## **Camden Avenue Church of Christ** 304-428-0504

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Sunday AM Worship......9:30 Sunday Bible Class.....10:45

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



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

# To Keep ín Prayer

#### **Church Family in Need of Prayers** Linda Camp **Debby Nesselroad** Susan Haid Mary Nesselroad Harvey Caplinger Sr. Carolyn Henry Mary Caplinger Jon Hescht **Dave Nulter** Naomi Carr Jim & Sallie Hinzman **Ray Peters Carl Curtiss Bill Lemley Bill Porter** Charlotte Deem **Gwen Lucas** Summer Rich Paula Franklin Linda Moncrief Peggy Riddle Sandy Graham Pray for Our Shut-ins Jim & Sallie Hinzman

**Bob Armstrong** Naomi Carr Rosie Knox Keith Cowdery Jo Langler Patty Dawson Kim Ledsome Chelsea Doonan Janet Looney Lucille Hardman

Michael Ludwig **Doris Newberry** Calvin & Jean Martin Ray & Bonnie Sams Merilee Morgan Ed & Lois Porter

**Cotton Sayre Eloise Smith** Theresa Steed **Dorothy Stevens Darrell Vaught Dearll Vincent** Joyce Wright Jim & Sallie Hinzman Sue Vancamp

Van Putnam Jenny Reynolds Sue VanCamp **Dearll Vincent** Martha Whited

## **Request for Friends and Family**

Leo (Robin Anthony's brother) Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders' friend) Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades) Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend) Preston Lawhon (church camp) Mark Berry 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.) Shelly Parnell (d. of Everett & Ruth Sams) Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend) Megan Bailey Daugherty Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husband) Kathy Plant Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker) Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son) Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother) Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew) Betty Dunn (G-Grandma; Ryan Highman) Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend) Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son) John Rockhold III Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law) Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson) Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's Brother) **Michele Scherer** Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters' sis.) Scott Gordon Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father) Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son) Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law) Mike Smith (Keith Smith's nephew) Charles (Bill) Haid Elsie Smith (Huber's granddaughter) Judy Hall Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother) Steve Higginbotham Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g.dau.) Mike Hill (friend of Mike and Pam Bayer) Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew) Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother) Shawn Stephens Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya) Frank & Hazel Terry (fam. of Eloise Smith) Chennie Jonas (Sandy Hughes's cousin) Seth Waggoner Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) Susan Williams Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother) Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)

# Announcements

<u>VISITORS</u> - 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, and please join us for lunch today following morning Bible classes.

<u>MEAL TRAIN</u> - There are five days available to help provide meals for the Highman family for the month of February. If you are able to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Meals are being provided on Mondays and Thursdays.

<u>FELLOWSHIP MEAL</u> - Today, immediately following morning Bible classes in the multipurpose room, found at the end of the back hallway and down the steps. Care Group 3 will be hosting and everyone is invited!

<u>MONDAY NIGHT MERGE</u> - Will be at Dewey Avenue this week, tomorrow, February 13. The topic will be "Stand When Afraid" on the book of Esther.

MEN'S MEETING - Next Sunday, January 19 at 4pm in the MP room.

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

<u>**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**</u> - The drive will be on February 28 from 12-6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to make an appointment or you can go to RedCrossBlood.org and use code CACC.

**LADIES** - There will be a meeting in room 109 after evening worship to discuss plans for hosting the area-wide Ladies' Inspiration day next year.

## Updates to the Prayer List

- Leo (Robin Anthony's brother) had emergency surgery Thursday for an intestinal blockage.
- ♥ Naomi Carr is now home after being in the hospital this week.
- ♥ Jamie Eaton (from North End) is now home after getting 2 stints for his heart.
- ♥ Bill Lemley was taken to Morgantown Wednesday with a brain bleed.
- Mary Nesselroad has been transferred to Encompass Health after surgery for a broken hip and is now walking well.
- Shelly Parnell (daughter of Everett & Ruth Sams, former members of Camden) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Cards can be sent to 5206 26th St, Lubbock, TX 79407.
- Elsie Smith (granddaughter of Clayton and Verna Huber) is in the pediatric icu with a high fever.
- Sue Vancamp had aortic valve replacement surgery in Morgantown Thursday.
- Sarah White (Randy White's daughter) is doing much better. Thank you for your continued prayers.

