

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.

Bible Call 304.420.2416 - Recorded information on many Bible subjects

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We are hosting a Youth - Parenting Seminar this week.

May 3-5

Theme: What Is Your Responsibility?

Speaker: Lonnie Jones

Friday, May 3

6:30 Singing

7:00 *Responsibility of Christian Youth*

Activities to follow

Saturday, May 4

4:00 *Responsibility of Christian Parents*

5:00 Meal

6:30 Singing

7:00 *How Do You Raise Godly Children?*

Sunday, May 5

9:30 *Priorities For the Family, What Needs to Come First?*

11:00 *What Immorality and Drugs Are Doing To the Family*

6th Grade and above will remain in the auditorium.

Fellowship Meal in the MP Room after worship and Bible study

Elders:

Jim Galloway
John Life
Paul Saunders
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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To love God is the
greatest of virtues;
to be loved by God
is the greatest of
blessings.



Our church family in need of prayers.

Bob and Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Gloria Frazier,
Don Gaston, Ben Haught, Carolyn Henry, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Lemley,
Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Gene and Peg Phillips, Ed Porter,
Jane Pralley, Van Putnam, Ray Sams, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent,
Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends

Cindy Adkins (Kassi's mother-in-law), David Balderson (Sallie Hinzman's brother),
Mark Berry, Ann Duley, Beth Ferguson, Paula Garner (Julie Moser's mother),
Sherry Haddox, Charles (Bill) Haid, Tony Haid, Bennet Haught (Brian Haught's
father), Jim and Jean Huber (Clayton's parents), Dolores Kemp (Friend of Mary
Nesselroad), David Lawson, Carolyn Sue Miller, Shirley Packard, Ron Richards
(Courtney Richards' father-in-law), John Rockhold III, Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's
brother), Penny Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's daughter), Randy Townsend



Belpre Landing - Dearll Vincent (Room 318)

No visits, please.

Address: 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

Brother Vincent's health continues to greatly
improve. Continue to remember him in your prayers
and with cards.

Thank You Notes

- ♥ Thank you for the cards, prayers and encouraging words for Dearll. He enjoys the heartfelt cards. He is getting better each day but still has a ways to go. Keep the prayers coming. **Carol Vincent**
- ♥ You just have to keep reminding us, don't you? Thanks so much for the birthday cards. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I miss all of you at Camden Avenue, and I'm sorry I'm so late with my gratitude for all the cards remembering my birthday. I enjoyed reading each one-more than once, only made me more homesick to see all of you. I'm doing well for a 91 year old-some days better than others. May God bless all the church at Camden Avenue. Love to all, **Kathleen Albright**

Thank you, **Sallie Hinzman** for baking the communion bread this month.

News and Announcements

As was announced last Sunday, the eldership is submitting to the congregation the name of Clayton Huber to be an elder here at Camden Avenue.
If one would have a scriptural reason why this should not occur, please put it in writing, sign it and give it to Jim, John or Paul by May 4.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Clayton and Verna Huber in the birth of their sixth grandchild, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joan (pronounced Jo-Ann) Jacobs. She arrived April 24 weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces to parents Konni and Jamie Jacobs. Congrats to big sister, Olivia and big brother, JJ. They reside in Richmond, VA.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP

Transportation will leave today at 5:45 to join the Traveling Youth Group at the Dewey Avenue congregation.

LOVE AND CARE SING

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

NEW DAY OVU WORKSHOP

Everyone is invited to a Evangelism workshop at Ohio Valley University May 1-2. There will be lectures and classes for everyone. Thursday there will be special events for teen and college age students. No costs involved. Flyers on foyer bulletin boards.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 1 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday in the MP Room following Bible classes. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages. Remember this will be our Youth-Parenting workshop so, please bring a little extra to share.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIAL

VBS teachers and those helping with VBS are asked to have your order forms returned to Mark Tonkery by next Sunday.

CPR REFRESHER CLASS

A refresher CPR class will be held Monday, May 6 from 6:00PM-9:00PM in the MP Room. Sign-up sheet is on the counter. Any questions, see Marion.

WARREN CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS LECTURESHIPS

The 9th Annual Warren Lectureship will be Thursday, May 9 at the Blennerhassett Hotel with Speaker: Devon Brown. Reservations required to 304-917-3707.

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neighbors and co-workers.



