

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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We love and appreciate our Shut-Ins. They are wonderful examples for all of us.



This is our Shut-Ins Week.

**Please remember our shut-ins this week in a special way.
They appreciate cards and prayers.**

Love and Care - Kathleen Albright, Colleen Ash, Pat Burkey,
Zoe Byrum, Mildred Gault, Valeria Sprout

Harmar Place - Bob Smith

Worthington Care - Ray Johnson, Jane Pralley, Florence Shank

Ohio Valley Care and Rehab. - Myrtle Metz

Also, remember these folks with prayers and cards.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat Barclay, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems,
Dustin Hughes, Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Nancy Putnam, Dorothy Weaver

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
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Kevin Inman
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No one is ever too young or too old to be used by God. You are always the perfect age.



Remember our church family in your prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Sheila Deems, Gloria Frazier, Gilbert Hardman, 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, Jo Langler

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), David Foggin, Tony Haid (Len's son), 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), Susan Williams (Friend of Don and Brenda Dougherty), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall), Ashley Allen (Neighbor of Dave & Lois Nulter), Gail Delaney (Neighbor of Scott and Gwen Johnson's), Susan Wheeler (Paul Saunders' sister)

Eli Clark - Nationwide Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205 (Room 12B024) He really enjoys receiving mail.

Please keep Eli and his family in your prayers as he battles cancer.



- ♥ Thank you so much for your contribution to the Guyana Mission work. Hopefully the glasses and money will help the people both physically and spiritually. Dave Newberry went a week ahead of our group and has already had several Bible studies and 2 baptisms. Blessings, **Sally Shank**
- ♥ Thank you for all the sympathy extended on the death of my brother and for the cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. Gilbert Hardman

LOVE AND CARE SING

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

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

A trip is planned August 3-4 to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. We will be leaving at 4pm from the church building please eat before leaving. Everyone is asked to bring snacks for the evening when we stop. More information, see Mark or Dana.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICE

We will be conducting the service at Love and Care Thursday, August 3 at 7PM. Care Group 4 Everyone is encouraged to attend.

TEACHERS/ELDERS/DEACONS WORKSHOP

The Teachers/Elders/Deacons Workshop will be held at Ohio Valley University August 5. The Elders believe this workshop would be very beneficial and have agreed to pay the registration fee for the attendees from Camden Avenue. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF

The LLL kick-off will be Sunday, August 6 in the MP Room following evening services for anyone interested in participating. Bring finger foods, snacks and beverages.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE -AWAY

The School Supply Give-Away will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 in the MP Room. Items are needed. The collection bin is in the parking lot foyer. Monetary donations may be given to one of the Elders or Scott Johnson.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive will be Monday, August 14 in the MP Room 1:00-6:00. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. See Marion for more information.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO ROSCOE VILLAGE

The Golden Agers will be taking a trip to Roscoe Village Tuesday, August 15 for a horse-drawn canal boat ride, historical tour and lunch. Details are with the sign-up sheet or see Dwain.

SECRET SISTERS

See Laura or Kimberlee for a form. Those forms need to be turned back in by next Sunday. Then you will be given the name and information for your Secret Sister. All ladies are invited to participate. This is a great way to encourage each other. Gifts are not necessary.

PARENT PICTURES REQUESTED

Please continue to bring pictures of your parents to Paul Inman or leave in the office (include your name, parents name and date). They will be copied, displayed and returned.

Daily Bible Reading

July 30 - Acts 23:23-35, Job 22-23
July 31 - Acts 24, Job 24-27
August 1 - Acts 25, Job 28-29
August 2 - Acts 26, Job 30-31
August 3 - Acts 27:1-12, Job 32-33
August 4 - Acts 27:13-44, Job 34-36
August 5 - Acts 28:1-15, Job 37-38
August 6 - Acts 28:16-31, Job 39-40



Our

Summer Series

will continue this week at 7:00
with Mark Tonkery.
Please join us!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

July 30 - Leviticus 23:1-14, 22
July 31 - Leviticus 23:23-32
August 1 - Leviticus 16:1-10
August 2 - Leviticus 16:20-28
August 3 - Leviticus 22:33-43



DANA'S DIRECTION

"Thy Kingdom Come"

When I was growing up, it was still the practice to begin every school day by pledging allegiance to the flag and repeating the Lord's Prayer. My Bible class teacher told us that when we said the Lord's Prayer we should not repeat the phrase "Thy kingdom come." The reason, she said is because the Kingdom of God is the church and the church has already come. So dutifully, whenever we began the school day I would say under my breath "Thy kingdom has come."

What she said was true. The statement Jesus made when he taught his disciples to pray was a reference to the coming of the church. The Old Testament is filled with prophecies regarding the coming of God's kingdom on earth. The place where this kingdom would begin is specified as Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:1-2) The time of the kingdom's establishment was foretold to be in the days of the Roman Empire. (Daniel 2:44).

Both John the Baptist and Jesus began their preaching ministries by telling people to "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2; 4:17) What did they mean by "at hand?" Jesus plainly stated that meant soon, in fact during the lifetime of those to whom he was speaking. "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (Matthew 17:27)

Jesus also told of the establishment of the church. Upon Peter's confession "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God," Jesus said "Upon this rock, I will build My church." (Matthew 16:18) And what was this church? The kingdom of God on earth. Jesus continued "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19) After his resurrection, Jesus told the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem. Why? Because of the coming of the kingdom.

On the Day of Pentecost, all of these prophecies and promises were fulfilled. Peter preached the gospel in its fullness for the first time. He indeed held the keys to the kingdom. When asked "Men and brethren, what shall we do," Peter presented the terms of entrance into the kingdom. "Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." (Acts 2:38) "Those who gladly received his word were baptized, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (Acts 2:41) What were they added to? "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47) Contrary to the preaching of some - Jesus is not coming again to establish his kingdom on earth. The kingdom has already come - it is his church.

