

# 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*



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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	Debby Nesselroad	Cotton Sayre
Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Mary Nesselroad	Eloise Smith
Harvey Caplinger Sr.	Jon Hescht	Dave Nulter	Theresa Steed
Mary Caplinger	Jim & Sallie Hinzman	Ray Peters	Dorothy Stevens
Naomi Carr	Bill Lemley	Bill Porter	Darrell Vaught
Carl Curtiss	Gwen Lucas	Summer Rich	Dearll Vincent
Charlotte Deem	Linda Moncrief	Peggy Riddle	Joyce Wright
Paula Franklin			Jim & Sallie Hinzman
Sandy Graham			Sue Vancamp

## Pray for Our Shut-ins

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

## Request for Friends and Family

Leo (Robin Anthony's brother)	Danny Keller (Denny Keller's brother)
Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)	Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders' friend)
Mark Berry	Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)	Preston Lawhon (church camp)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)	Mike Lucas
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)	Helen May (Verna Huber's mother)
Kelly Boyce	Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)	Glen & Karen Morrell
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's Uncle)	(Linda Moncrief's sister)
Roy Clark	Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Terry L. Crislip (John & Debra Bonar's nep.)	Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Shelly Parnell (d. of Everett & Ruth Sams)
Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husband)	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Kathy Plant
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
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	Elsie Smith (Huber's granddaughter)
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)	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)	Susan Williams
Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)	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 pass it to the center aisles.

**TEACHERS NEEDED** - Teachers are needed in the two-year-old class and three-year-old class on Sundays for the upcoming quarter. If you can help, please see Cody Hoover.

**MEN'S MEETING** - Today at 4pm in the multi-purpose room. }

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE** - Will be at Lower Paw Paw this week. The theme will be "Stand with Courage" from the book of Nehemiah. }

**CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE DONATIONS** - The Challenge Youth Conference will be next weekend, February 24-26. If you would like to donate to CYC for the youth, please give your donation to Kevin Cochran.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - 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.

**NORTH END YOUTH RALLY** - Saturday, March 11. The speakers will be Ben Hayes and Travis Creasey from the Challenge Youth Conference. There are registration forms and a sign-up sheet in the front foyer. Please sign up by March 5th and give registration forms to Kevin Cochran.

**BULLETIN EMAIL** - Did you know that you can get our bulletin by email? If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin this way, please provide the office with the appropriate email address.

## Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Corina Francis fell and broke her hip last Sunday. She is in Selby in Marietta. No visitors at this time, please.
- ♥ Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son) had a pacemaker put last Monday.
- ♥ Jon Hescht had a stint placed on Wednesday.
- ♥ Kathy Simmons (Ray and Carol Peters's sister) was moved to Stonerise Health Facility and is greatly improved.
- ♥ Elsie Smith (granddaughter of the Hubers) is now out of the PICU and is scheduled to start her next round of chemo Monday.
- ♥ Joyce Wright is in Camden Clark.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Smith family in the passing of Keith's nephew, Mike Smith.

## 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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# Doug's Discussion

## Goals Our Children See



David had it in his heart to build the temple for God, but the completion of this was not his task. In fact, this particular good work would not even be completed in his lifetime. His son, Solomon, would be the one to undertake the massive (for the time) construction. However, David was wise enough to lay the groundwork for a victory he would never see. David says in 1 Corinthians 22:5, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house built for the Lord should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it.” David certainly did that! Hundreds of thousands of talents of silver and gold are stored, along with more iron and bronze than could be measured. Temple sites were surveyed. Workers were lined up. As the Word says, “David made extensive preparations before his death.” All this for something he wanted to see himself but didn’t actually get to see.

I think it’s fair to say that some good works may not be accomplished by us, or maybe not even in our lifetimes. We want to see them happen, and we dream about it, but they may be a long time in coming. What role are we willing to play to make some of these wonderful things happen? Take for example someone coming to the Lord and giving their life over to God in baptism. What a glorious moment! This is also a moment that may not happen all at once. It may take a lot of time and a lot of work behind the scenes. Would you be willing to work with little to no recognition to help bring about some wonderful thing in the future that you may or may not see? Sometimes someone has to be invited to church six or seven times before they actually come. Would you be willing to be guy number #2? It’s like being forty-seven names down in the movie credits. Yeah! Assistant to the make-up artist for the backup! Sure, there’s not much glory in that, but it’s part of something great.

I would love to see Camden Avenue have four hundred people. The parking lot might get interesting at that point – but we could figure it out. Now, does that kind of thing happen all at once? Of course not. Perhaps it wouldn’t even happen in my lifetime. But that doesn’t mean there aren’t a lot of things we can do to make “extensive preparations” for this dream! If we are willing, if we have a good heart like David, we can begin working now for a dream we might never see. The house of the Lord should be as magnificent as we can make it, amen? Today we can learn effective ways of reaching out to the world. We can experiment with different ministries. We can train people. We can gather lost sheep one by one. Maybe we don’t see the completion of such a large goal – but maybe our children do! And that’s worth all our efforts.

To find more articles, sermons, and resources, visit **[cacoc.net](http://cacoc.net)**

# Sermon Notes

## Let Us Worship God with Humility

“For thus says the High and Lofty One / Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
“I dwell in the high and holy place, / With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,  
To revive the spirit of the humble, / And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”  
Isaiah 57:15

1: Is there a difference between how you act at home and how you act at church? (Do you put on a “display of righteousness” here?)

