

# 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*

*Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,  
For in You do I trust;  
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,  
For I lift up my soul to You.  
Psalm 143:8*



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Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# *To Keep in Prayer*

## Church Family in Need of Prayers

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

## Pray for Our Shut-ins

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

## 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)
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.)	Shelly Parnell (d. of Everett & Ruth Sams)
Megan Bailey Daugherty	Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Jimmy Dae (Jo Langler's niece's husband)	Kathy Plant
Brian Decker (Ken Barnes's coworker)	Gavin Pfalzgraf (Kay Martin's G-G.son)
Justin Curd (Cindy Huxley's nephew)	Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
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
Scott Gordon	Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters' sis.)
Charles Gray (Steve Gray's father)	Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)	Elsie Smith (Huber's granddaughter)
Charles (Bill) Haid	Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)	Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g.dau.)
Judy Hall	Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Steve Higginbotham	Shawn Stephens
Mike Hill (friend of Mike and Pam Bayer)	Frank & Hazel Terry (fam. of Eloise Smith)
Jean Huber (Clayton Huber's mother)	Seth Waggoner
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, and Sonya)	Susan Williams
Peggy Jones (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law)	Joe Wilson (Sharon Wilson's husband)
	Patty Workman

# 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.

**MONDAY NIGHT MERGE** - Will be at Hopewell this week. The theme will be "Stand When Others Kneel" from the Fiery Furnace.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - The drive will be this Tuesday, 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 RALLEY** - 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.

**CARD MINISTRY** - March address labels are ready in the office.

**AREA WIDE SERVICE** - Mark your calendars! The Area Wide Service will be here at Camden Avenue on April 16 at 3pm. The theme will be "Together We Stand".

## Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Congratulations to Gary Alton on the birth of his granddaughter, Meadow Rose Alton, 7lbs 14oz and 21 inches long. Parents are Matt & Megan Alton.
- ♥ Corina Francis has been moved to Rock Land Ridge in Belpre.
- ♥ Dot Haught had her second eye surgery Tuesday.
- ♥ Carolyn Henry has been struggling with depression.
- ♥ Debby Nesselroad had surgery on Thursday.
- ♥ Mary Nesselroad is now at Wyngate, room 132
- ♥ Kathy Simmons (sister of Ray and Carol Peters) is being moved to Encompass Health.
- ♥ Tori Stevens (Plants' granddaughter) had testing in Columbus.
- ♥ Elizabeth Rich went to the ER with an allergic reaction and is now at home.
- ♥ Patty Workman is having blood clots.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dennis Keller and his family in the passing of his brother, Danny Keller. There will not be a memorial service.

Our deepest condolences go out to Harley Collins and his family in the passing of his brother, Michael Collins. The funeral service was Wednesday in Elizabeth, WV.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Melva Farris in the passing of her sister, Judy Hughes in Waverly, TN.

## 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

## Unearnable Blessings



Currently, I'm sitting in my office working on my ministry responsibilities. Today that happens to be this article, at least a good start on a devotional for the CYC trip, and an elders' meeting at 6 PM. For my efforts (which I enjoy doing), I will get paid. Thank you – my family appreciates that. Of course, despite the fact that I am grateful, there is a sense that my wages are an obligation. After all, I did work for them. If I don't show up for work all week we can have a different conversation, but I will, God willing, thus earning the Friday paycheck. As Scripture says, "Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation" (Romans 4:4).

Having just moved I got a fresh reminder of how many of those paychecks it takes to afford a modest home. The answer is . . . several. Years of them. And that's true for most people, I think. But, when I finally own it years from now, I will have worked for it fair and square. That's for a home that develops problems over time. The roof will need replacing and the water heater will go bad. That sort of thing. Now I wonder about a heavenly version of a home. The one where the door opens to a golden street. How do I go about earning that? Let's see – it took me a couple of decades of paychecks to get a modest temporary one, what kind of service is required to earn a magnificent eternal one? How many hours of good deeds do I have to do to have earned the mansion that I sing about on Sunday? Wait a minute . . . how many years do I have on this earth? We may have a problem here.

And let's talk about the entrance requirements. The most expensive place I know of on Earth is Disneyworld. And yes, the place is quite amazingly fun until you see the bill. But hey, it's your money that you earned fair and square. You can use it for a week at Disney if you have it. But how much to get into an eternity of heaven? I imagine God isn't interested in money, since He has it all anyway, but how can you earn that? The next verse in Romans says: "However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness." The point is that there is really no earning anything in heaven. You can't earn your way in and you can't afford anything that's there. No currency you can earn with God is enough that God is obligated to give you anything. So we lay aside the idea of earning entirely. Instead, let us obediently obey the gospel, live for God, and simply trust that God will shower us with blessings that we do not deserve. And He says He will!



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# *Sermon Notes*

# Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the prayers for our family in the passing of Danny Keller.  
-The Keller Family

Thank you for the all of the birthday cards. They were very appreciated.  
-Marion Goldsmith

Thank you for the lovely birthday cards. I enjoyed each one so much.  
-Sandy Huighes

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards I received.  
Mildred Gault

## *Minute of Meditation* Heard on FM 96.9

### *Like Little Children*

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3 “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” That sounds serious – what does Jesus mean?