But what about the Lord's Prayer? Is it wrong to pray "Thy kingdom come?" What did Jesus say for us to pray regarding his kingdom? "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done one earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) A kingdom is the sphere of authority of a king. Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18) The kingdom of God is where His will is done. Can that always be said about the church? Can that always be said about my life, or yours? I believe that we should constantly pray that God's rule will come and prevail in our lives and in the church.

And what about the lost? Should we not pray that they will seek and find the kingdom of God? Should we not pray that the borders of God's kingdom will be spread to the corners of the earth? Should we not pray that people and rulers of every nation on earth will submit themselves to the rule of God? Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the kingdom of God prevail? "God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!" (Daniel 2:44) Thy kingdom come!

SERMON NOTES
Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament
(Luke 24:44-48)





Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Broken Hearted

Steve Higginbotham recently introduced me to a new term, a new art, and a new perspective on a great truth. He asks:

Have you ever heard of "Kintsugi"? Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a "glue" made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.

Instead of broken pottery, consider broken hearts.

Here's a beautiful truth: God specializes in mending broken hearts.

Steve Higginbotham informs us that he knows the blessing of this truth personally: *On a personal level, I have learned the value of brokenness. For the majority of my life, everything was easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. My life, along with my wife, had a fairy-tale beginning, but eventually we began to experience "breaks" (e.g. the miscarriage of a child; the death of my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my dad; and most shattering, the choices of one of our children).*

These breaks, and countless others, could cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but my wife and I refuse to allow our life together to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we've given the broken pieces to the Lord who has put us back together, I believe, even more valuable in His service than before. The breaks haven't been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of "The Potter" (Romans 9:20-23).

As Steve indicates, there are many different things – situations, trials – that can break our hearts. One thing that *should* break our hearts, however, is sin.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise."
-- Psalm 51:17

These words were written by David in a penitential psalm that he wrote after Nathan the prophet confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba (see 2 Samuel 12). David acknowledges his sin and his heart is broken. He desperately seeks the cleansing of his sin by God (see Psalm 51:1-4). God, observing David's repentance and confession, forgave him (see 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Psalm 32:1-5).

A broken and contrite heart, God will not despise. The brokenness is evidence of true godly sorrow which leads to repentance. God "honors" the heart that is broken by sin by healing it with His forgiveness and love.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
--Psalm 147:3

Even though we are sinners, God loves us so much that He gave His One and only Son to die on the cross for our sin (John 3:16). Through Jesus, we can have our sins washed away by His blood (Ephesians 1:7).

God will forgive and give the gift of eternal life to those who will place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Steve Higginbotham encourages the broken-hearted: "If your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up (Galatians 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, He can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken."

And He will, if only you will submit your heart and your life to Him. **Won't YOU?**

-- David A. Sargent

Source Cited: "If It Isn't Broken...Break It" by Steve Higginbotham in *MercEmail* (June 24, 2017).

Mark will be speaking at West Ripley congregation this morning and Hopewell 's VBS tonight.

Youth Section

July 30

Our youth will join the traveling youth group today at the Latrobe Street congregation. Meal to follow. Bring bag chairs. Please provide your own transportation.

August 9

Assemble items for School Supply Give-Away in the MP Room following Bible study.

August 19

Youth Day at Rockport congregation. Starting at 3:00. Day will include singing, meal, outside games and campfire devotional. Please provide your own transportation.

August 27

Transportation will leave at 4:50 to join the traveling youth group at the Sardis congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.



Bible Busters meet every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the front of the auditorium. Children of all ages are welcome.



Remember our members that have not been able to attend services:

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OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY

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ELDERS

DEACONS

WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 5, 2017

The Ohio Valley University Teachers/Elders/Deacon's workshop is a special day packed with practical tips, expert advice, and relevant information on leading various aspects of today's churches. Come prepared to be energized and enlightened. Leave enthused and ready to make practical applications in your home congregation!

(Flyer on foyer bulletin boards.)

The Elders believe this workshop would be very beneficial and have agreed to pay the registration fee for the attendees from Camden Avenue. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, August 6

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Delmas Carr

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Rick Stanley

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Mike Wade

Close - Scott Johnson

6:00 PM - John Hall

Close - Kevin Cochran

SCRIPTURE

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Dan Rich

COMMUNION

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - Brian Haught

Breck Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dustin Hughes

2 - Kyle Inman

4 - Sarah Inman

PM

1. Chris & Terry Hofmann

2. Ira Kimes & Ron Holleron

3. Patrick & Bev Rine

4. Gary & Sharon Herridge

5. Kevin & Becky Inman

6. Bill & Rosemary Merrill

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY



Items needed include: 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, folders, children's scissors, glue/glue sticks, notebook paper.

Items may be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer.

The School Supply Give-Away will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:00PM in the MP Room.



Rick Stanley is providing counseling services at no charge to all members at Camden Avenue. He will be in his office at the building by appointment, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:00-5:00.

Telephone him at 304.210.2367 or 304.428.0531 to schedule an appointment.

Facts and Figures

July 23, 2017

AM Service.....224

Bible Study.....180

PM Service.....187

Wednesday.....141

Contribution\$6047.04

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

We love God, you and our church family!

If you have any questions or would like additional information (i.e. home Bible study, Bible Correspondence Courses, etc.) please let us know.

* We would love to share our faith with you. *

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:35 for the sing at the Veto congregation in Ohio.

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 Program
August 6 - YOUR SOUL