

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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Happy Father's Day!

Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should. . .
For, somehow, Father seems to be
the man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
and nurses all our ills. . .
And Father struggles daily
to live up to "his image"
As protector and provider
and "hero of the scrimmage"
And perhaps that is the reason
we sometimes get the notion
That Fathers are not subject
to the thing we call emotion,
But if you look inside Dad's heart,
where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental
and as "soft" as he can be. . .
But he's so busy every day
in the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
to his partner, his wife. . .
But Fathers are just *wonderful*
in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
and accolades of praise,
For the only reason Dad aspires
to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
and to bring them happiness. . .
And like *Our Heavenly Father*,
he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
to be *always on our side*.



(Poem submitted by Gilbert Hardman)

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John Life
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THANK YOU TO ALL
OF OUR FATHERS!
Thank for all you've
done, all you do,
and the happiness
you bring to our
lives!



Happy Father's Day!

What a blessing it is to have a Christian father!

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Diana Hesselrode, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Elijah Clark, Alan Eaton (Lois Nulter's son), Tony Haid (Len's son), Heather Hoon, June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Helen Ruble, David Smith (Billie Coe's nephew), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall)

Remember Eli Clark and Alan Eaton with cards and prayers.
Alan Eaton - 3045 Lake Ranch Drive, Gainesville, GA 30506

Elijah Clark - Nationwide Children's Hospital (Room 12B42), 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205



Stopping to say
THANK YOU...

- ♥ Thanks for the beautiful birthday cards. **Brenda Feick**
- ♥ I want to thank everyone for the cards, and well wishes on my birthday. **Dana Slingluff**
- ♥ I want to thank you all for your continued support during my recent stays in the hospital. Your cards, prayers, text, phone calls and visits have meant so much to me and my family. Please continue to remember me in your prayers and may God bless each of you. Thanks, **Bill Lemley**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Patrick and Bev Rine**

ROYALTY WEEK " I LOVE MY SPOUSE WEEK" JUNE 18 - 24

Please pray for these efforts. More details to follow.



CEDAR POINT TRIP PLANNING MEETING TODAY

There will be a meeting today after Bible study in Room 109 to plan the Cedar Point trip. The trip will be Thursday, July 13.

MEN'S MEETING TODAY

Men's meeting today at 5:00. Ladies meeting has been cancelled.

CARE GROUP 2 MEETING THIS EVENING

Care Group 2 will meet this evening after services in the auditorium by Door 6 with Rick Stanley to discuss Work Camp.

HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY WEAVER!

Sister Weaver will celebrate her 97th birthday June 22. Let's shower her with cards. Her address is: 4206 Powell Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101 or cards may be given to Susan Haid or Richard Marshall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 24 8:30 at Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet is on the counter for attendance count.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP 65TH ANNIVERSARY

All campers and staff (past and present) are invited to Camp Hervida in Waterford, OH Saturday, June 24 1:00-4:30PM. Pulled pork lunch 1:00-2:30PM, Devotional and singing 3:00-3:45, Camp - From Then 'Til Now by Steve Fuchs 3:45-4:15. Flyers on the foyer bulletin boards.

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

We are planning a trip to The Ark Encounter, a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction in Williamstown, Kentucky August 3-4. This is an entertaining, educational, and immersive way to present events centered on a full-size, all-wood Ark, which is the largest timber-frame structure in the USA. We will depart August 3 and travel to Rolling Hills Bible Camp for the night. The next morning we will travel to The Ark Encounter and then return home. The elders have authorized paying part of the ticket price and providing transportation. More information is with the sign-up sheet on the counter. See Mark or Dana for more details.

