

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

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Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# *To Keep in Prayer*

## Church Family in Need of Prayers

Sarah Buckley	Susan Haid	Linda Moncrief	Theresa Steed
Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Debby Nesselroad	Dorothy Stevens
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jon Hescht	Dave Nulter	Jim Stoops
Mary Caplinger	Jim & Sallie Hinzman	Ray Peters	Darrell Vaught
Carl Curtiss	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Patty Workman
Paula Franklin	Gwen Lucas	Cotton Sayre	Joyce Wright
Sandy Graham	Bill Mills	Eloise Smith	

## Please Pray for Our Shut-ins

Bob Armstrong	Mildred Gault	Michael Ludwig	Jenny Reynolds
Naomi Carr	Lucille Hardman	Doris Newberry	Ray & Bonnie Sams
Keith Cowdery	Rosie Knox	Calvin, Jean Martin	Sue VanCamp
Richard Cozad	Jo Langler	Merilee Morgan	Dearll Vincent
Patty Dawson	Kim Ledsome	Ed & Lois Porter	Martha Whited
Chelsea Doonan	Janet Looney	Van Putnam	

## Prayer Request for Friends and Family

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)	Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Mark Berry	Mike Lucas
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mom)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kelly Boyce	Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister)
Kevin Britton (Cody Hoover's Cousin)	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle)	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Roy Clark	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Kathy Plant
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Betty Dunn (G-Grandma; Ryan Highman)	John Rockhold III
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)	Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)	Michele Scherer
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother)	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Scott Gordon	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's gr.dau.)
Judy Hall	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Steve Higginbotham	Shawn Stephens
Mike Hill (friend Mike and Pam Bayer)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam., Eloise Smith)
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Seth Waggoner
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Brenda Jones (friend, Rosemary Merrill)	Susan Williams
Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)
Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)	
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)	

# Announcements

**VISITORS** - We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and place it in the baskets on the communion table up front.

**CARD MINISTRY** - November and December mailing labels are available in the church office. If you would like to send cards as part of the card ministry, take a sheet of labels and mark the sign-out sheet with which labels you are doing this month. If you prefer to write addresses, any unused labels may be turned in to the office. See Terri Hofmann if you have any questions.

{ **RAKE AND RUN** - TODAY following Bible classes. }

{ **MEN'S MEETING** - TODAY at 4pm in the multipurpose room. }

**POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME** - Additional funds from the church budget are being sent to help with increases in their operating costs. If you would like to personally donate, please give cash/check to Jeff Taberner or one of the Elders no later than next Sunday, November 27th. Please indicate it's for Potter's Children's Home.

**GLEANER CANS** - Potter's Children's Home gleaner cans are available in the front lobby. Please return all cans to the building by the end of November so they can be turned in to Potter's.

**TEACHERS NEEDED** - Teachers and helpers are needed for Sunday and Wednesday in the two-year-old class and a Sunday co-teacher for middle school. Please see Cody Hoover if you have any questions or are able to help.

## Updated Member Information

Richard Cozad  
258 Jefferson Dr.  
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Charlene Donahue  
681-588-8100

Sarah Buckley  
502A Barclay Street  
Belpre, OH 45714

## Updates to the Prayer List:

- ♥ Sarah Buckley is now home.
- ♥ Richard Cozad is beginning in home therapy after being in the hospital in Marietta. He has moved in with his son in Mineral Wells.
- ♥ Mary Caplinger is continuing to have trouble with her heart.
- ♥ Harvey Caplinger's cancer has returned. He is currently undergoing radiation.
- ♥ Susan Haid is continuing to improve at Encompass Health. No visitors at this time.
- ♥ Adeline Inman had surgery on Thursday to remove her tonsils.

♥ Kasen Inman was baptized last week!

♥ Darrell Vaught had vascular surgery last week. No visitors at this time.

