

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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I saw a T-shirt that says **Every Garden Counts**. A garden may be several acres large or as small as an African violet in a pot, but make no mistake, even the humblest garden is beautiful to God.

Faith is beautiful to God as well. No matter how great or small our faith may be, He is always pleased when we walk humbly beside Him, trusting in His love and mercy and finding rest for our souls.

Every garden counts - especially the garden God grows in our hearts.

I come humbly, seeking rest for my soul, O God.
Let me rest in Your gentleness. Amen

You will be like a well-watered garden.

Isaiah 58:11

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 Brian Haught
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
 John Life
 Ron Riddle
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SERVICE

**SERVICE
 Is Not spelled
 SERVE—US**



*With every deed you are
 sewing a seed,
 Though the harvest you
 may never see.
 Keep sewing !*

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), 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)

Eli Clark - Nationwide Children's Hospital (Room 12B029), 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205

Kathleen Albright is residing at Love and Care. Her new cell number is 336.803.3403. She would appreciate cards, visits and phone calls.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Billie Coe in the passing of her sister, Linda Richards. She passed away Thursday. Arrangements incomplete at the time of this printing. Please keep Billie and family in your prayers.



- ♥ Thank you for the cards of encouragement and especially Monday Night For The Master cards. I really appreciate everything. **Sharon Armstrong**
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for the cards and Facebook posts on my birthday. 60 seems younger and younger! **Pat Barclay**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

SECRET SISTERS

There will be a Secret Sister meeting this evening after services in Room 109 for those interested in participating. See Laura Tonkery or Kimberlee for details. (This is a great way to encourage each other.)

MEN'S MEETING/LADIES MEETING

Men's meeting and Ladies' meeting next Sunday at 5:00.

"IN SEARCH" PROGRAM CHANGE

In Search of the Lord's Way television program will air July 23 at 6:30AM due to a program change.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

A trip is planned August 3-4 to The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. We will depart August 3 and travel to Rolling Hills Bible Camp for the night. There are also motels close for those interested. The next morning we will travel to The Ark Encounter and then return home. The sign-up sheet on the counter with details. More information, see Mark or Dana.

TEACHERS/ELDERS/DEACONS WORKSHOP - AUGUST 5

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.

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 need to be left in the bin located in the parking lot foyer. Monetary donations may be given to any of the Elders or Scott Johnson. The School Supply Give-Away will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:00PM in the MP Room.

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF THE FAMILY

Please be praying for our upcoming efforts. Next week is our Parent Week. More details to come. Also, our Gospel Meeting with Brother Phil Sanders will be September 11-14.

POTTER CHILDEN'S HOME

The Potter Children's Home coin banks are available in the foyers. A representative will be here to collect them in a few months.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Alexia Inman! She has Perfect Attendance in the Sunday and Wednesday 3rd-5th grade Bible classes. We are proud of Alexia!



Daily Reading - Bible classes

July 10 - Leviticus 1:1-5, 2:1-3
July 11 - Leviticus 3:1-2, 4:1-7
July 12 - Leviticus 5:17-19
July 13 - 1 Samuel 15:22-23,
Micah 6:6-8
July 14 - Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-14



Our
Summer Series
will continue this week at
7:00 with
Brother Glen Hawkins.
Please join us!

Daily Bible Reading

July 9 - Acts 10:24-48, Ezra 1-3
July 10 - Acts 11, Ezra 4-6
July 11 - Acts 12, Ezra 7-8
July 12 - Acts 13:1-31, Ezra 9-10
July 13 - Acts 13:32-52, Nehemiah 1-3
July 14 - Acts 14, Nehemiah 4-5
July 15 - Acts 15:1-21, Nehemiah 6-7
July 16 - Acts 15:22-41, Nehemiah 8-9



DANA'S DIRECTION

“When You Miss a Service – You Miss a lot!”

Years ago, I used to listen to the daily program of a news commentator on the radio. During the day, the program was promoted by the catch line “if you miss a day – you miss a lot.” If that is true of a radio program, it is certainly true of every opportunity that we have to be in the services of the church!

