

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 Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders will be September 10-13.
Topic: "What Every Family Needs"**

Agenda

September 10 - Fellowship Lunch in the MP Room after worship and Bible study.
2:00 service at Love and Care
6:00 - Evening service
7:00 Family Forum

September 11 - 11:00AM Women's Bible study, 5:45PM Men cooking for the ladies - MP Room.
7:00PM service

September 12 - 11:00AM Men's Bible study, 5:45PM Pizza in the MP Room. 7:00PM service

September 13 - 11:00AM Golden Agers Bible study, 5:45PM Hotdog Roast. 7:00M service

What will YOU do to help make our Gospel Meeting a success?

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
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“...And to wake up
knowing God is on
my side...is enough.”



Camden Clark Medical Center
Eloise Smith (Room CVU 3)

Please keep sweet Eloise in your
prayers. We love and appreciate
her and Keith so much.

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, Diana Hesselrode,
Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Jo Langler,
Bill Lemley, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Nancy Putnam, Ray Sams,
Bob Smith, Eloise Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Patty Alton, Luann Ayers (Shelley Todd's cousin), 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),
Dave Keller (Denny's brother), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich
(Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Ron Richards
(Courtney Richards' father-in-law), 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)



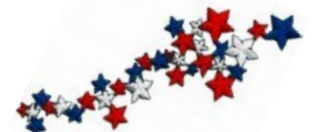
Eli Clark
499 Montgomery Hill Road
Walker, WV 26180

Please keep Eli and family in your prayers and remember him
with mail.

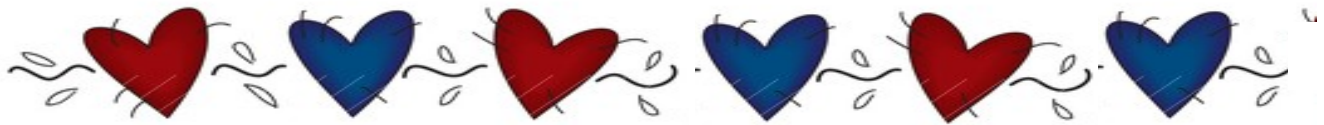
*** There will be a prayer service for Eli at our church building
Thursday, August 31 at 7:00PM. ***



Thank You Notes



- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and well-wishes from everyone. **Dearll Vincent**
- ♥ Thank you so much for the birthday cards! **Leah Hoover**
- ♥ Thank you so much for all your concern regarding my asthma. My asthma will be enduring for me. Please continue to pray for me. I especially love the homemade cards from the children, so precious to me. I love you all.
Jo Langler
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, cards and messages during this difficult time as my family and I dealt with my cancer. We're thankful for the good results and I will be starting treatments soon. In Christian love, **Diana, Breck, Braden and Ryan Hesselrode**
- ♥ Thank you for beautiful birthday cards. With love, **Lois Nulter**



DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons meeting today at 5:00.

COLLEGE STUDENT PLANNING MEETING

Anyone interested in planning activities for college students please meet with Mark this evening after services in Room 109. Bring ideas on how to reach out to our college students.

LOVE AND CARE SING/SERVICE

Everyone is invited to attend the sing at Love and Care tomorrow evening at 7:00. Care Group 3 will conduct the service at Love and Care Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 and Thursday, September 14 at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will begin September 25, 5:45 for dinner and 6:20 devotional and work assignments. Everyone invited! More details to come.

WALL OF HONOR

A Wall of Honor is being planned for our family of Veteran's. We would like to have pictures of all military, past and present. Include name, branch of service, rank, years and where served on back of a military picture, preferably. Pictures will be copied and returned. Submit by mid-October to Marion Goldsmith.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Just a reminder - coin banks are in the front and rear foyers. A representative will be here in a few months to collect them.

PLEADGE CARD (IN THE BULLETIN TODAY)

Please consider the work we have been doing this year to reach out to various people in our lives. Then think of how you may approach them to attend a worship service. Then give them some options of two or three times and ask them to pick one. Send them a reminder. In the meantime, please fill out the pledge card and turn it in as your commitment to trying your best to get them to come.

BIBLE CLASSES DURING OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Note: Sunday, September 10 - 5th grade and below will go to their regular Bible classes. All others will remain in the auditorium. Wednesday, September 13 - Everyone will remain in the auditorium. (Come to the Gospel Meeting and bring someone.)

Daily Bible Reading

August 27 - 1 Corinthians 1, Psalms 78-79
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

Our
Summer Series
will conclude this
Wednesday evening
with Dale Parsley
speaking.
Please join us at
7:00!

Daily Reading - Bible classes

August 28 - Numbers 20:1-7
August 29 - Numbers 20:8-13
August 30 - Numbers 20:22-29
August 31 - Numbers 27:12-17
September 1 - Deuteronomy 32:48-52



DANA'S DIRECTION

“How to have a successful Gospel Meeting”

Our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders begins in just two weeks! For years I have been hearing that Gospel Meetings are no longer effective. Many congregations, in fact, have stopped having them at all. I will admit that it may take more work to have a successful gospel meeting than it once did. People are busier than ever, and the competition for their time is great. But, the fact remains that when the gospel is preached, souls will be saved. That is, of course, if we get them here! What is required of us? What can each of us do so that our meeting will help lead someone to Christ?

Purpose: A Gospel Meeting serves several purposes. All of us will benefit from the worship, fellowship, and Bible study. The primary goal of our meeting, however, is to evangelize. A meeting provides us with a convenient opportunity to invite our friends, neighbors, family members and others to hear a message that can save their soul! (Romans 1:16) It also makes it possible for us to do the work that the Lord would have us to do – and to bear fruit for Him.