## Deacons:

Ken Barnes  
Membership

Kevin Cochran  
Youth: Teens

Marion Goldsmith  
Transportation  
& Grounds

Doug Hershman  
Financial

Jon Hescht  
Technology

Ryan Highman  
Building  
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann  
Building  
Maintenance

Bill Hoover  
Worship

Cody Hoover  
Education

Rob Hoover  
Health &  
Safety /Security

Kevin Inman  
Youth:  
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman  
Youth: K-5

Scott Johnson  
Evangelism

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

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# *Doug's Discussion*

## *Souls Per Hour*

What if there was a formula that told you how many hours of evangelistic effort it takes to win a soul for God? Granted, this kind of thing would be a massive oversimplification. The mysterious work of God in changing hearts cannot be quantified. That being said, we do play a role in bringing others to their Lord. Some put in a little bit of effort, some put in a lot as we respond to verses like, “Go out into all the world and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15). Hours of labor are done in an effort to save souls. What we probably could do is try and figure out how many hours, on average, God’s workers put in for each soul saved. If you twisted my arm and made me venture a guess, I would say that, in America, that number is probably something like fifty to sixty hours of effective evangelism per baptism.

Let’s say I’m close. Let’s say that, on average, putting in fifty hours of effort in evangelistic Bible studies, outreach projects, and other ways of making contacts would lead to someone beginning their Christian walk. (There is, of course, still a lot of work to do at this point, but we can talk about that later!) Let me ask you this – is that time worth it? We have our own families to consider, after all. There are plenty of needs to address without having to leave our church walls. Is it worth it to take that much time out of our busy lives to baptize ONE person? I think that God would say it is. “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent” (Luke 15:7). And what do you think that one person would say? Would he or she think those fifty hours were worth it?

What if I am way too low? What if the number is really something more like 200 hours per baptism? Is it still worth it? The answer to this question, what we really think, isn’t in what we say. (Of course, we would say the answer is, “Yes!”) It’s in what we do. Evangelism is hard work. If we have any notion that we can spend a couple of hours doing one thing and people will just come swarming in, then we should let that go now. Can it happen? Sure. It is normal? No. Normal is hours spent making a contact, developing a relationship, setting up a study, conducting that study, and hoping that this study (which sometimes needs to continue for months) leads to a good decision. Normal is an effort requiring many church workers making extended sacrifices of their time. Are the lost worth it? You were lost once – you tell me.

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# *Sermon Notes*

## *Jesus is the Best*

“But what things were \_\_\_\_\_ to me, these I have counted \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Yet indeed I also count all things \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, for whom I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things,  
and count them as \_\_\_\_\_, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ Christ” (Philippians 3:7-8)

- 1: Have you ever put your trust in something in this world, only to be let down?
- 2: What have you worked hard to gain in this life?
- 3: When you really come to the Lord, how do you then see all the efforts you have made for yourself? (Philippians 3:7, Psalm 127:1-2)
- 4: How would you describe Paul’s worldly standing before meeting Jesus?
- 5: When Paul met Jesus, what did he find out about his previous efforts? (Acts 9:3-5)
- 6: Some people can be very resistant to finding out that their life’s efforts are worthless. How did Paul respond? (Philippians 3:7)
- 7: How great is it to know Jesus? What is everything else compared to that? (Philippians 3:8-9)
- 8: People have done many impressive things. If done without God, what is the end result? (Proverbs 14:12)
- 9: How does knowing Christ change the way I see death? (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)
- 10: How are you going to spend the rest of your life?

# *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1 - Jeff Taberner	13 - Hayden Kelly	24 - *Herb & Joyce Wright
2 - Bob Eddy	14 - Mary Daniel	25 - Josh Gray
3 - *Chris & Debbie Tallman	14 - Darrell Vaught	26 - Annette Kirk
4 - Sheri Gaston	15 - Janet Looney	26 - Dana Sponseller
5 - Bram Mills	15 - Jean Martin	27 - *Cotton & Patty Sayre
6 - Kate Barnes	16 - Tammy Kerns	28 - Rosemary Merrill
6 - Dorothea (Dot) Haught	16 - Amy Young	29 - Mike Fleak
10 - *Jim & Sallie Hinzman	16 - Eric Young	29 - Jay Goldsmith
10 - *Mike & Teresa Wade	16 - *Ron & Linda Moncrief	30 - Madison Taberner
11 - Allen Coe	19 - Jordan Kirk	31 - Ty Inman
11 - Kathy Hoover	20 - *Larry & Janet Plant	
11 - Adeline Inman	20 - *Ray & Bonnie Sams	*Anniversary
12 - Barbara Saunders	21 - Brian Haught	
12 - Dylan Muncy	21 - Tempe Inman	
13 - Haley Jonson	24 - Kim Ledsome	