Daily Bible Reading

June 18 - John 19:17-42, 1 Chronicles 16-17

June 19 - John 20:1-18, 1 Chronicles 18-19

June 20 - John 20:19-31, 1 Chronicles 20-21

June 21 - John 21, 1 Chronicles 22-23

June 22 - Acts 1, 1 Chronicles 24-25

June 23 - Acts 2:1-21, 1 Chronicles 26-27

June 24 - Acts 2:22-47, 1 Chronicles 28-29

June 25 - Acts 3, 2 Chronicles 1-3



Remember our
SUMMER SERIES
will continue this
Wednesday evening at
7:00 with
Brother Roger Rush.
Please join us!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

June 19 - Exodus 34:1-8, 12-14

June 20 - Exodus 34:27-35,
Hebrews 9:11-12

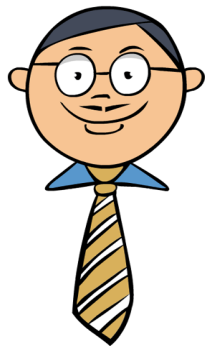
June 22 - Exodus 32:1-11, 14-18

June 23 - Exodus 32:19-35

June 24 - Exodus 33:1-11, 14, 18-23

DANA'S DIRECTION

"What is a Father?"



A MAN: Well, that goes without saying! But, have we really understood the significance of that? God created men to be Dad's and gave them both physical and emotional attributes to fulfill that role. From birth, children recognize the difference. Fathers are bigger and stronger; their voices boom with authority. God designated men to be the leaders in their home. A real man senses the need to provide for, protect and defend his family.

A PRESENCE: "Daddy's home!" There is no sweeter sound to a man's ears. Yet, it should also be a reminder of the importance of his role. An average father does not have nearly as much time with his children as their mother. He needs to make it count. The story is told of a man who had a very stressful job. It was noted that every day, he went through the motions of hanging something on the tree next to his front door. When asked, he said "that is my trouble tree. Whatever I have been struggling with during the day, I leave outside when I come into the house." Your family has been waiting! Don't escape to your hobbies, newspaper or recliner! Throw the ball! Get on your bicycle and ride with your kids. Look at their school papers and admire their artwork. Mom has already seen these things – but approval really comes from Dad!

A SPIRITUAL LEADER: This role is God-given. "And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) A woman whose father was not a Christian once told me "You can't imagine what I missed out on growing up. My father wouldn't lead our family in prayer – my mother had to. On Sunday, mom got us up and ready for church while my dad read the paper. By the time they were teenagers, my brothers said they wanted to be with my dad. They are now grown and none of their families are Christians. What a difference a Christian father would have made!"

AN INFLUENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS CHILDREN: A father helps, more than most realize, to develop the image his children have of themselves. If you doubt this, just note the percentages of those who fail to graduate, get into trouble, have children out of wedlock, spend their lives on welfare – who have come from a home where there is no father. A good father shows boys how to be men. He establishes their understanding of the role of husband and father. A good father helps girls learn their value and how to relate to a good man. A woman who longed for the approval of a father once said "I never felt pretty or smart because my father never told me he thought that I was."

AN EXAMPLE: Moses, when discussing with Israel their responsibilities to serve God, told them "ask your father, and He will show you." (Deuteronomy 32:7) When all is said and done, example is the greatest teacher. Abraham Lincoln said "until a boy is sixteen, he will do what his father says. At twenty-one, he will do what his father does."

A COMFORTER: We often think of comforting as a mother's role. Dad's also need to comfort. God is presented as a "God of comfort." (II Corinthians 1:3) Jesus, we are told, is sympathetic toward our weaknesses and encourages us to come to Him for mercy and help. (Hebrews 4:15-16) A father's comfort is different. Mother may sympathize ("poor baby.") Fathers are more likely to empathize ("I know what you are going through. I have made similar mistakes in my life. How can I help? What have you learned?") It is comforting to know that, even when I fail, Dad still loves and believes in me.

A FRIEND: It is true that a child doesn't need a buddy – he needs a Dad. But, once all of those lessons of growing up have been learned, we will discover that our father is one of our best friends. As we mature it's amazing how our attitude toward our father changes. When we are 8, he knows everything. When we are 16, he knows nothing. When we are 21, we are amazed at what he has learned. When we are 35, we value his input. When we are 60, we just wish that we could talk things over with him again.



