

# 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.*

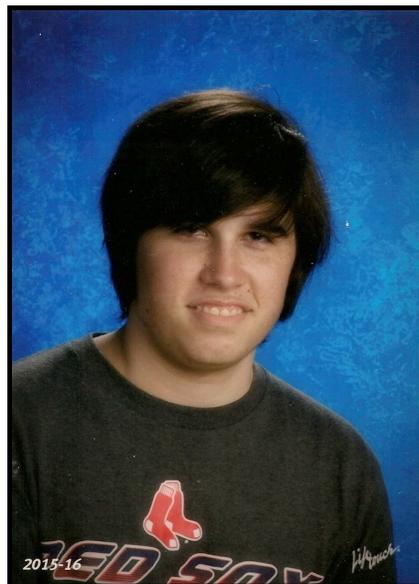
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Kira  
12th Grade  
2015-16

**Kira Miller**

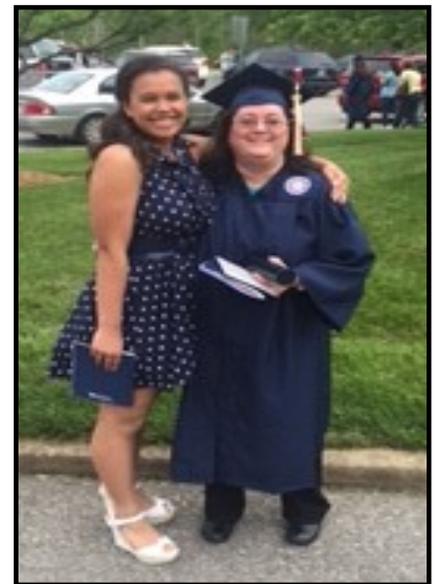
Washington County Career Center  
and Belpre High School



2015-16

**Alex Saunders**

Parkersburg South High School



**Annette Kirk**

Congratulations on furthering your  
college education in nursing!

*Congratulations to these 2016 Graduates!*



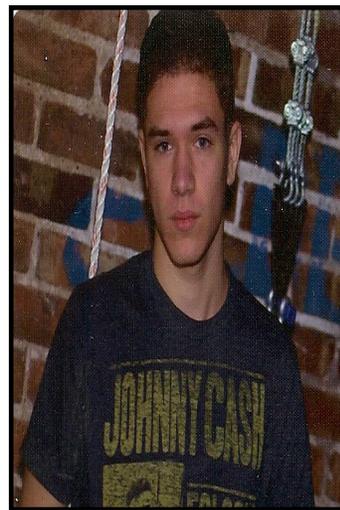
**Danielle Vincent**

Wright State University  
Granddaughter of  
Dearll & Carol Vincent



**Triston Buzzard**

Parkersburg South  
Grandson of Mike & Teresa  
Wade



**Kobe Wade**

Paden City High School  
Grandson of Mike & Teresa  
Wade



**Chase Porter**

Grandson of Ed & Lois Porter  
Will be attending Ohio  
University

**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  
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The love of money may be the root of all kinds of evil, but greed is the fertilizer.



**The Heartland** - Kathleen Albright  
(5501 State Route 60, Marietta, OH 45750)

**OSU Medical Center** - Tammie Wilson



**PRAYERS AND CARDS**



Jay Chevront is home recuperating. No visits at this time.

Jo Goldsmith, Bill Lemley, Lois Nulter and Eloise Smith are recuperating.

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

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Jay Chevront, Peggy Cowdery, Chelsea Doonan, Gloria Frazier, Jo Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Bill Lemley, Lois Nulter, Kathy Plant, 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, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Cindy Cleninger, Michael Cox, Treva Daggett, Harold Haid (Len's brother), Jeff Jones (Holly West's father), Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Jim Rapp, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



- ♥ Thank you to all who sent cards or said Good Wishes for our Anniversary. You made our 43rd very special. In Christina Love, **Delmas & Naomi Carr**
- ♥ Thank you for the holiday and birthday cards. They were all so nice. **Cindy Huxley**
- ♥ I would like to thank each and every one that participated in my bridal shower. It was a beautiful evening with great fellowship. I appreciate all that was done for Tyler and I. In Christian love, **Tori Plant**
- ♥ All of the beautiful cards, phone calls and well wishes have helped to make my recovery from surgery a little easier. Thank you so much for caring. Love, **Jo Goldsmith**
- ♥ Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards. **Jenny Ware**



## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Care Group 3 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

## **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM DONATIONS**

Along with the summer food program we will be sending bags of food items home with the children to eat over the weekend. Items need to have flip tops or be easy to open containers and individual serving size. (Examples: peanut butter/cheese crackers, Goldfish crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit/pudding cups, instant soups, instant mac and cheese, juice boxes, pop tarts, breakfast bars, fruit snacks, etc.) Items may be left in the box in the parking lot foyer.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mark your calendar for our VBS July 6-9.

