

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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Monday Night For The Master

Everyone
is
invited!

In the MP Room tomorrow evening
5:45 dinner, 6:30 work assignments.

Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items
and attendance count.

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 Hesch
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Chris Mullins
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

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Today's a wonderful day for **you** to create a good "yesterday" for tomorrow.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery, Gloria Frazier, Ray Johnson, Bill Lemley, Nancy Kimes, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Cindy Cleninger, John Curd, Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Tessie Rose (Gwen Lucas' niece), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Margaret Snider (Linda Hall's mother), Willow Slayton (Infant great granddaughter of Cotton and Patty Sayre), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Margaret Wilcox (Requested by Sherry Wilcox)



Please pray for our brother Ray Johnson as he is experiencing health issues. Let him know he is loved and in our prayers.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Marie Bosco. She passed away on her 90th birthday, August 20. She was a sister to Betty Morris and sister-in-law to Carl Curtiss.

Our sympathy also goes to the family of Oren Gore. He passed away August 19. His service was held Monday in Parkersburg.



- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and encouraging notes. **Dearll Vincent**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards. They were very appreciated. **Larry and Nancy Stanley**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the bridal shower and the wonderful gifts. We are truly grateful. Thank you all! In Christian love, **Ryan and Madison Highman**
- ♥ I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, calls, and concerns during my hospital stay. Especially appreciated are all the prayers offered on my behalf. **Sonya Hesch**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday, anniversary, and get well cards. They were all appreciated. **Rose Merrill**



PRAYERS REQUESTED

June Feels came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers for strength in her Christian life. Let's continue to remember her in our prayers.

June is in need of transportation to and from Morgantown tomorrow for surgery. See her for details.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the Birthday-Anniversary get-together in the MP Room this evening after services. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

WIDOWS-WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for anyone willing to help with a fellowship ministry for our widows and widowers. Plans are to prepare and deliver a light meal or take a small gift and visit them. See Kay Stanley for more details.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow at 5:45 in the MP Room. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

LOVE AND CARE SING

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly sing at Love & Care tomorrow evening at 7:00.

MP ROOM SUPPLIES

Some of our ladies are purchasing items for the MP Room. Requests are listed on the sign-up sheet on the counter. Bring your items and dinner Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 to the MP Room for a time of fellowship. See Sarah Inman or Nancy Inman for more details.

30th ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, September 17. Registration at 9:00AM. Everyone is invited.

GOLDEN AGER MISH COUNTRY TRIP

A Golden Agers trip is being planned for Tuesday, September 20. Leaving the building at 8:15AM. This trip will include a visit to the Warther Museum and gift shop to meet Mr. Warther then on to Walnut Creek, Berlin and dinner at the Der Dutchman's. Sign-up sheet is on the counter with agendas.

Daily Bible Reading

August 28 - 1 Corinthians 2, Psalms 80-84

August 29 - 1 Corinthians 3, Psalms 85-88

August 30 - 1 Corinthians 4, Psalms 89-90

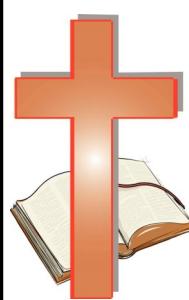
August 31 - 1 Corinthians 5, Psalms 91-94

September 1 - 1 Corinthians 6, Psalms 95-101

September 2 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-24, Psalms 102-103

September 3 - 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalms 104-105

September 4 - 1 Corinthians 8, Psalm 106



Our Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach will be September 11-14.

Please plan to attend and invite others.

Do You Have Antlers or Horns?

Recently I spent a day hiking in the woods, checking on my trail cameras, and looking for shed antlers. At the end of every winter the white-tailed buck loses his antlers. The most prominent, identifying feature about his body is lost in the woods. The buck will remain slick headed until the summer when he begins again to grow a new set of antlers. Think about it for a minute...one of the most identifying factors, the buck sheds every year. The antlers are what many hunters seek after, and display so proudly. Yet these prominent appendages are temporary and disposable.



Let us make a spiritual application. Is there anything that we have in our lives that are just for show? Do we have anything that becomes so prominent in our life that it becomes the first thing people associate with us? Are these temporary and disposable in nature?