Directions for Dads (Ephesians 6:1-4)

“And you, _____, do not _____ your children to wrath, but _____ them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

A _____ theology of fatherhood: God has spoken _____ make a difference. “I know him, that he will _____ his _____ and household after him, that they keep the way of _____ and justice.” (Genesis 18:19)

Negative: Do Not Do this. “Do not _____ your children.” (Ephesians 6:4 NIV) “Fathers, do not _____ your children lest they become _____.” (Colossians 3:21)

Ways Fathers can Exasperate or Frustrate their children: By being overly _____; By being overly _____; By showing _____; By having unreasonable _____; By being _____.

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Positive things fathers must provide. Fathers should _____ their children. “He who _____ the rod _____ his son, but he who _____ him disciplines him promptly.” (Proverbs 13:24) “No _____ seems to be joyful for the present, but _____; nevertheless, _____ it yields the peaceable fruit of _____ to those who have been _____ by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)

Positive things fathers must provide. Fathers should _____ their children. “But _____ the Lord God in your _____, and be ready to give an _____ to everyone who asks you the _____ for the hope that is in you with _____ and fear.” (I Peter 3:15) “Train up a child in the _____ he should go, and when he is old he will not _____ from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

God’s Point man. Our goal is not to _____ our child, but to teach them to let _____ control them. “Be _____ by the _____ of your mind, that you may prove what is that _____ and _____ and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

We pray that God will... “Turn the _____ of the fathers to the _____” (Malachi 4:6)



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

What Father's Can Do With Their Children?

Dad's matter! According to Dr. T. Berry Brazelton a father's involvement with a child increases the child's IQ, the child's motivation to learn, and the child's self-confidence. In addition, children with involved dads are more likely to develop a sense of humor as well as an "inner excitement." (Taken from House to House Heart to Heart Vol. 15 No. 6).

The Bible has been telling us all long that father's must be involved in the Biblical teaching and training of their children. Eph. 6:4 states, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

So how can we be involved in our children's lives so we can teach them the ways of the Lord? Someone once said, "Hunt with a son when he is young, and you won't have to hunt for him when he is old!" Good advice, but maybe you are not a hunter; the point is to spend quality time with your children. Here are some suggestions on what you can do to spend quality time with your children:

- Be involved with the church; teach your children's Bible class; show them how to worship, and how Christianity applies to everyday life.
- Have a "Date with Dad" once every few months - take your children out for dinner.
- Read the Bible to them before they go to bed.
- Have a board game night. Turn the TV and phone off and spend time with your wife and children.
- Take a walk through the woods or neighborhood.
- Do a basic home or car repair together.
- Cook a special meal for Mom. Have the kids make menus, and everyone serves as a waiter or waitress. (Don't forget to clean up afterwards!)
- Go camping.
- Go fishing.
- Select key Scripture verses and memorize them together, discussing what each verse means to you. Reward each other with frozen yogurt each time you both can quote ten new verses word perfect.
- Play a video game together.
- Work on a computer together.
- Go to your child's athletic or special event. Encourage and praise (but don't be a pushy "Little League Parent.")
- Say, "I want to be praying for you this week. What's on your mind? What would you like me to pray about?"
- Design and plant a flower or vegetables garden together.
- Ask your children to pray for you,
- Tell your kids why you love their mother and them. Then get a piece of poster board and join the kids in writing all these reasons on a giant greeting card with crayon. Have the kids decorate and deliver the cards to Mom.
- Read through a book of the Bible together, discussing it as you go. (Adapted from The Father Connection by Josh McDowell).

Try some of these ideas and try to think up other ways that you can spend time with your children so you can open up the lines of communications, train them to know God and teach them about the Christian life. You will be glad you did! Happy Father's Day!