## **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS**

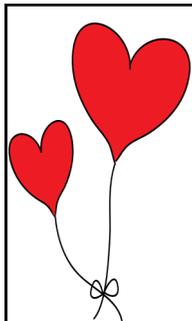
We will be participating in the 2016 Silver for Children Campaign. Money raised through this campaign will take care of the daily needs of the children, such as utilities, clothing, educational fees, transportation, church activities costs, recreation, and the list goes on. They are asking that each family take one coin bank and fill it over the next three to four months. The banks are available in the foyers.

## **BASEBALL TICKETS**

Rick Stanley has baseball tickets available for the game in Cleveland August 12.



Look for ways this week to brighten someone's day....whether it's a smile, holding the door open for someone, sending a card, making a visit or phone call. You can be the sunshine in making someone's day special!



**Happy 50th Anniversary to  
Gary and Sharon Herridge  
June 11!**

What a wonderful Christian example they are to us. We appreciate them and all they do for our congregation and the Lord's work!

## **Daily Bible Reading**

June 5 - John 11:28-57, 1 Kings 15-16  
June 6 - John 12:1-26, 2 Kings 17  
June 7 - John 12:27-50, 2 Kings 18-19  
June 8 - John 13:1-20, 2 Kings 20-11  
June 9 - John 13:21-38, 2 Kings 22-23  
June 10 - John 14:1-14, 2 Kings 24-25  
June 11 - John 14:15-31, 1 Chronicles 1-2  
June 12 - John 15, 1 Chronicles 3-5



## DANA'S DIRECTION

### “The Family”

The family has always been the basic unit of society. Satan always attacks the home, the family. Our drug problem goes far deeper than drugs...it is a failure in the family. Until the family issue is corrected the drug problem will exist. Violence in school, anarchy on the streets, only express failures down at the house!

**The family is still the first “school.”** Parents cannot turn educational responsibilities over to the public schools. Besides, it is too late! Kids don't go to public school until they are five years old. The pre-school training has already formulated them! From birth a child is taught by the family—good or bad! The Bible without apology, talks to fathers concerning their children. Parents, the home, must be as they should.

**The family is the first “hospital.”** Hurt children want “Mommy to kiss their hurt toe.” Refuge, healing, helping belongs in the home. Relationships can only be learned in the home. This is where we learn, “We-be brethren.” We are brothers, sisters. We have a name, a home. A heritage. We must stick together. Relationships can only be learned in the home! Put this one down!

**The family is the first “government.”** The game of life must be played by the rules (Galatians 6:7). Only in the home can one learn authority, obedience, cooperation. Only in the home can one learn the real worth of tradition. One who cannot obey his parents certainly will not obey the teachers, the elders!

**The family is the first “church.”** Moses told parents to teach their children (Deuteronomy 6). Paul told fathers to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6). Parents are responsible for their children not the schools, the cities, the churches.

When the family stands society stands. When the family fails society fails. Bank on it!

# Keep Pressing to the Mark

(Philippians 3:12-16)



## Verses that compare the Christian life to a race:

“But, do you not know that those who run in a \_\_\_\_\_ run all, but \_\_\_\_\_ receives the \_\_\_\_\_? Run in such a way that you may \_\_\_\_\_ it. And everyone who competes for the prize is \_\_\_\_\_ in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable \_\_\_\_\_, but we for an \_\_\_\_\_ crown. Therefore, I run thus: not with \_\_\_\_\_, thus I \_\_\_\_\_, not as one who beats the air... but I \_\_\_\_\_ my body and bring it under \_\_\_\_\_, lest when I have \_\_\_\_\_ to others, I myself, should be \_\_\_\_\_.” (I Corinthian 9:24-27)

“Let us lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ which does so easily beset us, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the race that is set before us, looking to \_\_\_\_\_ the author and finisher of our \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 12:1,2)

“Not that I have already \_\_\_\_\_, or am already \_\_\_\_\_; but I \_\_\_\_\_ on, that I may lay \_\_\_\_\_ of that for which Christ Jesus also laid hold on me. Brethren I do not count myself to have \_\_\_\_\_; but one thing I do, \_\_\_\_\_ those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ and reaching \_\_\_\_\_ to those things which are ahead, I \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14)

## What does it take to win the Christian race?

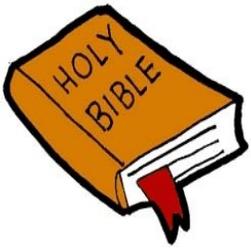
#1) We must never become \_\_\_\_\_.