### 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

# Watch our Livestream:



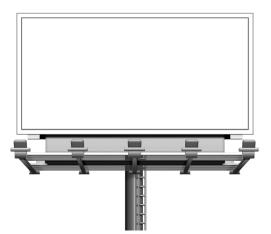
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# Doug's Díscussíon

# <u>Correctly Valued Faith</u>

I have a couple of beautiful daughters. I actually foresee this becoming a problem since I'm not a very scary-looking guy. Maybe I can rent one of you muscley types to sit on my porch with a shotgun when dates come by. Of course, there are other ways to go about this. How do you think one of my daughters would take it if I, in a few years, rented a billboard with her picture



on it? The caption would read, "Would you please date my daughter?" Oh my . . . I can just see the withering look now. Or how about if I offered young guys money to date her, and she finds out about it? Do you think she would take that well? Hmm . . . If I want to see grandkids someday, I would be wise to refrain from such things. These kinds of actions cheapen my daughter, which is ridiculous because she is precious. If you want to get to her you better bring your A-game; you better like getting past the rented ripped armed guy sitting on the porch. She's worth it.

For some reason, people seem to like the idea of faith in God that costs nothing. I guess people think God is out there putting up billboards begging people for followers. "Oh please worship me! I'll give you whatever you want! Just come to church if you feel like it, call yourself a Christian when it's comfortable, and I'll forgive all your sins and shower you with bless-ings!" Huh. Is that what God has to do to get you interested in the Christian faith? Offer every-thing and expect nothing? When I get emails when these kinds of offers I immediately believe that it is some kind of scam. When the prince of England wants to fill my bank account I just delete it because I know that nothing of real value costs nothing. David knew that. When given an opportunity to have faith that that was all benefit and no cost he turned it down. He said, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing" (1 Chronicles 21:30).

What is God worth? Everything. All we have. If we wouldn't gladly give up worldly treasures or risk even our lives just for one moment in His presence then we have no idea how precious He is. When Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23), he is asking a lot. I would expect nothing less. I would be suspicious of anything less. After all, Jesus speaks of the freedom and peace that is found in Him. He even speaks of a prepared place where those found in Him would be with God forever! If I found that kind of offer in an email, with no commitment required, I'd probably delete it. But asking for everything I am and have makes it credible. That makes sense. Do you want everything, Lord? Totally worth it.

To find more articles, sermons, and resources, visit cacoc.net

## Sermon Notes

# How to Handle Wealth (Or Lack of It)

Scripture Reading: James 5:4-8

1: If there was something you could do that would make you considerably richer . . . but it would be taking advantage of someone else, would you do it? (You only get credit for an honest answer)

2: Is it wrong to possess wealth? (Considering 1 Timothy 6:17-18)

3: What if that wealthy was accumulated through dishonest means? (Considering James 5:1-3)

4: If you take advantage of someone to get your money (like I am suggesting payday lenders do) who is going to notice? (James 5:4)

5: SO – if you have gained any kind of wealth by taking advantage of your neighbor, how do you repent of that? (What did Zacchaeus do?)

6: Some people hoard possessions, and it is harmful to themselves and all around them. How do you feel about that?

7: If God gave you possessions and wealth, is it wrong to enjoy them? (Check 1 Timothy 6:17)

8: But what also must we be willing to do?

9: If you don't have many material blessings where are you told to put your hope? (James 5:7-8)

10: Where is your treasure?

PM Sermon: "Guest" Speaker Scott Smith "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" Scripture Reading: Matthew5:8

# Mínute of Medítatíon Heard on FM 96.9

## And Then They Died

Let's think about some of the people in the Bible's history who had hopes and dreams and desires . . . and then they died.

A man named Tibni had a desire to be king of Israel – and the kingdom was very nearly in his grasp. And then he died.

Judas was always after personal gain. He helped himself to Jesus's mission fund. He used his connection with Jesus to betray him for thirty pieces of silver. And then . . . he died. He hung himself on a tree.

Solomon was always after the next beautiful woman. And, being king, he had the ability to have as many as he wanted. And he wanted a lot. According to 1 Kings "He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray." Then . . . he died.

