

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

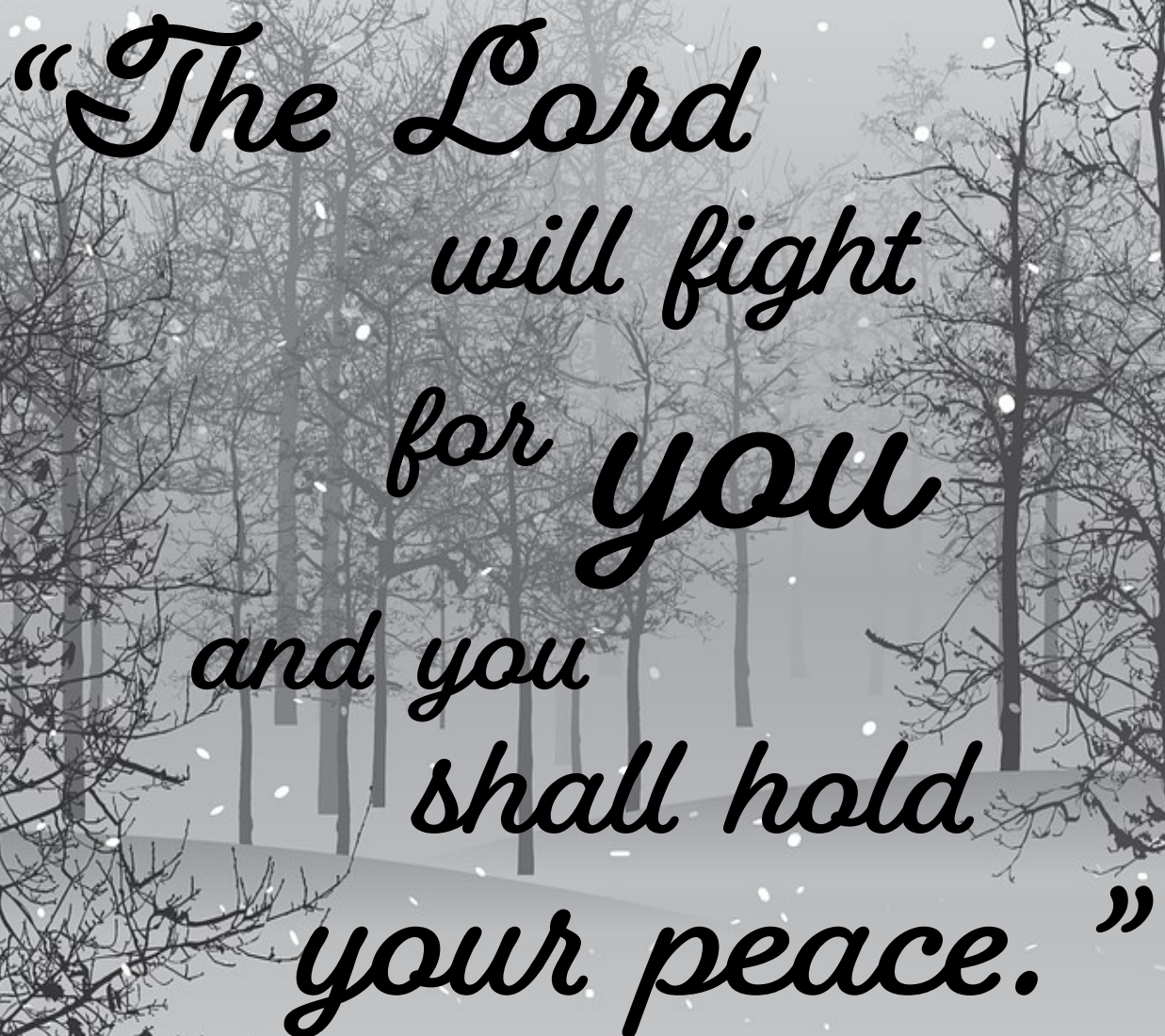
Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

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

“Where you are always welcome!”

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*“The Lord
will fight
for you
and you
shall hold
your peace.”*

Exodus 14:14

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

To Keep in Prayer

Church Family in Need of Prayers

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

Pray for Our Shut-ins

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

Request for Friends and Family

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

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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - This year, we will be focusing on Paul's letters for our Book of the Month. The book for January will be Galatians. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board when you have completed the reading.

HALL BABY SHOWER - Come and help Josh and Zoe Hall prepare to welcome their baby girl at a come-and-go baby shower TODAY from 2 to 5 pm in the multipurpose room.

