

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 Mother's Day!



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Lord Jesus, you have known a mother's love and tender care;
And you will hear, while for our own mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.

Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of
life.

May our mothers know from day to day the deepening glow of
joy that comes from your presence.

We cannot pay our debt for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.

Bless our mothers both in earth and heaven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Jon Hescht
Bill Hoover
Rob Hoover
Kevin Inman
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
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Gratitude is the best
attitude.
Gratitude changes
everything!



Thank you to all our mothers!

Thanks for all you do, but
especially for taking us to church
and teaching us the Lord's word.

Thank you today and
everyday!

Our church family in need of prayers.

Sharon Armstrong, Colleen Ash, Pat Barclay, Harvey Caplinger Sr, Peggy Cowdery,
Richard Cozad, Jim Dailey, Penny Eddy, Jim Henry, Lole Johnson, Phyllis Johnson,
Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad,
Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Cotton Sayre, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Patty Alton, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Eli Clark, Markita Conner
(Bill and Kay Mills' sister-in-law), Marc Farley (Brenda Dougherty's cousin),
Casey Freeman (Don and Brenda Dougherty's friend), Paula Garner (Julie Moser's
mother), Malissa Hackathorn (Jerry and Shelly Todd's friend), Tony Haid,
Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Judy Hughes (Melva Farris' sister),
Ron Richards (Courtney Richards' father-in-law), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's
brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter),
Dorcas Stanley (Sally Hinzman's mother), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel
White (Eloise Smith's niece)

Please inform the office of changes, updates and additions.

Please continue to pray for Eli Clark and remember him with cards.

Address: 499 Montgomery Hill Road, Walker, WV 26180

Thank You Notes

- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards and well-wishes. Thank you for thinking of me. With love, **Dwain Shears**
- ♥ Thanks for all the beautiful birthday cards I received. I enjoyed them so much. **Calvin Martin**
- ♥ We received a card from **Kathleen Albright**. She thanks everyone for the cards and gifts and for the 90th birthday cards and gifts. She appreciates all acts of kindness. (The card is posted on the foyer bulletin board.)
- ♥ Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and cards during my recent hospitalization. You are a caring church family. **Cotton Sayre**

Her children rise up and call her blessed.
(Proverbs 31:28)



TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP

Peggy Dearth has requested to transfer her membership to the Rosemar congregation. We miss her but we know she is an asset at the Rosemar congregation.

GRADUATES PICTURES NEEDED TODAY

Pictures of our high school and college graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin. Pictures may be given to Kimberlee or left in the office today. Include student's name and school information. Photos will be returned.

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

The Adult Bible Bowl class will begin today in Room 112 and cover chapters 1 and 2. The Bible Bowl will be September 15 and cover the book of Exodus - NKJV.

CAMDEN AVENUE TEEN AND YOUTH BIBLE BOWL TEAMS

Any of our teens or youth interested in being on our Bible Bowl team(s), please meet in Room 109 this evening after services with Mark Tonkery.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet tomorrow in the MP Room. Dinner at 5:45 followed with a brief devo. and the "work" starts at about 6:30. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for attendance count and food items. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to the high school graduates get-together in the MP Room after evening services next Sunday. Please bring snack foods, desserts and beverages.

Our 2018 graduates include: Malorie Fleak, Stormi Frazier, Jansen Goldsmith, Holly Haught, Emma Hershman, John (Bram) Mills, Alivia Moser, Hannah Shears and Brenden Smith

MEN'S MEETING

Men's meeting next Sunday at 5:00. There will not be a Ladies' meeting.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS AND VBS WORKERS MEETING

Bible Class Teachers and VBS workers meeting June 3 at 5:00PM in Room 109.

Daily Bible Class Reading

May 14 - 2 Kings 15:32-35; 2 Chronicles 27:1-6
May 15 - 2 Chronicles 28:1-5, 8-11, 14-15, 19-27
May 17 - 2 Kings 12:1-3; 2 Chron. 24:4, 8-12, 15-19
May 18 - 2 Kings 14:1-6; 2 Chronicles 25:14-22
May 19 - 2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 14-23



The world is full of
good people...
If you can't find
one - Be one!