When asked “Why a Christian should faithfully attend the worship services of the church?” the best answer that many can give is “because it is commanded.” Well, it is true that God expects us to be faithful to the assembly of the saints. “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25) But, is the fact that it is commanded our highest motivation?

Asking if “Christians *have to* attend all of the services of the church?” is sort of kin to asking “do I *have to* go home and have dinner with my family each night?” If one has a loving family at home, where else would they want to be? Yes, God has said not to forsake the assembly, but for the conscientious Christian, who loves the Lord and his brothers and sisters in Christ, where else would they want to be? I have been asked, “Where does it say that I *have to* attend on Sunday night or on Wednesday night?” I like to look at the example of the early church (Acts 2:46-47) and ask “Where does it say that we should no longer be together daily?”

When we miss any service of the church, Sunday morning, Sunday night, Midweek Bible study, Gospel Meetings, etc., - we really do miss a lot! Consider the following things you miss when you fail to assemble with your Christian family:

- When you miss the Lord's Day, you miss being with the Lord and your brethren as they surround the Lord's table. Jesus told us when He instituted the supper that He would take it with us in the kingdom. (Matthew 26:29)
- When you miss any service, you miss the opportunity to be with the Lord in a unique and special way. He also said “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)
- You can sing by yourself (although it is doubtful that you do), but you miss the opportunity to join your voice with others being taught and admonished by the words that you sing. (Ephesians 5:19)
- You miss the opportunity for an organized and prepared study of the scriptures.
- When you don't attend, you fail to receive the encouragement of other Christians as they admonish one another and “stir one another up to love and good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)
- When you forsake the assembling of the saints, can it be truly said that you are “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?” (Matthew 6:33)
- How can you “let your light shine before men” (Matthew 5:16) and “be an example to the believers” (I Timothy 4:12) if the church isn't more important than the things of the world that keep many away.

When you, without any true cause, forsake the assembling of the saints, you are actually guilty of committing a “willful sin.” (Hebrews 10:28) Consider your choices in light of James 4:17 “Therefore to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

When you miss a service – You miss a lot!

Compel them to Come (Luke 14:15-24)



The Parable of the Great Supper:

Told in response to a man who said, “Blessed is he who shall _____ in the _____ of God” (vs 15).

“A certain man gave a great _____ and _____ many, and sent his _____ at supper time to say to those who were _____, ‘Come, for all things are _____.’ But they all with one _____ began to make _____” (vs17-18).

“The master of the house...said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the _____ and the _____ of the city, and bring in here the _____ and the _____ and the _____ and the blind. And the servant said, ‘Master it is done as you commanded, and there is still _____.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the _____ and _____, and _____ them to come in, that my house may be _____” (Vs. 21-24)

We are inviting people to a _____ feast.
Our invitation is Come, _____ and _____ the gospel. Our life in the kingdom of God is filled with _____ blessings.
The kingdom is spread by _____.

“Come unto Me – all you that _____ and are heavy _____ and I will give you rest. Take My _____ upon you and _____ from me, for I am _____ and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29).

“Many people will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the _____, to the _____ of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His _____ and we shall _____ in His paths” (Isaiah 2:3).

Andrew invited _____ (John 1:40). Phillip invited _____ (John 1:45). The Samaritan woman invited her _____ (John 4:28). Matthew invited other _____ (Luke 5:27-29). Cornelius invited his _____ (Acts 10:24).

Inviting can be _____.
In Inviting others, we must _____.

Go - invite others. Don’t let _____ keep us from inviting people. Jesus invites _____. “The Spirit and the _____ say come! (Revelation 22:17).

Invite those who are in _____. Those who perish, because they did not receive the _____ of the _____ that they might be _____ (II Thessalonians 2:10).

Teach the _____ in _____.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Thank You!

It's an interesting fact related by Bible translators that the Masai tribe in West Africa have an unusual way of saying, "I thank you." They say literally, "My head is in the dirt." When the Masai express thanks, they literally put their forehead down on the ground. They want to acknowledge gratitude with humility.