## *Minute of Meditation*

*Heard on FM 96.9*

Every time a news story breaks with another cross or religious monument being removed from a public building, I hear a lot about the separation of church and state. When that phrase is said, some people nod and proclaim how important it is that church and public life don't mix. People just keep using that phrase, but I don't think it means what they think it means.

"Separation of church and state" is not found in the American constitution or in any of our founding documents. The phrase comes from a private letter from President Thomas Jefferson, meant to assure a church group that the government would not interfere with their expression of the Christian faith. In fact, two days later, Jefferson attended a church service IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUILDING. Do not be afraid to express your Christian faith wherever you go. Our founding fathers certainly weren't. They worshiped in the same place our country's laws were made.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Caden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

# *Thank You*

Everyone that came to help clean the building for the work night on Monday evening, Thank you! We had a really good turn out and all of the currently used classrooms and the library were cleaned.

-Chris Hofmann and Ryan Highman



## *Ministry Voting and Sign-ups*

If you have not yet had the chance, please take a moment to look at the sheets posted on the back of the auditorium. Vote for your top four ministries that you would like to see implemented first, and sign up for the team that interest you most.

### *Proposed Ministries*

1. Leadership Workshop
2. Booth at County Fair
3. Evangelism Training
4. New Life Behavior Classes
5. Community Garden
6. Wednesday Tutoring
7. Training More Bible Class Teachers
8. Friend's and Family Day
9. Host Area Wide Singing
10. Campaign for Christ
11. Focus on Youth Activities and Training
12. Help Smaller Congregations with VBS
13. Care Groups Provide Luncheons  
Every Sunday

### *Ministry Teams*

- Red Team  
(immediately contact visitor, etc. )
- Yellow Team  
(follow-up visits, bible studies)
- Green Team  
(quarterly contacts)
- Blue Team  
(card writers)
- Operations Team  
(keep records, work the table)
- Motivational Team  
(recruit, encourage, purchase/make gifts)
- Team Leaders are also needed.
1. Operations Team Leader
  2. Motivational Leader
  3. Color Coordinators  
(Red, Yellow, Green, Blue)

## Serving in Worship

Nov 27, 2022

### Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

### Deacon in Charge

Jeff Taberner

### Song Leader

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Brian Haught

### Scripture

AM - Chris Hofmann

PM - Ken Barnes

### Prayer

9:30 AM - Todd Kirk

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Chris Tallman

Close - Klay Cochran

### Communion

AM - Korey Inman

PM - Ron Riddle

### Welcome Center

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Rick Stanley

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Ryan Highman

Security - Dennis Keller



## Food Pantry

November Needs

Care group 1 - crackers

Care group 2 - pasta sauce

Care group 3 - jelly/peanut butter

Care group 4 - macaroni and cheese



Items can be placed on the table in the food pantry.

# Rake and Run

Today following morning worship



## Facts and Figures

November 13, 2022

Sunday AM Worship.....208

Sunday Bible Class.....158

Sunday PM Worship.....128

Wednesday AM.....32

Wednesday PM.....116

Contribution.....\$7,146

### Membership 2022

Baptisms.....6

Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

November 27

**"Five Warnings"**



## Daily Bible Reading

Nov 21: Heb 12 & Eze 14-16

Nov 22: Heb 13 & Eze 17

Nov 23: James 1 & Eze 18-20

Nov 24: James 2 & Eze 21

Nov 25: James 3 & Eze 22-23

Nov 26: James 4 & Eze 24-26

Nov 27: James 5 & Eze 27-28

*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.*