Preparation: I know that Phil has been looking forward for this opportunity for some time. His topics have been announced and his lessons are prepared. Now, what are we doing to prepare. In addition to inviting others (by sending cards, making phone calls, etc.) have you been praying for the success of this meeting?

Presence: Have you cleared your calendar of anything that would hinder you from being here for every service? If all of us attend each night, and invite others, we can fill our building!

Participation: It has been said, that you (our members) are the first sermon that people hear when they visit our services. Hopefully, we will all be gracious hosts. Arrive early so you can warmly greet all of our guests. Be prepared to answer questions and give assistance. Set the tone by entering into worship with enthusiasm. Sing! Use your Bible to follow the lesson. The first impression that people will have of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ will be the one they gain by observing us!

Presentation: We have hearing a lot on the news lately about some of the common fare of many churches. We need to reassure people that when people come to our meeting, they will not hear about politics, social issues, or psychology. Phil is coming for one purpose – to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified! (1 Corinthians 2:2) We are not coming to be entertained – but to enter in to worship that is in Spirit and in truth. (John 4:24) Many of our guests we see for the first time how simple and significant New Testament worship really is.

Prayer: Even after we have purposed, planned, prepared, are present and participate in our gospel meeting, we have not done all that we can do. We must put things into God's hands through prayer. We need to pray for success in our efforts to invite, for open hearts and minds of those who come, for the ability of our speaker to present the message, and for souls to be won.

Are we doing all that we can to make this Gospel Meeting a success?



Each one win one

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:16-18

I. People _____ people to Christ.

A. People who _____ others to Christ:

1. John 1:40-41 _____
2. John 1:45 _____
3. John 4:39 _____
4. John 8 _____
5. John 20:30-31 _____

B. People who were _____ to Christ went on to _____ others to Christ.

1. Acts 2 _____
2. Acts 8 _____
3. People who were linked by others:

C. This is how the Gospel was spread.

II. You and I were _____ to Christ.

1. Who was it that linked you to Christ? _____
2. We have _____ to share.
 - a. 2 Kings 7 _____

III. Who are you going to _____ to Christ?

A. Acts 26:16-18 - _____

Finally,

Acts 26:29, "And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I _____ to God that not only you but also _____ who _____ me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

Tonight's sermon

Passing your faith on

Scripture Reading: Numbers 27:18-20

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

"The Parable of The Lifesaving Station"



On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding areas, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the new members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they redecorated it beautifully and furnished it as a sort of club. Less of the members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired life boat crews to do this work. The mission of lifesaving was still given lip-service but most were too busy or lacked the necessary commitment to take part in the lifesaving activities personally.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, some had skin of a different color, some spoke a strange language, and the beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So, the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal pattern of the club. But some members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the life of all various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. They evolved into a club and yet another lifesaving station was founded. If you visit the seacoast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but now most of the people drown! -- **Taken from Personal Evangelism 101, by Brent Hunter**

Question: How can the problems that the Lifesaving Station experienced be avoided in the church? Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

“What Every Family Needs”



Friends and Family

A man who has **friends** must himself be **friendly**...Proverbs 18:24

August 27- September 2 - Children's Week (Insert in today's bulletin)

September 1 - Caravan leaving at 6:00 for the Friday night sing at the Ravenswood congregation.

September 3 - Prayer evening service

September 9 - Youth Day

September 10 - 13 - Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Meals will be served in the MP Room at 5:45. Monday 9/11 - Men cook for the ladies.

Tuesday 9/12 - Pizza will be provided. Bring items to go with pizza.

Wednesday 9/13 - Hotdog roast. More details to come.

September 14 - Ladies' Day at Love and Care

September 17 - Fireside sing after PM services

September 23 - Bible Bowl

September 24 - Harvest Dinner - Noon

Song and prayer evening service

Please continue to pray for these efforts.

Youth Events

Addresses of our college students will be posted on the Youth bulletin board by the office. They will also be printed in an upcoming bulletin as they become available.

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

Our Youth Day for all ages and families will be Saturday, September 9, starting at 9:00AM.

The day will start with singing and a devotional. Tailgating will be set up on the church parking lot.

There will be games on the side lawn, including inflatable house, ladder ball and corn hole. Bring any additional games you would like.

Wear your favorite team gear and come worship with us.

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for food items.

In the case of rain, we will conduct everything in the auditorium and/or MP Room.

If you have any questions, see Kyle or Mark Tonkery.



Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, September 3

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Cochran

SONG LEADERS

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Gary Herridge

Close - Brian Knotts

6:00 PM - Patrick Rine

Close - Ryan Highman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Cody Hoover

PM - Braden Hesselrode

COMMUNION

AM - Russ Alton

PM - Keith Smith

Steve Moser

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Herb Wright

2 - Dwain Shears

4 - Joyce Wright

PM

1. Herb & Joyce Wright

2. Nina Chevront & Amy Young

3. Mike & Pam Bayer

4. Chris & Terry Hofmann

5. Mark & Laura Tonkery

6. Len & Susan Haid



Golden Agers pictures of the Roscoe Village trip.

Thanks to all that went on the trip and made it a fun day!

Photo credit to Mark Tonkery



Facts and Figures

August 20, 2017

AM Service.....266

Bible Study.....199

PM Service.....190

Wednesday.....204

Contribution\$6648.00

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



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.

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:00 for the sing at the Ravenswood congregation.



We plan to caravan from our building at 6:00.

Please join us!