

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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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!
You'll be glad you did!**

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

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When you can't
find the sunshine,
Be the sunshine!



*Keep our Brother Todd Kirk in
your prayers as he recuperates.*

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, Celia Johnson (Scott Johnson's mother), 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 2B042), 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205

We extend our sympathy to Ann Knotts in the passing of her brother-in-law and Rose Merrill's, nephew, Kim England. He passed away Tuesday in Philippi, WV.

The
Lord will
FIGHT for you
You need only
Be still
Exodus 14:14

- ♥ Thanks so much for the lovely cards we received for our anniversary. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Cody and Kristi Hoover**
- ♥ A kind gesture lasts a lifetime. Thank you. **Ray Sams**
- ♥ A Special Thanks for helping us celebrate our 27th anniversary. Your cards and thoughtful notes mean so much! Love, **Ron and Peggy Riddle**
- ♥ **Sheila Deems** thanks everyone for the cards, prayers and visits while she was in the hospital and rehab. She is now home recuperating.
- ♥ Thank you ALL for the well wishes and prayers. In Appreciation, **Alan and Jackie Eaton**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. **Kyle and Sarah Inman**

Thank you to **Mary Lemley** for preparing the communion bread this month.

Church News and Announcements

DEACON'S MEETING

Deacon's meeting today at 5:00.

DOROTHY WEAVER'S 97TH BIRTHDAY!

Sister Weaver will celebrate her 97th Birthday June 26. She would appreciate cards. Her address is: 4206 Powell Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101 or cards may be given to Susan Haid or Richard Marshall.

"CAREGIVERS' WORKSHOP"

There will be a Caregivers' Workshop Tuesday, June 27 at the 36th Street congregation's Community Room 10:00AM-1:00PM. Speakers include - Rick Stanley, Bill Butterfield and Arnold Huyghebaert. There is no charge for the workshop or luncheon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please plan to attend VBS July 5-8, 6:30-8:00PM each evening and Saturday 10:00AM-Noon, with picnic. Classes for ages 2 through adults. Invite others and help make VBS a success!

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. We will depart August 3 and travel to Rolling Hills Bible Camp for the night. There are motels close for those interested. 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.

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF THE FAMILY

Please be praying for our upcoming efforts. Don't forget about our Gospel Meeting with Brother Phil Sanders in September.

CAKE PEDESTAL FROM LADIES' DAY

Sheri Gaston has a cake pedestal that was left at Ladies' Day. If you did not get yours or received the incorrect one, please see her.

GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

The B.J. Clarke/Michael Brawner debate on eternal security (aka "Once saved always saved") is posted on the GBN website at www.gbntv.org and YouTube page for your viewing. Brother Clarke did a wonderful, masterful job presenting God's word.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY LINEN DRIVE

OVU is having a LINEN DRIVE for the international students to help them with linens. Twin sheets, small pillows, blankets, towels and wash clothes are needed. Items need to be dropped off at OVU Main Lobby 9:00AM-1:00PM July 6 and 7.



Remember our **SUMMER SERIES** will continue this Wednesday evening at 7:00 with Brother Terry Jones. Please plan to join us!



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 it's 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?

We would like to thank everyone for the encouragement and help that you have given to us in my mother's (Kathleen Albright) move to Love and Care. Thank you to Don Daugherty, Mike Wade, Paul Inman, and Mark and Samantha Tonkery for helping move her furniture. For those who have expressed kind thoughts, and especially for the warm welcome she received from the other ladies at Love and Care who are members here at Camden Avenue. We ask your prayers as we adjust to this transition in life.

We love you all,
Cindy and Dana Slingsluff



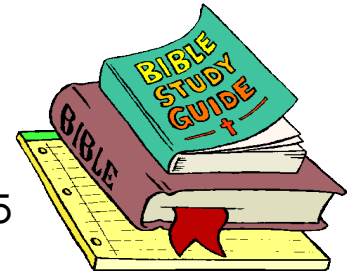
Come Back Home

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

- A. Jesus addresses at least three different groups by telling us The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son.
- B. Let's look at what Jesus is trying to teach us from these parables. He is trying to tell us that:
- I. He saw what people _____.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - II. He saw how people _____.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - III. He saw what people _____.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
- C. We invite you to come _____ to the Lord today!

PM Sermon Title: Our Gifts

Scripture Reading: Exodus 35:30-35



- A. Someone has said, "Whatever gift you have been given, it is your responsibility to buff it, shine it, and make it the best it can be; then give it back to the One from whom you received it."
- B. What gifts has God given us? _____
- C. Notice Exodus 25:30-35
- I. God gave these men:
 - a. _____ - _____
 - b. _____ - _____
 - c. _____ - _____
 - II. God given us -
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - III. God does not give us -
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Finally, may we use our _____ to the glory of God!

Mark Tonkey will be preaching at both services today.
 We appreciate Mark and his family very much. We're happy to have them with us at Camden Avenue!
 Dana is speaking at the New Concord congregation this weekend for their Friends and Family Day.
 We pray for safe travels for Dana and Cindy and appreciate them in their work with us.

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



It is what we make it!

A long time ago before people had electricity, cars, and cell phones there was a man who was a keeper of fire. Now this man was getting advanced in years and wanted to pass on his fire to one of his three sons. But first he wanted to test which son would be the wisest and most responsible with the fire. So he gave each of them a torch with fire on it. The first son took the fire and burned down a forest. The second son seeing what the first son had done took his torch with fire and threw it into a stream of water and extinguished the flame. The third son seeing what his two brothers had done with the fire took his home, took rocks and built a circle. He then gathered wood and placed it in the circle. He then took his fire and set the wood aflame. He used the fire for heat, to cook his food, to dry his clothes, and for light to see at night.