2: How easy is it for you to follow James 5:16?

3: In terms of greatness, how do you compare to God?

4: What are some historical examples of people who proclaimed their own greatness and it didn’t turn out well for them?

5: What is my issue with the title “reverend”?

6: According to Isaiah 57:15, who does the “high and lofty One” live with?

7: Why did God hear king Josiah? (2 Chronicles 34:27)

8: What does James 3:13 say comes from wisdom?

9: When you approach God, do you approach Him in humility or in pride? (And which do you think will work out better?)

# *Bible Call Report - January 2023*

We had OVER 16 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in JANUARY. In December there were 109 calls with 221 in January. The most calls per day in December were 13 and in January there were 21 in one day. Over 28 times people listened to the lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

- (13 ) 126 The Secret of Contentment
- (10) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About it.
- (5) 110 Overcoming Worry
- (4) 115 Overcoming Depression, 950 Exorcism And Demon Possession,  
113 Beverage Alcohol Destroys, 203 Facing an Operation, 854 Peanut Butter

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.

We have regular requests for printed copies of the lessons and weekly Bible courses to grade and have called on individuals to enroll in other studies.

Other congregations are taking advantage of what Camden is making available. In January, the Hinton congregation made the mailing of that area with 3024 mailed the first week of January 2023, the Spencer congregation mailed 2785 the second week of January, and our mailing in town of 2500 the third week of January. Also, Hopewell mailed their area. 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. In February, we have scheduled another mailing in the Spencer area and also another mailing in town to the 26101 zip code.

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 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.

## *Thank You*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

We thank you dearly for hosting the memorial service for the family and friends of Sarah "Peggy" Dearth. She loved you!

Love,  
Brian & Debbie Beaver  
Mark, Nettie, Sean & Baylee Dearth



# Upcoming Events

## FEBRUARY

- 19 Men's Meeting - 4 pm
- 20 Monday Night Merge - Lower Paw Paw  
"Stand with Courage" (Nehemiah)
- 24 Challenge Youth Conference  
-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.

## 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  
"Recharge"  
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



## APRIL

- 1 Ladies' Day - Rio Grande - 9:30-12  
"Excuse Me!"  
Speaker - Sheila Butt
- 2 22nd Annual Crowley's Ridge College  
Bible Lectureship  
"I Know That My Redeemer Live:  
Job's Hope Amidst Suffering"

- 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 <https://qrco.de/bdEqOf>

## Minute of Meditation *Heard on FM 96.9*

### Stopping the Waters

I once left my outdoor faucet on during a random snowstorm, super intelligent man that I am, and it froze . . . and then basically exploded when it thawed out. Very fun. So I called the plumber over to rescue us and he walked upon the fountain of flowing water and said to it "peace! Be still!" Then the waters stopped and all was well.

What? You don't believe that's what happened? Okay, you're right. If that's how the faucet was fixed I would have been calling my children over so the plumber could bless them. But wouldn't that be something, if all he did was speak a word and the waters stopped?

Long ago for waters much more severe that is what happened. In Mark 4:39 Jesus says to the wind and the waves "Quiet! Be still!" And then the sea grows completely calm. I can understand the disciples' shock and awe! No mere man could do such a thing. Not for the overflowing waters of the broken faucet, certainly not for a raging ocean.

Who is this man who can calm the seas? He is Jesus, the Son of God.

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

## Serving in Worship

Feb 26, 2023

### Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

### Deacon in Charge

Marion Goldsmith

### Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Levi Wells

### Scripture

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Rob Hoover

### Prayer

9:30 AM - Rick Stanley

Close - Delmas Carr

6:00 PM - Korey Inman

Close - Jon Hescht

### Communion

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Bill Mills

### Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Robin Anthony

**Announcements** - Rick Stanley

**PA System** - Steve Gray

**Projector** - Scott Johnson

**Security** - Ken Barnes



## Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Feb. 19 Lev. 23-24 Ps. 50

Feb. 20 Lev. 25-27 Ps. 51

Feb. 21 Num. 1-2 Ps. 52

Feb. 22 Num. 3-4 Ps. 53

Feb. 23 Num. 5-6 Ps. 54

Feb. 24 Num. 7-8 Ps. 55

Feb. 25 Num. 9-10 Ps. 56

Feb. 26 Num. 11-12 Ps. 57

## RECHARGE

The Mental Health of the Church



North End Youth Rally  
March 11th, 2023  
Registration @ 8:30 - 9:00am  
Rally @ 9:00am - 4:30pm  
Speakers: Ben Hayes & Travis Creasy



## February Needs

Care Group 1

canned fruit

fruit cups

Care Group 2

baked beans

Care Group 3

canned potatoes

instant potatoes

Care Group 4

fruit juices

## Facts and Figures

February 12, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....229

Sunday Bible Class.....193

Sunday PM Worship.....154

Wednesday AM.....26

Wednesday PM.....130

Contribution.....\$17,497

### Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0

Restored/Req. Prayer.....1

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

February 26

"Near the Cross"



IN SEARCH  
OF THE LORD'S WAY



## Highman Family

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

2023:  
Paul's Epistles

February:  
Ephesians



*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.*