Think about Peter's words, "...the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved..." (2 Peter 3:10-11). Anything that we have in this life that is worldly will one day be shed like last years antlers! Do we, like the buck, have things that are prominently displayed in our lives, yet are temporarily in nature?

What do people associate first with you? Your job, car, house, golf game, collection of _____, etc... All of these things are temporarily and will be disposed of upon leaving this life. Jesus tells us to, "lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven ..." (Matthew 6:19-20). We will shed the things of this life, no matter how important or prominent we make them in our lives.

This brings us to other animals like antelope and rhinoceroses. These animals have horns that grow throughout their entire lives. These prominent, cranial decorations are kept forever. Like these animals, there are some very prominent things in our lives that should be permanent. As Christians, our Christianity should be the first thing that people associate with us, it should be prominent and permanent! It should grow for the entirety of our spiritual lives (1 Peter 2:2), and should be the most visible thing about us (Matthew 5:16-16).



Do you have antlers or horns? Are you willing to shed your earthly "antlers" and seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)? Are you willing to grow your faith into something that is prominent and permanent in your life? Antlers or horns? A deer is a deer with or without its antlers, but what would a rhinoceros be without its horn? A Christian can be a Christian without worldly accessories, but can't function without their faith.



ENCOURAGEMENT

It's easy to complain. Anyone can do it!
It takes a special person to encourage.

Complain focuses on self.

Encouragement focuses on others.
The world needs **encouragement** from
People who know how to overcome
discouragement.

God expects You to do that!
If you're a child of God, actively seek to
encourage others daily.

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YOUTH EVENT TODAY

Our youth will join the Travelling Youth Group at the New Concord congregation this evening.

Let Jeff Taberner know this morning if you plan to attend.



Area Gospel Meetings

September 11 -14

Harrisville church of Christ
Speaker: Marcus Stenson

September 18 -12

North End church of Christ
Speaker: Steve Eckman

Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

General Robert E. Lee was reporting once to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. When the name of a certain man came up, the President asked Lee what he thought about the man's abilities. Lee gave a rather complimentary description of the man. As he was leaving, an officer quietly approached General Lee and said, "Sir, are you not aware that the person you complimented so highly is one of your severest critics? General Lee replied, "Oh, yes, I've heard that. But the President asked me what my opinion was of him - not what the man's opinion was of me."

God teaches us that we need to be kind to one another regardless of how others treat us. If all we do is attack one another, like our politicians seem to do, what good can ever be accomplished? Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

If you are truly fair and kind to everyone, you will be happier, the world will be better, and God will be well pleased!

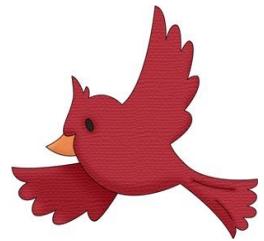
This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.





DANA'S DIRECTION

"The Days Speak!"



In the book of Job is this significant statement: "*I said, days should speak and multitude of years should teach wisdom...*" (Job 32:7 KJV). This thought seems especially appropriate in these times. The days should speak and we should learn from them! What do they have to say?

1) Time is fleeting... Life is brief and uncertain. The Bible compares life to the flight of a bird, the life of a flower, or a flickering candle (Job 9:26; 14:2; 18:6). James asks pointedly, "*For what is your life?*" and then answers just as pointedly, "*You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away*" (James 4:14). This reminds us of the brevity of life.

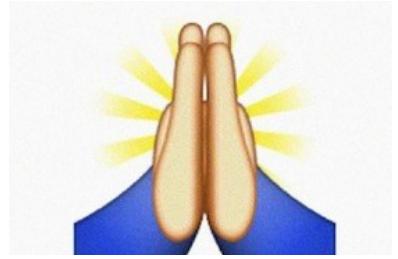
2) We must live one day at a time... Life is a tapestry woven of contrasting threads of joy and sorrow. In every life there is both rain and sunshine. We must remember when dark days come that they are not the whole of life... better days will follow. We make two tragic mistakes: Trying to postpone today until tomorrow; Trying to live tomorrow today! Jesus urged: "*Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow: for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own*" (Matthew 6:34).

