

# Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101      304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30

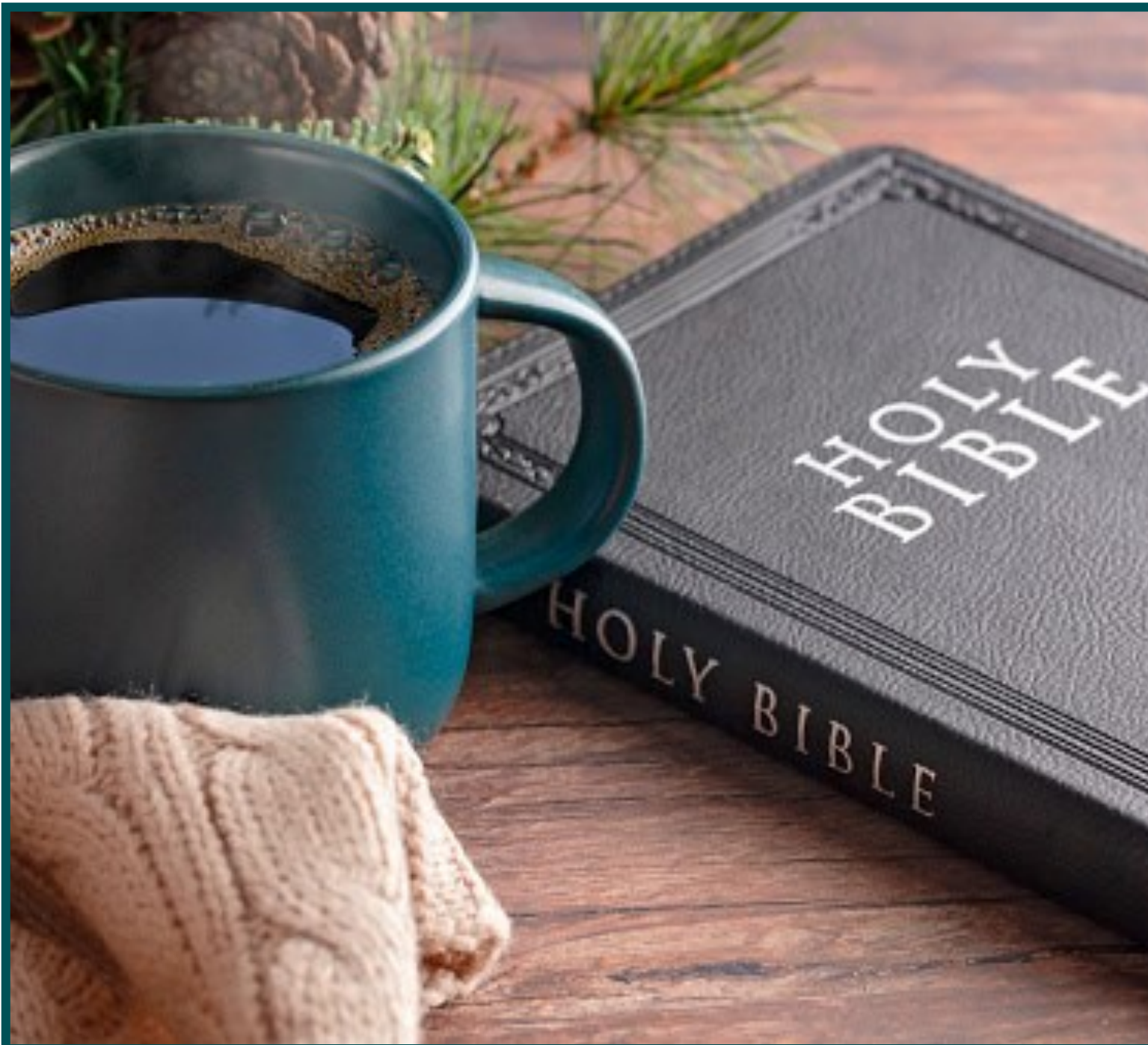
Sunday PM Worship.....6:00pm

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

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

“Where you are always welcome!”

