Inman
 6:00 PM—Bill Merrill
 Close—Jimmy Galloway

SCRIPTURE

AM—Ryan Gaston
 PM—Jeff Taberner

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Bob Smith
 PM—Todd Kirk
 Don Dougherty

PA SYSTEM—Steve Gray

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Galloway crew.

They include
 Jimmy Galloway,
 Ryan Highman,
 Justin Moore and
 Daniel Rich.



Facts and Figures

April 10, 2016

AM Service.....290
 Bible Study.....222
 PM Service.....229
 Wednesday.....192
 Contribution\$7412.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....3
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....1
 Placed Membership....5

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00