It is also interesting that members of another African tribe express gratitude by saying, "I sit on the ground before you." When one of them wants to express gratitude to another, he sits in front of the hut of the person to whom he wishes to express gratitude and just sits there in humility for an extended length of time. (*-- Joel Gregory, "The Unlikely Thanker," Preaching Today, Tape No. 110.*)

I would like to express my heart felt appreciation for all those who helped with VBS by saying "Thank You!" (*Although maybe not as poignant as the African tribes mentioned above; I am still very thankful.*)

I want to thank all the Bible class teachers who came to meetings, prepared lessons, created crafts, and worked with our children.

I want to thank all the men who helped put up the tent and cleaned up around the building.

I want to thank everyone who passed out flyers, put up signs, and sent postcards inviting people to our VBS.

I want to thank everyone who brought cookies, made Kool-Aid, cleaned up, made phone calls, ordered things, invited someone, and those who came to VBS.

Paul's words to Philemon seem very appropriate for those who helped with our Vacation Bible School: Phm .1:4-7, "I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you."

Thank You for all your help in making VBS a great success! You are truly a blessing to me and the congregation here at Camden Ave. Keep up the great work and may God bless each one of you!

Sermon this evening by Mark T. Tonkery Title: A Levite in the New Testament

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:26-27

Reminder you can still go to church camp. WVCYC is now in session. Please sign up.



God's timing is always right.



We are proud of all of our youth at Camden Avenue!

CAMP HERVIDA NEWS

Congratulations to Bre Tonkery! She won first place in the Senior Week Bible Bowl at Camp Hervida. Madison Taberner placed second. Way to go, Bre and Madison!

We are proud of Max Barclay. He was baptized at church camp. Let's all be an encouragement to him.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

Please be here at the building by 5:30AM Thursday, July 13 to go to Cedar Point. See Jeff for details.

Minute of Meditation by Dana

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

When Jesus prayed to be spared the agony of the cross He said, "Nevertheless, not My will but thine be done." Those are some of the most difficult words to understand and to pray, We pray in faith that God will hear and answer our prayers, but what if God's answer is "No"? Do we give up on both God and prayer?

H.G. Wells, a famous agnostic became angry when he prayed that God will guide him to pass an exam for which he had not studied. When he failed, Mr. Wells said, "all right God you will never catch me praying again!" And, he never did!

Compare that to great men of faith who cried out to God for what did not come to pass. David begged God to let his child live when Nathan prophesied His death. When the child died, David arose and worshipped God with faith that one day he would be reunited with his son in heaven. The apostle Paul prayed three times that God would remove his thorn in the flesh. When God answered, "No" Paul gave glory to God for the grace that enabled him to endure the difficulties of life.

How do we react when our prayer requests are not granted? Does it cause us to doubt and cease from praying? Or does it strengthen our faith that God will "make all things work together for good?" May our attitude in prayer always be that of Jesus..."Not my will, but thine be done."

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



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 16

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kyle Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Don Gaston

Close - Paul Saunders

6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Chris Hofmann

SCRIPTURE

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Ira Kimes

COMMUNION

AM - Kody Inman

PM - Ron Riddle

Braden Hesselrode

PA SYSTEM - Steve Gray

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Ron Riddle

2 - Josh Hall

4 - Peggy Riddle

PM

1. Ron & Peggy Riddle

2. Steve & Linda Gray

3. Jim & Sallie Hlnzman

4. Justin & Allie Moore

5. Steve & Julie Moser

6. Cotton & Patty Sayre

Facts and Figures

July 2, 2017

AM Service.....268

Bible Study.....162

PM Service.....211

Wednesday.....183

Contribution\$8053.00

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



If you plant goodness, you will harvest faithful love.
Plow your ground, and you will harvest with the Lord.
He will make goodness fall on you like rain.

Hosea 10:12

Save
the
Date



August 14

Blood Drive in MP Room

September 23

31st annual Bible Bowl

September 10 - 13

Fall Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

These are just some of the events planned.

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

In Search of the Lord's Way
program will air July 23 at **6:30AM**
due to a program change.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
leave Friday at 5:30
for the sing at the
Pensville, OH
congregation.

Everyone welcome!