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*



## Elders:

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**Bible Call**  
304-420-2416  
Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# *To Keep in Prayer*

## Church Family in Need of Prayers

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

## 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	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 mother)
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kelly Boyce	Glen & Karen Morrell
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's Uncle)	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Roy Clark	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Terry L. Crislip (John & Debra Bonar's nep.)	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Kathy Plant
Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husband)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
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)	Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters' sis.)
Scott Gordon	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Elsie Smith (Huber's granddaughter)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Judy Hall	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g.dau.)
Steve Higginbotham	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Mike Hill (friend of Mike and Pam Bayer)	Shawn Stephens
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam. of Eloise Smith)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Seth Waggoner
Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin)	Sara White (Randy White's Daughter)
Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)	Susan Williams
Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)
Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders' 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 pass it to the center aisles.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS** - We are once again taking up attendance cards. Please fill out a card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisles. This will help greatly in serving the congregation. Thank you!

**CYC DONATIONS** - CYC will be February 24-26. If you would like to donate to CYC for the youth, please give your donation to Kevin Cochran.

**MEN'S MEETING** - It will be this afternoon at 4 pm in the multipurpose room.

**TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP** - Next Sunday, January 29, at 5 pm at Dewey Avenue.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE** - The first night will be February 6 at North End. A full schedule can be found on the bulletin board.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - The drive will be on February 28 from 12-6 pm. You can schedule your appointment early by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and using the code CACC.

## Milestone Birthdays

Mille Gault will be turning 103 on February 11! Let's celebrate her birthday with cards and visits. Mille is at Love and Care, Dupont Rd, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Betty Lamb will be turning 95 on January 27th. What a wonderful milestone! Betty is at 2600 Unity Place, Apt. 101, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Imogene Aebi, former professor at OVC and Washington State and wife of late local minister Charles Aebi, 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

- ♥ Gary Alton is home from the hospital with kidney stones.
- ♥ Terry L. Crislip (nephew of John and Debra Bonar) had surgery Wednesday in Morgantown.
- ♥ Mike Inman (member of the Inman family) went home after surgery on Monday but is now back in the hospital and starting dialysis.
- ♥ Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) is now home from Morgantown.
- ♥ Calvin Martin is having complications after his emergency surgery last Thursday. No visitors at this time.
- ♥ Helen May (Verna Huber's mother) is now at Ohio Valley Healthcare.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle has been able to find a medication that is helping with the fungal infection in her eye but still has a long road ahead.
- ♥ Jim Stoops now has no detectable sign of cancer!

## 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

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

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Livestream:

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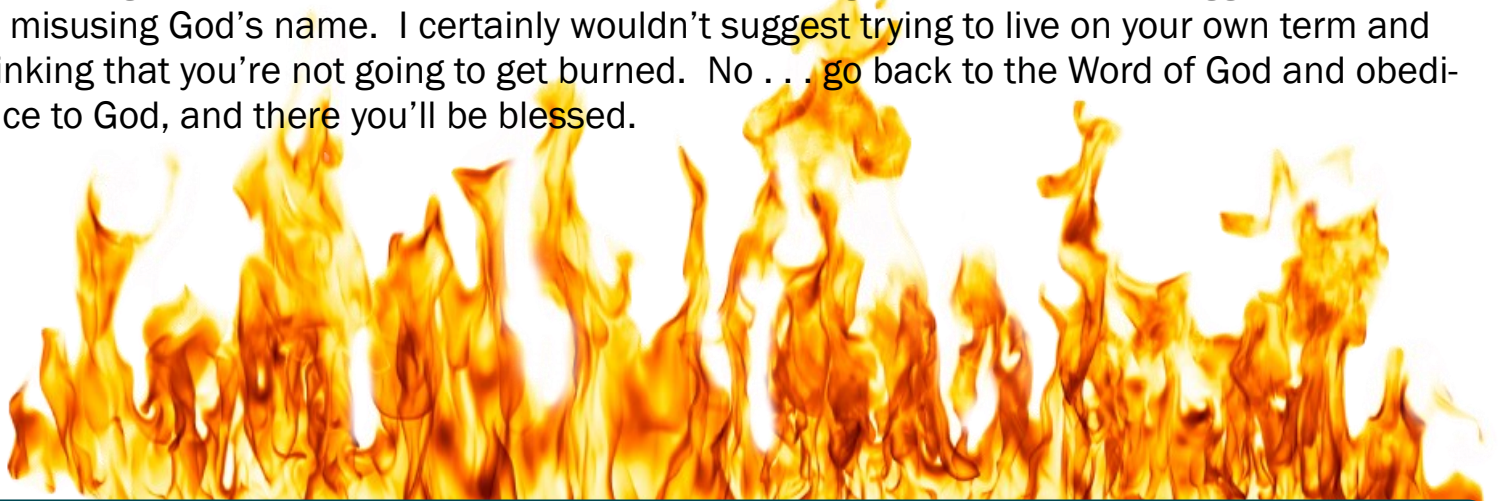
# *Doug's Discussion*