Mark and his family will be working at OVCYC (Camp Hervida) this week.

Everyone is welcome to come to camp for evening worship at 7:00 Sunday through Thursday.



Help brighten someone's day . . .

Love and Care

PO Box 1512, Parkersburg, WV 26102
Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Pat Burkey,
Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault, Valeria Sprout

Worthington Nursing Care

2675 36th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26104
Jane Pralley, Florence Shank

Ohio Valley Care and Rehab.

222 Nicolette Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104
Myrtle Metz

Belpre Landing

1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714
Sheila Deems

Harmar Place

401 Harmar Street, Marietta, OH 45750
Bob Smith

Please remember them with cards,
prayers and visits.

Youth Events

Cedar Point Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting today in Room 109 after Bible study to discuss the Cedar Point trip. The trip will be Thursday, July 13.

Camp Hervida OVCYC

Junior week (8-11 years old)

June 18-23

Intermediate week (11-14 years old)

June 25-30

(See Mark for details.)

Registration forms are on the counter for Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp and West Virginia Christian Youth Camp.

Bible Busters meet Sunday evenings at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium. All ages welcome!

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

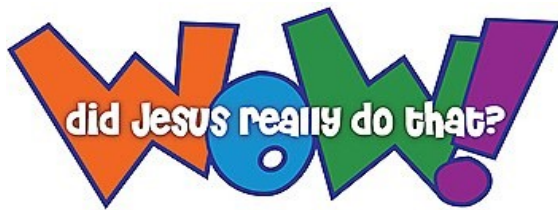
A recent message on a church sign stated: Become an organ donor – give your heart to Jesus! What a great way to describe the transition one makes when he becomes a Christian. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Colossae about their baptism into Christ and the resurrection to a new life by saying “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

Man's old corrupt heart has been exchanged with one dedicated to the Lord. Things which once were most important are no longer viewed in the same way; worldly ambition has been laid aside and replaced by heavenly devotion. The desire to lay up treasures on earth replaced by a need to lay up treasures in heaven. And, as Jesus said, “where your treasure is that's where your heart will be also.”

A heart given to Jesus will result in an abundant life on earth and an eternal home in heaven!

This is Dana Slingluff from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.





Our Vacation Bible School will be July 5 - 8.

Wednesday - Friday 6:30PM-8:00PM
Saturday picnic 10:00AM - 12:00PM
Classes for ages 2 years old to adults.

Come and bring your family and friends!

My Little Hands



God gave me these hands so small,
To hug my Daddy, big and tall.
God gave me these hands so sweet,
For Daddy to hold down the street.
God gave little hands to me,
To wrap around my Daddy's knee.
One way to show my Dad I care,
Is to fold my hands and say a prayer.
I say, "God, please bless my dad,
'Cause he's the best a kid could have."



The world changes from year to year,
our lives from day to day,
but the love and memories of our fathers,
shall never pass away.

Separated by death but always together in love,
Dad.



Friday Night Sing

The sing this week will be at the City Park Bandshell at 7:00. Please bring your lawn chair and join us! In the case of rain, the sing will take place at the North End congregation. Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.

Everyone welcome!

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, 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 25
DOES JESUS CARE?

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, June 25

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dearll Vincent

DEACON IN CHARGE - Keith Smith

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - John Hall

Close - Steve Moser

6:00 PM - Stan Inman

Close - Ron Holleron

SCRIPTURE

AM - Brent West

PM - Ron Riddle

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Jim Galloway

PM - Paul Saunders

Chris Hofmann

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Doug Hershman

2 - Stan Inman

4 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Claire Moser & Bre Tonkery

2. Larry & Janet Plant

3. Jeff & Julie Taberner

4. Dana Sponseller & Bill Mills

5. Jim & Charlotte Galloway

6. Jim & Rose Merrill

Facts and Figures

June 11, 2017

AM Service.....252

Bible Study.....188

PM Service.....171

Wednesday.....178

Contribution\$8591.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00