Daily Bible Reading

May 13 - John 1:1-34, 2 Samuel 17-18
May 14 - John 1:35-51, 2 Samuel 19-20
May 15 - John 2, 2 Samuel 21-22
May 16 - John 3:1-21, 2 Samuel 23-24
May 17 - John 3:22-36, 1 King 1
May 18 - John 4:1-26, 1 Kings 2-3
May 19 - John 4:27-54, 1 Kings 4-5
May 20 - John 5:1-18, 1 Kings 6-7

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery



“Hi MOM”

*(Taken from the Laings, Ohio Church of Christ
Bulletin May 10, 1998, by Sam Bartrug)*

“When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother...” (John 19:26-27)

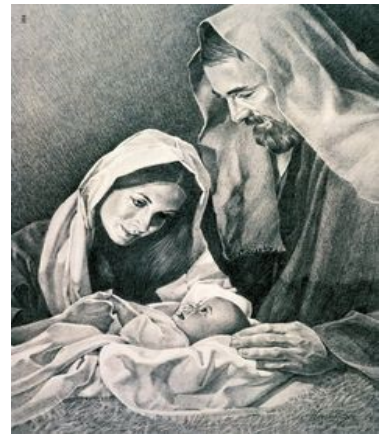
As a rule, there are few relationships here on earth that can equal the bond between mother and child. This being Mother’s Day I want you to think with me for a few moments about the simple words, “Hi, Mom.”

- 1) Some never get to say them! Isaiah 49:15 reminds us that there are mothers who will abandon their children. Such treachery is beyond understanding to most of us, but it seems to be happening with increasing frequency. Most females can have babies...some of them are not willing to be mothers when they do!
- 2) Some say them, but they don’t realize the privilege of being able to do so! We can blame it on youth, or it may be self-centeredness; but “honoring father and mother” doesn’t come easily to many of us while we are at home. Life’s greatest treasures are often overlooked (or taken for granted) in our lives for many years.
- 3) Some long for the time they once could say them and would gladly say them again if possible! Is it true that we never miss a really good thing until it is gone? A mother’s love is unique and irreplaceable. Cherish it and acknowledge it while you can, if you still can!
- 4) Some have come to understand the joy of being able to say them now! The passing of time and becoming parents ourselves; often awakens within us the realization of how special our parents have been in our lives. What privilege I enjoy to be able to call or to visit home and still say, “Hi, Mom.”

Happy Mother’s Day to each of you! May it be a joyful and blessed day!

What mothers can learn from Mary?

Text: Luke 1:26-38



If we were looking for the best mother to leave our one and only child with whom would she be? Would she be wealthy? Would she live in a nice place? Would she be famous, well educated? Mature? Experienced? What would be her characteristics? We wouldn't leave our child with just anyone would we?

Who did God entrust to raise His Son? _____

I. She was a _____.

A. Luke 1:38 _____

II. She was _____.

A. Luke 1:30 _____

III. She was _____.

A. Acts 1:14 _____

IV. Mary like many other mothers in the Bible have great _____ that we should each strive to develop in our Christian lives.

A. But we must be careful that we do not exult Mary or other people in the Bible beyond what the scriptures command us too.

B. Jesus even states in:

1. Luke 8:21, "But he answered them, "My _____ and my brothers are those who _____ the word of God and _____ it."

2. Luke 11:27-28, "As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the _____ that _____ you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who _____ the word of God and _____ it!"



Get Back Up!

When a giraffe is born, he tumbles some ten feet to the ground, landing on his back. Within seconds, he rolls over and stands, struggling with those tall, untried legs.

The mother giraffe positions herself directly over her newborn, swings her leg outward and kicks that baby, sending it sprawling! If it doesn't get up, she kicks it again. If it grows tired, she kicks it again to stimulate its efforts to stand. Each time the baby giraffe manages to get to its feet, the mothers kicks it once again.

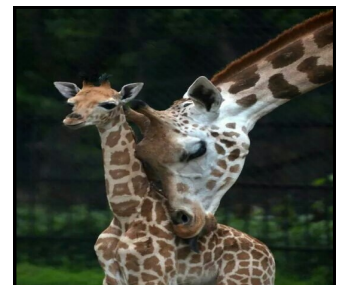
Now, this may seem cruel to you, but there is a reason for the mother's behavior. She is simply preparing the baby for survival, because that little giraffe must learn to get up quickly and run with the herd when danger comes - otherwise he will not survive!