## *Two Sides of Holiness*

Fire can be scary, and it can be wonderful. We have a fireplace in our basement that our family thoroughly enjoys. We are blessed by its heat and light. But if fire isn't respected (like that incident I recently had with our burn pile . . . which I am too embarrassed to tell you about) it can be a scary thing. Fire can cause all sorts of damage if you are not careful. Isn't it interesting that the same thing can be both a great blessing and extremely dangerous? Perhaps it is also interesting that the Bible says, "Our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29).

In context, Hebrews says that we ought to worship God acceptably because of this. We ought to be reverent while being thankful for the incredible blessings that are given to believers. When we come to God in this way, the results are good. Failing to do so is dangerous. Take, for example, the ark of God as it traveled along the road. Certainly, this ark was a fire – and, for a time, it wasn't handled properly. When fire isn't handled properly accidents happen, and in one occurrence a man named Uzzah paid the price. This leads David to be afraid of the fire, and he says, "How can I ever bring the ark of God to me?" (1 Chronicles 13:12). The ark goes to the house of Obed-Edom, and "the Lord blessed his household and everything he had" (13:14). Because, of course, fire is also wonderful.

We cannot even imagine the great blessings that are in store for those who humbly respect the Word of God; for those who seek to be holy as God is holy. They will enjoy God's light forever! But what of those who approach God casually; who "play around" with the idea of God and with matters of salvation? Well, I wouldn't suggest playing around with fire. I almost blew up my gasoline can one time with this kind of carelessness. Wait . . . I said I wasn't going to tell you about that. My point is that it was very dangerous. How much more dangerous it is to mess around with powers far greater! I wouldn't suggest so much as misusing God's name. I certainly wouldn't suggest trying to live on your own term and thinking that you're not going to get burned. No . . . go back to the Word of God and obedience to God, and there you'll be blessed.



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# Sermon Notes

## Life Skills from James: Resisting Favoritism

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-4

- 1: Is life in this world “fair”?
  
- 2: What are some examples of favoritism that people in this world show today?
  
- 3: What should we lift up, as a church, as something worthy of being praised and admired? (Titus 1:7-8)
  
- 4: If the mayor and a homeless person both visit our service, which would you greet more enthusiastically? (Note: if you say neither is that an honest answer?)
  
- 5: What message are we communicating if we are more welcoming to people of financial means?
  
- 6: Based on James 2:1-5, do you think God is going to be impressed with us if the enthusiasm of our welcome is based on worldly criteria instead of a person’s heart or character?
  
- 7: Looking at 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, are many true believers well off by worldly standards?
  
- 8: If you were a Wemmick in the children’s book *You are Special*, how many stars would you have; How many dots?
  
- 9: What matters more – the stars and dots or what the Maker thinks of you?
  
- 10: This week, will you make a point to see people as God sees them, and treat all people without the favoritism that is based on temporary things?

PM Sermon:

**Golden Lampstand Three – Pergamum**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-16

To my family at Camden Avenue -

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and concern. We now have a diagnosis and specific medicine to fight my fungal eye infection. This will likely be a long journey. I continue to covet your prayers and feel thankful for services on facebook. Looking forward to being able to worship with you soon!

Love, Peggy Riddle

Thank you to all who took the time to call, sing, visit, send a card, text or facebook me on my birthday. I guess the older you get the more important they become. You each made my day better.