To help explain I’ll tell you that when I first became a minister the job was overwhelming. There was so much to do and it just looked impossible. I only stayed in ministry because I prayerfully realized that if God wanted me to do this job He could help me do it – and nothing is impossible with Him. So instead of trying to depend on myself, I would depend on God.

What does it mean to become like a little child? Little children are dependent on their parents for everything. Parents provide food, shelter, and everything else the child needs – and the child knows it. When they are in need or in trouble they reach for a parent. I think for us to be like little children we need to understand that we need God. We can’t live this life the way we should on our own. We can’t get to where we want to go on our own. We are dependent on our loving Father.

No one enters the kingdom of heaven without knowing they need God.

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

# Upcoming Events

## February

- 27 **Monday Night Merge - Hopewell**  
"Stand When Others Kneel" (Fiery Furnace)
- 28 **Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6 pm**  
sign-up sheet in the front foyer or you can schedule your appointment online  
RedCrossBlood.org - use code CACC.

**GIVE BLOOD**

*You can make a difference.*



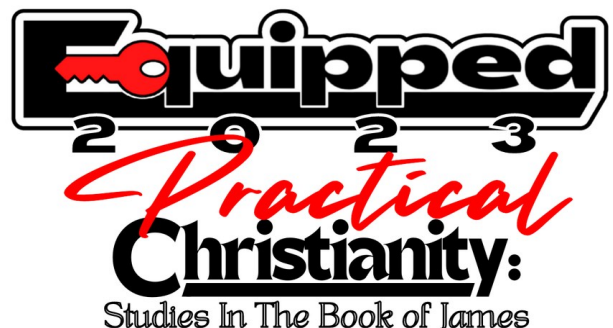
**American  
Red Cross**

## March

- 5-8 **Gospel Meeting - Sun 6pm; M-W 7pm**  
Hopewell church of Christ  
Speaker: Matt Thomas
- 4-5 **Miami Valley Bible Bowl**  
"By Faith" Hebrews and James  
4th-6th, 7th-12th, & 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
- 11 **Ladies' Day**  
Rockport church of Christ
- 13 **Monday Night Merge - Rockport**  
"Stand for What's Right" (Rahab)
- 18 **Men's Inspiration Day**  
Norval Park church of Christ  
"Godly Men of Character"  
Speaker: Gary Hamilton
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally - 9am - 1pm**  
"Raise the Bar: Understanding &  
Reaching God's Expectations"  
Speaker: Joe Wells
- 31 **Fiday Night Sing - 7 pm**  
Harrisville church of Christ

## April

- 1 **Ladies' Day - Rio Grande - 9:30-12**  
"Excuse Me!"  
Speaker - Sheila Butt
- 7 **Congregational Sing - 6:30 pm**  
Barrackville church of Christ
- 15 **Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day**  
Lubeck church of Christ  
Speaker: Marsha Robinson
- 14 **Sunrise Youth Rally**  
-15 Speaker: Jack Gilchrist
- 16 **Area-Wide Worship Service - 3pm**  
Camden Avenue church of Christ  
"Together We Stand"
- 16 **Gospel Meeting**  
-19 North End church of Christ  
Speaker: Phil Sanders
- 20 **Equipped 2023 "Practical Christianity"**  
-23 Lehman Avenue church of Christ  
Bowling Green, KY  
Register at <https://qrco.de/bdEqOf>



# Serving in Worship

March 5, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

## Deacon in Charge

Doug Hershman

## Song Leader

AM - Aidan Klingler

PM - David Epler

## Scripture

AM - Donovan Walton

PM - Kody Inman

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Scott Johnson

Close - Ken Barnes

6:00 PM - Cody Hoover

Close - Ryan Highman

## Communion

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Josh Carr

## Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - John Life

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Dennis Keller



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Feb. 26 Num. 11-12 Ps. 57

Feb. 27 Num. 13-14 Ps. 58

Feb. 28 Num. 15-16 Ps. 59

Mar. 1 Num. 17-18 Ps. 60

Mar. 2 Num. 19-20 Ps. 61

[Germs and Disease](#)

Mar. 3 Num. 21-22 Ps. 62

Mar. 4 Num. 23-24 Ps. 63

Mar. 5 Num. 25-26 Ps. 64

Congratulations

Josh and Zoe Hall

on the birth of their daughter

ELAINA  
ROSE HALL

02.16.23 at 5:57pm

7lbs 3oz • 20in

## Facts and Figures

February 19, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....200

Sunday Bible Class.....166

Sunday PM Worship.....159

Wednesday AM.....24

Wednesday PM.....132

Contribution.....\$6,682

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....0

Restored/Req. Prayer.....2

Placed Membership .....2

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

March 5, 2023

"At Your Word"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

## February Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1:

canned fruit

fruit cups

Care Group 2:

baked beans

Care Group 3:

canned/instant

potatoes

Care Group 4:

fruit juices

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.*