LOVE AND CARE - Camden Avenue will be hosting the services at Love and Care today at 2:30 pm and Thursday, January 19 at 7 pm. Masks are required.

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING - There will be a meeting for anyone involved with Lads to Leaders this evening in room 109 following evening worship.

ATTENDANCE CARDS - We will once again be taking up attendance cards. This will help greatly in serving the congregation. Please be aware of this change as it is implemented.

CARD SHOWER - Imogene Aebi, the wife of late local minister Charles Aebi and professor at OVC and Washington State, will be turning 90 on January 31. There will be a surprise card shower for her. Her address is 2660 Layman Road, Vincent, OH 45784. When signing your card, please add that you are from Camden Avenue.

Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Calvin Martin had surgery on Tuesday.
- ♥ Jon Hescht had surgery on Wednesday and is still in Morgantown recovering.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle was in Morgantown on Friday for continued treatment for her eyes.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ron Holleron in the passing his sister, Janet Campwell in Oregon.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of John Love who passed away last week. His wife, Kerry Love, is the manager of the Lubeck Thrift store that helps Love and Care.

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

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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Livestream:

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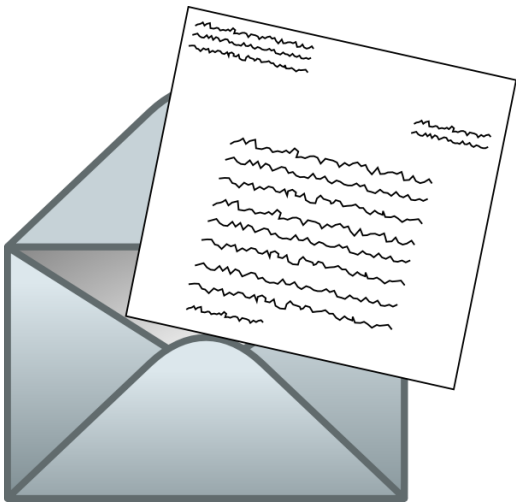
YouTube

Camden Avenue
coC Live

Doug's Discussion

Hearing from Jesus

I mentioned in a sermon on Sunday that it would be a really neat thing to have a direct and personal letter from Jesus. Oddly enough, a mysterious letter came to me shortly after the service. In red ink (because, of course, all words from Jesus are in red) it reads, "To: Doug, From: Jesus." Wow! Just what I always wanted! Even better, the contents of the letter do not contain a rebuke that I probably deserve for something. Instead, it says, "I heard what you preached. You are doing good! Keep up the good work." Then there is a smiley. Hmm, that's a little suspicious. Does Jesus use smiley faces in letters? Maybe. Ohh . . . but then the next line is just way too suspicious. It reads, "And do the right thing: let Tempe and Ayla have sleepovers!" (That's my 9-year-old and a church friend.)



Well, the illusion was fun while it lasted. The letter is still going on a bookshelf, because it's hilarious and it represents something I truly do want. I don't have any problem sitting in my office working on sermons for hours, or with spending my Saturday nights practicing them. There's a couple of reasons for this. One, I'm preaching the gospel, and I believe the gospel has the power to change people's lives. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Secondly, I really want Jesus to be happy with what I say. I would love to hear my Savior say what was contained in that adorable letter. Not the sleepover part, that other part. I'm not sure what would make me happier.

Unfortunately, this kind of direct communication is a fantasy . . . for now. What I know of what Jesus would say to me has to be interpreted from my knowledge of the Savior from the Word of God. Or, as 1 Corinthians 13:12 puts it, "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." I can be confident of some of the things Jesus will say. I can make a guess at some others – so I know in part . . . for now. But how great will the day be when I know fully, when I can see face to face! The day is coming when I hope to directly get something even better than a letter. I hope to hear the voice of Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23). What a day that will be! Oh, how I long and look forward to hearing from Jesus.

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Sermon Notes

AM Sermon: **Life Skills from James: Listening**

Scripture Reading: James 1:19-20

- 1: What's a book of the Bible that has a lot of practical advice for living?

- 2: How well does it work if multiple people in your group decide they are going to talk at the same time? (1 Corinthians 14:29-31)

- 3: Why do you think we ought to be quick to listen?

- 4: How much better is what you have to say than what others have to say? (Trap question! Philippians 2:3)

- 5: From 1 Samuel 25:17, what was a symptom of Nabal's wickedness? What could no one do?

- 6: How does anger affect listening? (Psalm 37:8/Proverbs 14:29)

- 7: Be honest with yourself: if you asked the people in your life how good of a listener you are, what would they say?