As Christians, we must learn the same lesson that baby giraffes learn: when life kicks you down, you must get back up. You must never give up! Our soul's survival depends upon our ability to persevere, James says, "*Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him*" (James 1:12).

When things go wrong, Satan would love nothing better than for you to throw in the towel and give up on faith, God, Christ and the church. That's his goal - to get you to quit short of the goal of salvation. He wants you to become so frustrated that you will simply quit. Don't let him get to you. When life knocks you down - **get back up!**

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So when life kicks us, as the mother giraffe kicks its young, just remember that our Heavenly Father loves us. He will faithfully sustain us through all our difficult times.





2018 Summer Series

"The Precious Promises of God"



June 6	Salvation - The Forgiveness of Sins (Ephesians 1:7)	Roger Rush
June 13	The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)	Mark Mason
June 27	Becoming a New Creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)	Dale Parsley
July 4	Vacation Bible School	
July 11	God's Providential Care (Romans 8:28)	Dana Slingluff
July 18	God Hears and Answers our Prayers (John 14:13-14)	Mark Tonkery
July 25	The Power to Overcome Satan (James 4:7)	Steve Haguewood
August 1	Divine Wisdom (Psalm 110:10)	Terry Jones
August 8	A Peace that Passes Understanding (Philippians 4:7)	Steve Fuchs
August 15	Blessed Assurance (Hebrews 6:11-12)	Randy Baker
August 22	God will meet our Needs (Matthew 6:25-34)	Glenn Hawkins
August 29	A Home in Heaven (John 14:1-6)	Terry Townsend

Join us each Wednesday for our Summer Series!

Youth Events

Everyone is invited to the
High School Graduation get-together in the
MP Room next Sunday after evening services.
Please bring snacks, desserts and beverages.

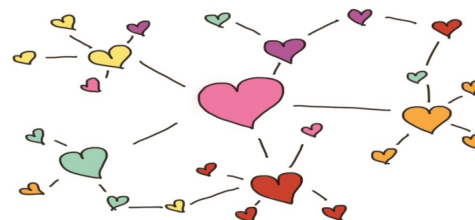
Transportation will leave Sunday, May 27 at 5:30
to join the **traveling youth group** at the
Rockport congregation.



Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida
brochures are available in the foyers.

Senior Week for Ages 14-18 (June 10-15),
Jr. Week for Ages 8-11 (June 17-22),
Intermediate Week for Ages 11-14 (June 24-29).

See Mark for more details.



God gives us joy that we may give; He
gives us joy that we may share;
sometimes He gives us loads to lift that
we may learn to bear. For life is gladder
when we give, and love is sweeter when
we share, and heavy loads rest lightly too
when we have learned to bear.

Author Unknown

Since you get more joy out of giving joy to
others, you should put a good deal of
thought into the happiness that you are
able to give. -E. Roosevelt

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 20

ELDER IN CHARGE - Dwain Shears

DEACON IN CHARGE - Kevin Inman

SONG LEADERS

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Clayton Huber

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Gary Herridge

Close - Don Gaston

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Doug Hershman

SCRIPTURE

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Bill Hoover T

COMMUNION

AM - Dwain Shears

PM - Brian Haught
Ryan Highman

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Paul Saunders

2 - Doug Hershman

3 - Alisha Hershman

PM

1. Jeff & Julie Taberner

2. Paul & Barbara Saunders

* Doors 3 and 4 - Unattended *

5. Jim & Sallie Hinzman

6. Keith & Eloise Smith



HOW TO BE HAPPY

Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry,
live simply, expect little, give much, sing often,
pray always, fill your life with love, scatter sunshine,
forget self, and think of others. Do as you would have
done to you. These are tried links in the golden chain of
contentment.

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Save These
DATES

June 2 - Church Picnic

June 2 - Annual OVU sing at 4PM

July 2-4 - Our Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:00PM

August 4 - Teachers, Elders, Deacons Workshop at OVU

September 15 - Our Bible Bowl

October 7-10 - Our Gospel Meeting (Speaker: Paolo Di Luca)

Facts and Figures

May 6, 2018

AM Service.....253
Bible Study.....167
PM Service.....203
Wednesday.....154
Contribution\$7669.27

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018

Baptisms.....0
Restored or Requested
Prayers.....2
Placed Membership.....2

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study...15 min. after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will
leave Friday at 6:15
for the sing at the
George Street
congregation.

Everyone invited!

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.