#2) We must have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. “Seek \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God and His \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 6:33) “I count all things but \_\_\_\_\_ for the excellence of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Philippians 3:8)

#3) we have to put the past \_\_\_\_\_ us. A successful runner – doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ back. “Be \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, and I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.” (Revelation 2:10) “No one, having put his hand to the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ back, is \_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)

#4) We must keep our \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ line. We must keep our eye on the \_\_\_\_\_. “Looking unto \_\_\_\_\_, the author and finisher of our \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 12:1)

#5) We must keep on \_\_\_\_\_ - never, never, never \_\_\_\_\_ up. Just \_\_\_\_\_ the race. “I have \_\_\_\_\_ the good fight, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the faith, there is laid up for me the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ will give me on that day, and not to me only but also to \_\_\_\_\_ who have loved His appearing.” (II Timothy 4:7-8)



# The Measure of Success

Some time ago, I heard a motivational speaker give a talk to a group of young people. In the course of the speech, reference was made to a specific occupation and describing the people that have chosen this career, the speaker said, "They are very successful. They make the big bucks!"

WOW! In a brief, yet succinct way, this person communicated that having lots of money is what makes one successful in life. Of course, there is nothing wrong with having a good job and a good salary. That we are to work to sustain our existence is God's will for us. Paul reminded the Thessalonians, "*For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have the right, but to give you in ourselves and example to imitate. For even when we were you, we would give you this command: if anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat*" (2 Thessalonians 3:7-10). He also reminded Timothy, "*But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*" (1 Timothy 5:8).

There is, however, more to life than this. When one expands his or her view of life to consider eternity, then success must be measured by more than just material prosperity. Jesus said, "*One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*" (Luke 12:15). To His disciples He asked, "*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (Matthew 16:26).

Success from a worldly standpoint is one thing, but in view of heaven and hell, success must be viewed from a spiritual perspective. Nothing can compare to the glory, beauty, and joy of heaven. Nothing can compare to the pain, suffering, and eternity of hell. In the final analysis, success must be defined in light of God's judgment.

There is nothing wrong with being viewed a success by your peers, whether in a career, finances, or lifestyle, if Christ is Lord of these things in your life. Without Him, none of these things can be regarded as a success. With Him there is promise for today and tomorrow. "*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed*" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).



## Church Camp

### Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp

(Camp Hervida)

Senior week June 12 -17

Junior week June 19 - 24

Intermediate week June 26 - July 1

### West Virginia Christian Youth Camp

(Pennsboro, WV)

College Week June 19 - 24

Sports Week June 26 - July 1

Senior Week July 3 - 9

Intermediate Week July 10 - 15

Junior Week July 17 - 23

All Age Week July 24 - 30

Singing Week July 31 - August 6

Camp registration forms are available in the foyers and on the youth bulletin board by the office.

If you need financial assistance, see one of the elders.



A youth Cedar Point trip is being planned for July 12. More details to come.

## Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Several years ago, country music legend George Jones released a song called "Choices." The song had the line, "living and dying by the choices I've made." That line is really very powerful, because we don't necessarily think about choices having life or death consequences.

We make hundreds, maybe even thousands of choices every day. Most choices are unimportant and won't dramatically affect our lives one way or the other. But there are choices that can affect and change our lives forever. Who we marry, where we work, what homes we buy are choices that will impact our lives much more than others.

One choice that will not only affect our lives on earth, but also for eternity, is the decision to follow Jesus. Quite honestly, this is the most critical choice we will ever make. Joshua made this point very clear when he said, "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve. . .but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:14) 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, June 12

**ELDER IN CHARGE** - Dwain Shears  
**DEACON IN CHARGE** - Delmas Carr

### **SONG LEADERS**

AM - John Life  
PM - Ryan Highman

### **PRAYER**

9:30 AM - Paul Inman  
Close - Russ Alton  
6:00 PM - Ron Riddle  
Close - Todd Kirk

### **SCRIPTURE**

AM - Bob Smith  
PM - Ira Kimes

### **COMMUNION TABLE**

AM - John Life  
PM - Dan Rich  
Delmas Carr

**PA SYSTEM** - Steve Gray



## The Best Crop

The rugged farmer and his devoted wife sat near the back of the auditorium. Graduation exercises were in progress. When the time came for the honors to be presented, their only son was cited as the outstanding Christian in the graduation class. His character, his leadership, and his service had made him far and away the first choice. Joy filled their souls, and even though their eyes were moist with tears, there was great gladness in their hearts. And again, it was an unforgettable moment when they heard their son bring the valedictory address as the highest ranking man in his class. All the efforts and sacrifice they had made to see their son through four years of college now seemed so small. The good wife gripped the farmer's arm a little tighter when he leaned over and said, "Well, Ma, I guess that's about the best crop we ever raised!"

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



They include  
Austin Hennen,  
Gregg Hennen,  
Kody Inman,  
Kyle Inman and  
Brady Sheppard.

### **Facts and Figures**

May 29, 2016

AM Service.....261  
Bible Study.....163  
PM Service.....169  
Wednesday.....181  
Contribution .....\$6636.00

### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016**

Baptisms.....5  
Restored or Requested  
Prayers.....3  
Placed Membership....9

### Schedule of Services

#### **Sunday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study.....7:00

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**  
June 12  
**AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY**

### Friday Night Sing



The sing will be held at the  
36th Street congregation in  
Vienna at 7:00 this week.