- 8: From James 1:21-22 and Ecclesiastes 5:1, what makes us good at listening to God?

- 9: Do you need to listen to something God is telling you through His Word this morning?

PM Sermon: **Golden Lampstand Two – Smyrna**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:9-10

Minute of Meditation

Forgive How Much?

Heard on FM 96.9

There were a few times in Jesus' lessons when the disciples just couldn't believe their ears. One of those times had to do with forgiveness. Forgive my brother? That seems reasonable. After all, we know that we all sin and we all need forgiveness – so if we want it ourselves, we are going to have to extend it to others – sure. But when Jesus told them the AMOUNT of forgiveness He expected that led to a minor breakdown.

In Luke 17:4 Jesus says “If [your brother] sins against you SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY, and SEVEN TIMES comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” The disciple's reply was “Increase our faith!” Or in other words, “Jesus, I'm going to need some help with this one!” Don't we all.

Forgiving once a week we can probably handle. Once a day might be pushing it. But seven times a day? Lord, increase our faith! That is shocking! And it is the kind of amazing patience that God has displayed time and time again with us. We are called, as challenging as it is, to give the same forgiveness to others.

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

The Line-Up

TJ Kirk, “Listen For God”

Ralph Gilmore, “When We Stop Listening”

Reed Swindle, “Listen To Jesus”

Lonnie Jones, “Listen & Change”

Dale Jenkins • Jon Podein • Jason Isbell

Ben & Travis • S.W.A.T

Friday Night - 8:30-10:30

Saturday Morning - 9:00-Noon

Saturday Night - 8:00-10:00

Sunday Morning - 8:30-9:30

Doors open 1 hour before each session

CYC Feb 24-26 Are you Listening?



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 15 **Hall Baby Shower - 2-5 pm**
Come and go
Registered on Amazon
- 15 **Lads to Leaders Meeting**
Room 109 following evening worship.
- 22 **Men's Meeting - 4 pm *Date Changed***
multipurpose room
- 27 **Ohio Winter Lectures**
-29 "The Shadow King"
Fishinger Road church of Christ
Columbus, OH
There will be class for all ages.
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 5:00pm**
Dewey Avenue Church of Christ

FEBRUARY

- 6 **Monday Night Merge 2023 Begins**
- 24 **CYC - Pigeon Forge, TN**
-26 "Are You Listening?"
- 28 **Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6 pm**
Schedule your appointment early:
RedCrossBlood.org - use code CACC.

MARCH

- 4-5 **Miami Valley Bible Bowl**
"By Faith" Hebrews and James (ESV)
4th-6th, 7th-12th, and adult teams
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally**

APRIL

- 20 **Equipped 2023 "Practical Christianity"**
-23 Lehman Avenue church of Christ
Bowling Green, KY

Thank You Notes

I wish to thank all who sent birthday cards, get well cards and for the prayers on my behalf.

Darrell Vaught

Thank you so very much for all you have done for Richard, and for all you did to help us during our loss of this wonderful man.

Great Thanks and Appreciation, The Cozad Family

Serving in Worship

Jan 22, 2023

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

Song Leader

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Aidan Klingler

Scripture

AM - Rob Hoover

PM - Delmas Carr

Prayer

9:30 AM - Cody Hoover

Close - John Life

6:00 PM - Kody Inman

Close - Dylan Muncy

Communion

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Steve Gray

Welcome Center

AM - Sherry Sponseller

PM - Tammy Kerns

Announcements - Ken Barnes

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson

Food Pantry



Our food pantry is available to *anyone*, church member or community member, that may be experiencing any kind of need. Let's spread the word!

Meal Train

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone who is willing to help with meals for the Highman family while Madison is on bedrest.



The Shadow King

The Life of David

Ohio Winter Lectures

January 27-29

Fishinger Road church of Christ
Columbus, OH

There will be classes for all ages!

Facts and Figures

January 8, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....191

Sunday Bible Class.....174

Sunday PM Worship.....161

Wednesday AM.....

Wednesday PM.....

Contribution.....\$7,520

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0

Restored/Req. Prayer.....0

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

January 22

"Ironies of the Cross"



IN **SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 15: Gen. 29-30 Ps. 15

Jan. 16 Gen. 31-32 Ps. 16

Jan. 17 Gen. 33-34 Ps. 17

Jan. 18 Gen. 35-36 Ps. 18

Jan. 19 Gen. 37-38 Ps. 19

Beyond the Stars

Jan. 20 Gen. 39-40 Ps. 20

Jan. 21 Gen. 41-42 Ps. 21

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.