The father noted that the third son was the wisest, and he explained, "When we are given an opportunity, some of us will waste it and be careless with it; others reject everything because all they see is bad, but the wise separate the bad from the good and benefit from the good."

This point can be made from the Bible as well. There are many examples of how fire is used in the Bible. Such as in Genesis 3:24, God used, "the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life." Then in Genesis 8:20, as well as other places in the Bible, fire was used for sacred purposes; fire consumed the sacrifices of the Old Testament. Sometimes fire was used as a form of punishment such as with Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) and the death of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10). Then, of course, fire was used for domestic purposes, such as baking, cooking, warmth, etc. (Jeremiah 36:22). Fire was sometimes used figuratively, for the Lord's presence and the instrument of His power (Exodus 14:19). God's word is also compared unto fire (Jeremiah 23:29). The influence of the Holy Spirit was illustrated as a fire (Acts 2:3). But fire was also used to describe Satan's work, in Eph. 6:16, "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one." Finally, fire is used to describe the final judgement of Satan and all who follow him (Matthew 25:41).

One can conclude after reading this brief list that fire as described by the Bible can be used in a positive or negative way it depends on who and how it is used.

The same is true with the Christian. We have been given a great opportunity to learn about God, be a part of the church family, and mature in our faith by studying the Bible. It is up to each of us to decide how we are going to benefit from what God has given us. We may be careless and not use the opportunity we have or some may throw it all away. But those who will benefit the most are the ones who look for the good and make the most of the Christian life.

Remember what Jesus stated, in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Think about it!

By Mark T. Tonkery

Youth Section

Camp Hervida OVCYC

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.

Traveling Youth Group

Transportation will leave here next Sunday at 5:00 to join the traveling youth group at the Bates Hill congregation.

Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Cedar Point Trip

A trip to Cedar Point is planned for Thursday, July 13.

\$52.00 each, includes ticket and transportation fee, needs paid to Jeff by next Sunday, July 2. For more details, see him.



Turn a negative thought into a prayer.

God's plan for you far exceeds the circumstances of your day. Trust Him!

Prayer changes everything. Don't be anxious, instead pray. If God is for us, who can be against us?

What God knows about me, is more important than what others think about me.



Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

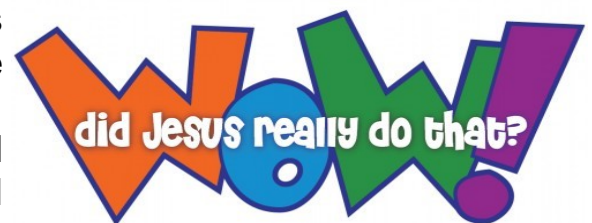


One of my fondest memories of childhood was spending part of my summer break in Vacation Bible School. By July a little structure is a welcome thing! To have 4-5 evenings to join with other children and their families for Bible studies, crafts, games and other activities, which always ended in a picnic!

We are planning the same for the Camden Avenue Church of Christ beginning Wednesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 8. Our theme is WOW – Did Jesus really do that? We will look at the works, attitudes and miracles of Jesus Christ. We will meet each evening, Wednesday through Friday from 6:30-8:30pm. On Saturday, July 8 from 10:00AM-Noon, there will be a family picnic!

We invite all to come. There will be free study materials, crafts, and snacks! Classes for ages 2- adult. Come every night. Come as a family!

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



Opportunities To Serve Sunday, July 2

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway
DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman
PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mark Tonkery
Close - Gary Herridge
6:00 PM - Scott Smith
Close - Dennis Keller

SCRIPTURE

AM - Steve Gray
PM - Steve Moser

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Patrick Rine
PM - Walter Morgan
Josh Hall

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Clayton Huber
2 - Verna Huber
4 - Donovan Walton

PM

1. Margaret Dawkins & Tammie Wilson
2. Ron Holleron & Bill Mills
3. Ira Kimes & Bill Pralley
4. Sue VanCamp & Tammy Kerns
5. Stan & Debi Inman
6. John & Karen Life



Worship Is. . .

Worship is the occupation of the soul with God. By a deliberate act of will we focus our thoughts and feelings on God. We look with awe at His majesty. We are filled with wonder as we view His omnipotence. We stand amazed as we consider His perfect holiness. With reverence we think about His love. With gratitude we remember His mercy. This is what worship is: awe, wonder, amazement, reverence and gratitude.

Bulletin Digest

With these thoughts in mind, let's remember why we assemble each Lord's Day. We are here to worship our Lord and help each other do the same as we blend our voices in song, pray, commune with our Lord, and listen/study God's word.

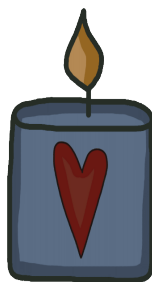
Facts and Figures

June 18, 2017

AM Service.....239
Bible Study.....166
PM Service.....187
Wednesday.....178
Contribution\$7598.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....1
Placed Membership....0



Daily Bible Reading

June 25 - Acts 3, 2 Chronicles 1-3
June 26 - Acts 4:1-22, 2 Chronicles 4-6
June 27 - Acts 4:23-37, 2 Chronicles 7-8
June 28 - Acts 5:1-16, 2 Chronicles 9-11
June 29 - Acts 5:17-42, 2 Chronicles 12-14
June 30 - Acts 6, 2 Chronicles 15-17
July 1 - Acts 7:1-19, 2 Chronicles 18-20
July 2 - Acts 7:20-45, 2 Chronicles 21-23

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00

Daily Reading - Bible classes

June 26 - Exodus 39:32-43
June 27 - Exodus 40:1-16, 34-38
June 29 - Exodus 35:1-19
June 30 - Exodus 35:20-21, 30-35,
36:1
July 1 - Exodus 36:2-7

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