3) Only that which is done for God endures... Most of the things we spend our lives for are impermanent. We slave to make payments on a house or car which will not even be in existence a hundred years from now. Jesus cautioned: "*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal*" (Matthew 6:19-20).

Plutarch called time "the wisest of all counselors." *The days speak!* Are we listening?

Powerful, Effective Prayer

(James 1:5-8; James 5:16-18)



"But let him ask in _____, with no _____, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea _____ and _____ by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive _____ from the Lord; for he is a _____ man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:6-8). **Whose prayers will be powerful and effective?**

#1) We must be on praying _____ with God. "The _____, _____ prayer of a _____ man avails much" (James 5:16). **Who is righteous?** One whose _____ is _____ with God. "For all your _____ are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172). "And whatever we _____ we _____ from Him, because we keep His _____ and do those things that are _____ in His sight" (I John 3:22). **What of those who reject His will?** "The eyes of the Lord are on the _____, and His ears are _____ to their cry. The face of the Lord is _____ those who do evil" (Psalm 34:15-16). "But your _____ have separated you from your God; and your _____ have hidden His face from you, so that He will _____ hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

#2) Our prayers must be prayers of _____. God is a loving _____. If you then, being _____, know how to give _____ things to your child, how much _____ will your Father which is in heaven give _____ things to those who _____ Him (Matthew 7:11)? "You do not _____ because you do not _____" (James 4:2). **He will _____ us when we fail.** "If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our _____, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:8,9). "Let us come _____ to the throne of grace that we may obtain _____ and find _____ to help in the time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). "Let him ask in _____ nothing _____. "Therefore, I say to you, _____ things you _____ when you pray, _____ that you will _____ them and you will _____ them." (Mark 11:24).

#3) Our prayers must be _____. "The effective, _____ prayer of a righteousness man _____ much" (James 5:16). "And I say unto you, _____ and it will be _____ to you; seek and you will _____; _____ and it will be opened to you. For everyone who _____ receives, and he who _____ finds, and to him who _____ it will be opened" (Luke 11:9,10). "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men ought _____ to pray and not lose _____" (Luke 18:1).

Prayer is _____. Prayer is _____. "And the prayer of _____ will save the _____, and the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15).

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 4

ELDER IN CHARGE - Brian Haught

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Jim Galloway

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Clayton Huber

Close - Bob Smith

6:00 PM - Gary Herridge

Close - Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Fleak

PM - Breck Hesselrode

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Dearll Vincent

PM - Keith Smith

Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Inman crew.



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

Facts and Figures

August 21, 2016

AM Service.....281

Bible Study.....196

PM Service.....212

Wednesday.....189

Contribution\$7542.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016

Baptisms.....7

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....7

Placed Membership....11

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

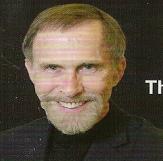
Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

A formal debate concerning the existence of God between two high profile academics.



ALEXANDER ROSENBERG

Atheist

Johns Hopkins University

Professor of Philosophy

Duke University

6:30 PM

Mershon Auditorium
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH



RALPH GILMORE

Christian Theist

University of Tennessee

Professor of Bible and Philosophy

Freed-Hardeman University

TALE of the TAPE

WORLDVIEW

DOCTORATE

POSITION

INSTITUTION

AFFIRMATION

"The use of suffering as a moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists."

FREE ADMISSION – SEATING LIMITED
To reserve your seat: www.TheGreatDebate16.com



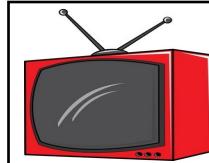
In partnership with
Buckeyes For Christ Campus Ministry
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www.warrenapologeticscenter.org

We will be taking the bus from Camden Avenue to attend this important debate. It will be a wonderful opportunity for Christians to be strengthened in their faith.

We will leave the building at 3:00PM. This will be well worth taking a half day from work or excusing students (particularly Middle School and High School) early.

Please sign the sheet on the counter.

See Dana for tickets.



In Search program will air 6:30-7:00AM through September 4 due to program changes.

The program will also air on CBS 12:00-12:30PM.

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, Tuesday 7PM on Dish
Channel 267 and Direct channel 376.

September 4 - THE HEART OF JESUS

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the Kaiser & Doulas congregation in Ravenswood.

Everyone invited!