Daily Bible Reading

April 28 - Luke 18:18-43, 1 Samuel 13-14

April 29 - Luke 19:1-27, 1 Samuel 15-16

April 30 - Luke 19:28-48, 1 Samuel 17

May 1 - Luke 20:1-26, 1 Samuel 18-19

May 2 - Luke 20:27-47, 1 Samuel 20-22

May 3 - Luke 21:1-24, 1 Samuel 23-24

May 4 - Luke 21:25-38, 1 Samuel 25-26

May 5 - Luke 22:1-23, 1 Samuel 27-29

Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Dare not to be a Diotrephes

The church today faces many problems in a similar way as the first century church did. For example, the apostle John refers to a man named Diotrephes in 3 Jn. 1:9, "I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority." Notice, the Bible says that he "likes to be first." Diotrephes was a church "boss" who ruled the church to suit his own whims.

A. T. Robertson once wrote an article for a religious magazine. He described the conduct of the biblical Diotrephes. Twenty-five deacons from various churches wrote to the editor, canceling their subscriptions. They contended that Robertson was writing about them.

Even today there are those individuals who like to take control of God's people, "to be first," and usurp the authority of the elders and even God. This is the seed of division. Division often happens when people hunger for power and control. They want things done their way, and if they do not get it, they start doing things on their own.

John calls out Diotrephes for this type of behavior, but he is not the only one who was causing division in the first century church, 1 Cor. 1:10-13 we see that there was a whole congregation divided by following different preachers and some were even using Christ's name as a way to divide. It is a reminder that sometimes we can do the right things for the wrong reasons.

Paul will go on to say in Titus 3:10-11, "As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned." And then in Galatians 5:19-21 tells us that a person who causes division and dissensions will not inherit the kingdom of God. Then Jude 1:19, states, "It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit."

The scriptures are very serious when it comes to those who create division and dissension within a congregation; they are to be warned or corrected and if they continue to cause dissension the church is to have nothing to do with them. Notice the Bible also tells us that these people are "devoid of the Spirit" and "will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Not only is the attitude of Diotrephes not good for an individual spiritually; they also harm the influence of the church. Jesus points out in Matthew 12:25, "...Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand." May we learn from the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ, no local congregation can withstand division; it has no place in the Lord's church.

It has been said that the man who holds the ladder at the bottom is about as important as the man at the top. If the man at the top is wise, he will recognize the importance of the man at the bottom.

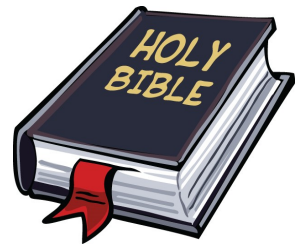
Christians are not islands unto themselves. We need each other. Each member must care about all the other members of the church. Everyone achieves more when we work together. We must work together for the accomplishing of God's will; His will is too big for anyone one of us to do it alone.

Dare not to be a Diotrephes, for those who do, it will be their downfall. Think about it!

SERMON NOTES

Qualifications for an elder - Part 1

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7



I. What type of servant is this man?

- A. Elders are first and foremost _____.
- B. Matthew 20:25-28 - _____
- C. Matthew 23:5-9 - _____
- D. 1 Peter 5:3, "neither as _____ it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves _____ to the flock."
- E. John 12:26, "Whoever _____ me must follow me; and where I am, my _____ also will be. My Father will honor the one who _____ me."
- F. Romans 12:11, "'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, _____ the Lord'".

II. How grounded in the word of God is this man?

- A. 1 Timothy 3:1 _____
- B. Titus 1:9 _____
- C. Titus 1:9 _____
- D. 1 Timothy 3:6 _____

III. What is the character of this man?

- A. 1 Timothy 3:7 _____
- B. Titus 1:6; 1 Tim. 3:2 _____
- C. Titus 1:8 _____
- D. 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8 _____
- E. 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8 _____
- F. 1 Timothy 3:5 _____
- G. Titus 1:8 _____
- H. Titus 1:8 _____
- I. Titus 1:8 _____
- J. 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7 _____
- K. 1 Timothy 3:3 _____
- L. 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7 _____
- M. Titus 1:7 _____

"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task." (1 Timothy 3:1)

DOUG'S DISCUSSION



What If?

Historians sometimes have a little fun considering the “what if?” question. What would the world be like if the South had won the civil war? What if Julius Caesar was never assassinated? What if Germany was victorious in WW2? I don’t think it takes too much imagination to grasp that there are certain moments that could have gone very differently, and if they did the world might not even be recognizable to us today. I don’t think I’d be very excited to live in a world where Hitler created a dynasty and the sort of evil he encouraged remained unchecked.