Gala Miller

## *Bible Call December 2022*

We had OVER 14 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in December. In November, we had 17 hours of lessons on calls. November had 147 calls, and December had 109 calls. High days for November and December were both 13 calls. Over 20 times people listened to the same lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

- (24) 126 The Secret of Contentment
- (7) 515 Can Ordinary People Understand the Bible
- (6) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (9) 115 Overcoming Depression
- (5) 216 The Power of Satan In your Life
- (5) 125 Depressed? Life Can Be Meaningful
- (5) 225 Worry

Often, people start with things of personal interest and then move on to other topics. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY.

Usually, November and December are the low months for calls, and we do not mail as much at that time. We look forward to the New Year and what we can do to reach out with the Gospel. Other congregations are taking advantage of what Camden is making available. The congregation in Hinton has made the mailing of that area with 3024 mailed the first week of January 2023, the Spencer congregation mailing 2785 the second week of January, and our mailing 2500 in town the third week of January. Also, congregations in Ohio have requested more leaflets to hand out. I look for opportunities to talk with more congregations about this work and how they can be involved.

Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us help each other to keep this work effective. KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL David Epler [djepler@hotmail.com](mailto:djepler@hotmail.com), Cell (616) 554-0990, House (304) 834-1935. Let me know of leadership in other congregations who might want to know more about this work.

# Upcoming Events

## JANUARY

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

Contact Information Update:

Gala Miller  
681-315-7161  
no current email

## 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

# Minute of Meditation *Heard on FM 96.9*

## Zip it or Ruin It

Take a minute and think about all the things you have wanted to say but didn't. Now . . . I'm sure most of you are nice, good-hearted people – so most of what you want to say is good. But maybe not always. Maybe someone's being annoying and something about their intelligence or their character or maybe even their parents crosses your mind. Or maybe you're just having a bad day and some unfortunate target just happens to be in your sights at the wrong time and you're tempted to verbally barrage them.

You WANT to . . . but, being the good-hearted person that you are most of the time, you don't. And that is wise. Proverbs 13:3 says, "He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin."

Blessings come to those who choose to NOT say whatever they want – unless everything they want to say is good. When we're not there yet we learn to close our mouths if we want less trouble in our lives. A short moment of vindictive pleasure can cause long-term headaches. When you want to speak something foolish refraining guards your life. Speaking leads to ruin.

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

# Serving in Worship

Jan 29, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

## Deacon in Charge

Kevin Cochran

## Song Leader

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - David Epler

## Scripture

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Bob Miller

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Stan Inman

6:00 PM - Josh Carr

Close - Dennis Keller

## Communion

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Chris Hofmann

## Welcome Center

AM - Robin Anthony

PM - Paul Saunders

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Chris Tallman

# wvbs Interactive Bible Reading Plan

[https://video.wvbs.org/  
access/interactive-bible-  
reading-plan/](https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/)

Physical copies can be found  
in the front lobby.

## 2023 Bible Reading Plan

Jan. 22: Gen. 43-44; Ps. 22

[Sermon: Psalm 22](#)

Jan. 23: Gen. 45-46; Ps. 23

Jan. 24: Gen. 47-48; Ps. 24

Jan. 25: Gen. 49-50; Ps. 25

Jan. 26: Ex. 1-3; Ps. 26

[SOTW: Exodus](#)

Jan. 27: Ex. 4-6; Ps. 27

[The Story of Moses](#)

Jan. 28: Ex. 7-9; Ps. 28

Jan. 29: Ex. 10-12; Ps. 29



## OVCYC Church Camp

Senior Week

June 18-23 ages 14-19

Intermediate Week

June 25-30 ages 11-14

Junior Week

July 9-14 ages 8-11

Location: Camp Barbe

## Facts and Figures

January 8, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....193

Sunday Bible Class.....154

Sunday PM Worship.....154

Wednesday AM.....23

Wednesday PM.....128

Contribution.....\$8,955

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0

Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

January 29

"The Word "Must""



## Highman Family

There is a sign-up  
sheet in the foyer for  
anyone willing to help  
provide a meal

## 2023: Paul's Epistles

Jan: Galatians

Please sign the  
sheet on the  
bulletin board



*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.*