All these people going after so many things, some successful, some not. They traded their pursuit of holiness for chasing something else. And then they had nothing. Listen to Proverbs 11:7, "When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing."

When you die what will you have?

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

Congratulations to all those that read Galatians in January for the book of the month! The book *(* for February is Ephesians.

John Bonar Debbie Bonar Delmas Carr Naomi Carr Barbara Cramlet Christine Epler David Epler Charlotte Galloway

Bill Hoover Sherry Hoover Brandi Hescht Sonya Hescht Leon Hupp Jusy Hupp Sandy Keller Denny Keller Rosemary Merrill Bill Mills Kay Mills Davis Potts Eloise Smith John Rockhold Keith Smith Teresa Wade Joyce Wright

# **Upcomíng Events**

### <u>FEBRUARY</u>

- 12 Fellowship Meal TODAY
- **13** Monday Night Merge Dewey Avenue "Stand When Afraid" (Esther)
- 19 Men's Meeting 4 pm
- 20 Monday Night Merge Lower Paw Paw "Stand with Courage" (Nehemiah)
- 24 CYC Pigeon Forge, TN -26 "Are You Listening?"
- 27 Monday Night Merge Hopewell "Stand When Other Kneel" (Fiery Furnace)
- 28 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6 pm Schedule your appointment early: RedCrossBlood.org - use code CACC.
- 1 Ladies' Day Rio Grande 9:30-12 "Excuse Me!" Speaker - Sheila Butt Lunch to follow
- 2 22nd Annual Crowley's Ridge College Bible Lectureship
  "I Know That My Redeemer Live: Job's Hope Amidst Suffering

### MARCH

- **4-5** Miami Valley Bible Bowl "By Faith" Hebrews and James (ESV) 4th-6th, 7th-12th, and adult teams
- 6 Monday Night Merge Lubeck "Stand in Faith" (Daniel)
- 11 North End Youth Rally 9-4 pm "Reacharge" Speakers: Ben Hayes and Travis Creasy
- 13 Monday Night Merge Rockport "Stand for What's Right" (Rahab)
- 25 Lubeck Youth Rally
- 31 Fiday Night Sing 7 pm Harrisville church of Christ
- <u>APRIL</u>

#### 15 Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day Lubeck church of Christ Speaker: Marsha Robinson

20 Equipped 2023 "Practical Christianity" -23 Lehman Avenue church of Christ Bowling Green, KY Register at <u>https://qrco.de/bdEqOf</u>

Camden Avenue Family,

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and visits for my 95th birthday!

Betty Lamb

Thank you all for the cards and kind words of sympathy in the death of my sister, Peggy Dearth.

> In Christian Love, Mary Daniel

> > Thank You

Thank you for all the cards we received while we were sick.

**Rich Family** 

## Serving in Worship Feb 19, 2023

Elder in Charge Paul Saunders Deacon in Charge Marion Goldsmith

<u>Song Leader</u> AM - Kyle Inman PM - Scott Smith

<u>Scripture</u> AM - Doug Hershman PM - Steve Gray

<u>Prayer</u> 9:30 AM - Stan Inman Close - Brandson Sheppard 6:00 PM - Bill Hoover Close - Jimmy Galloway

## Communion

AM - Paul Inman PM - Keith Smith

<u>Welcome Center</u> AM - JoAnn Goldsmith PM - Sherry Sponseller

Announcements - Paul Inman PA System - Clayton Huber Projector - Jon Hescht Security - Ron Riddle

## **Facts and Figures**

February 5, 2023

Sunday AM Worship	195
Sunday Bible Class	
Sunday PM Worship	150
Wednesday AM	21
Wednesday PM	149
Contribution	\$9,213

### Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0 Restored/Req. Prayer.....1



https://video.wvbs.org/access/ interactive-bible-reading-plan/

Feb. 13 Lev. 11-12 Ps. 44 <u>Bats, Birds, and a Bible</u> Feb. 14 Lev. 13-14 Ps. 45 Feb. 15 Lev. 15-16 Ps. 46 Feb. 16 Lev. 17-18 Ps. 47 6 <u>Amazing Scientific Facts</u> Feb. 17 Lev. 19-20 Ps. 48 Feb. 18 Lev. 21-22 Ps. 49 Feb. 19 Lev. 23-24 Ps. 50



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.