I also would not be excited about living in a world without Jesus. Let me ask you this – what if Jesus never came to earth to die for our sins? What if He took one look at us in heaven and decided we weren’t worth it? What if He did call those ten thousand angels to rescue him from the cross? If Jesus never rescues us then we would live in a world without hope. With no empty tomb what evidence would we have that death isn’t the end? Without the blood of Jesus that “purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7) What hope would we have of pleasing God? Without pleasing God how could we get to heaven?

Let us all praise God for Jesus! There are many other ways God could have dealt with a stubborn, sinful people. But out of all possibilities God chose love. He chose to pay the ultimate price so that He could be with us forever. I would have no words of comfort and hope for you if we served a god who is less generous, less forgiving. But we don’t. We serve our God! “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made” (Psalm 145:8-9). Instead of taking God’s abundant grace for granted we need to understand what our situation would be if God DIDN’T send Jesus. Consider “What If?” and then praise God all the more.



CHURCH CAMP

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP AT CAMP HERVIDA

OVCYC at Camp Hervida is asking for donations of supplies. The list is on the counter in the foyer.

Items need to be left under the coat rack in the parking lot foyer by Wednesday, May 29.

Senior Week June 9-14

Junior Week June 16-21

Intermediate Week June 23-28

Registration forms are available in the foyers.



GRADUATES PICTURES

Pictures of our high school and college graduates will be featured in an upcoming bulletin.

If you would like to submit a picture, include the student's name and school information with the photo.

Pictures may be given to Kimberlee or left in the office by Sunday, May 12.

Photos will be returned.



Remember our shut-ins in your prayers and with cards.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Let's face it: raising kids is a heavy responsibility. We can use all the help we can get. That's why the Camden Avenue church of Christ would like to invite you to our Parenting and Youth Seminar on May 3 and 4. Our speaker is Lonnie Jones, someone who is in contention for the most interesting man on earth. He is Psychologist, a rock climber, a martial artist, a chaplain for a swat team, and has years of experience in youth ministry.

We will have activities and messages for parents and youth alike and all are welcome to join us. We will begin Friday, May 3 at 6:30PM, and we will pick back up Saturday at 4.

The Camden Avenue Church of Christ is located at 2900 Camden Avenue in Parkersburg, WV. Please call the church office at 304.428.0504 for more information.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to recharge those parenting batteries and spend some time with your family. This is Doug Wells with the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, and you are always welcome.





Upcoming Events at Local Congregations

April 28 - May 1

Gospel Meeting
North End Church of Christ
Speaker: Phil Sanders

April 28 - May 1

Gospel Meeting
West Union Church of Christ
Speaker: Paolo DiLuca

May 5 - 8

Gospel Meeting
Sunrise Church of Christ
Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

May 7

Senior Saints Day
Sunrise Church of Christ
Speaker: Dr. David Lipe

May 11

YOUTH FORMAL NIGHT RIVERBOAT CRUISE
Ages: 9th - 12th Grade
Hosted by the North End church of Christ
(More details on bulletin board by the office)

May 12 - 16

Gospel Meeting
Crum Ridge Church of Christ
Speaker: Tim Hatfield

May 17 - 18

Fort Hill Men's Retreat
Brochure on bulletin boards

Flyers are posted on the bulletin boards in the foyers for these events.

Have a great week!

Look for ways this week to share the love of Jesus!

Serving In Worship

Sunday, May 5

ELDER IN CHARGE - John Life

DEACON IN CHARGE - Rob Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Ben Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders

Close - Ira Kimes

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Pat Rine

SCRIPTURE

AM - Walter Morgan

PM - Dwain Shears

COMMUNION

AM - Len Haid

PM - Todd Kirk and Mike Fleak

PA SYSTEM - Clayton Huber

The Lawn Crew for this week includes



Paul Inman,
Kyle Inman,
Pat Rine, and
Cody Hoover.

Facts and Figures

April 21, 2019

AM Service.....	278
Bible Study.....	130
PM Service.....	187
Wednesday.....	170
Contribution.....	\$7841.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

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

Services Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....	9:30
Bible Study....	15 min. after worship
PM Worship.....	6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....	7:00PM
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Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**

will air 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.

May 5

THE HEART OF CHRIST

Friday Night Sing

Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Dewey Avenue congregation.



Everyone is encouraged to join us!