

# 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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# *To Keep in Prayer*

## Church Family in Need of Prayers

Linda Camp  
Harvey Caplinger Sr.  
Mary Caplinger  
Naomi Carr  
Carl Curtiss  
Charlotte Deem  
Corina Francis  
Paula Franklin  
Sandy Graham  
Susan Haid  
Dot Haught  
Carolyn Henry  
Jon Hescht

Bill Lemley  
Gwen Lucas  
Linda Moncrief  
Debby Nesselroad  
Mary Nesselroad  
Ray Peters  
Bill Porter  
Summer Rich  
Cotton Sayre  
Eloise Smith  
Theresa Steed  
Dorothy Stevens

Darrell Vaught  
Joyce Wright  
Patty Workman

### Shut-ins

Bob Armstrong  
Naomi Carr  
Keith Cowdery  
Patty Dawson  
Chelsea Doonan  
Lucille Hardman  
Jim Hinzman

Sallie Hinzman  
Rosie Knox  
Jo Langler  
Janet Looney  
Doris Newberry  
Jean Martin  
Merilee Morgan  
Ed & Lois Porter  
Van Putnam  
Jenny Reynolds  
Ray & Bonnie Sams  
Sue VanCamp  
Martha Whited

## Request for Friends and Family

Leo (brother, Robin Anthony)  
Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)  
Mark Berry  
Jeff Bigler (father, Becky Inman)  
Leo Blair (brother, Robin Anthony)  
Delores Boyce (Jo Langler's friend)  
Kelly Boyce  
Howard Buskirk (friend, Jo Langler)  
Lynn Casemon (uncle, Glenn Snider)  
Roy Clark  
Terry Crislip (nep., John & Debra Bonar)  
Megan Bailey Daugherty  
Jimmy Dae (niece's husb., Jo Langler)  
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)  
Betty Dunn (G-G.ma, Ryan Highman)  
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)  
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)  
Kim Fought (brother, Jo Goldsmith)  
Scott Gordon  
Paul Guinn (bro.-in-law, Robin Anthony)  
Charles (Bill) Haid  
Eric Hardman (son, Lucille Hardman)  
Judy Hall  
Steve Higginbotham  
Mike Hill (friend, Mike and Pam Bayer)  
Jean Huber (moom, Clayton Huber)  
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)  
Greg Kirkbride (friend, Paul Saunders)

Allison Kirkland (friend, Gwen Johnson)  
Preston Lawhon (church camp)  
Mike Lucas  
Helen May (Verna Huber's mother)  
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)  
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)  
Patty Nolan (cousin, Paul Saunders)  
Shelly Parnell (d. Everett & Ruth Sams)  
Michael Parsons (friend, Billie Coe)  
Kathy Plant  
Gavin Pfalzgraf (g-g.son, Kay Martin)  
Dick Rhodes (brother, Carolyn Henry)  
Dave Rice (friend, Ralph Fox)  
John Rockhold III  
Korbin Schaner (g-grandson, Eplers)  
Michele Scherer  
Kathy Simmons (sis Ray & Carol Peters)  
Greg Smith (son, Keith & Eloise Smith)  
Elsie Smith (granddaughter, Hubers )  
Ronnie Smith (brother, Keith Smith)  
Mandy Townsend (g.dau. Mary Daniel)  
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)  
Shawn Stephens  
Frank & Hazel Terry (fam. Eloise Smith)  
Seth Waggoner  
Susan Williams  
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)

## Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Corina Francis is at Rockland Ridge in Belpre. She is improving and is now able to have short visits.
- ♥ Mike Inman (Inman Family) has been in and out of the hospital and now he and his wife Cindy both have covid.
- ♥ Ray Peters was in the hospital but is now home.

# 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.

**MEN'S MEETING** - TODAY at 4PM in the multi-purpose room. }

**FRIDAY NIGHT SING** - March 31 at Harrisville church of Christ at 7PM. We will be taking the church bus from Camden, leaving at 6PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer if you plan to ride.

**LADS TO LEADERS** - Will be April 6-9. If you would like to make a donation do the cost of the trip, please see Kevin Inman or Bill Mills.

**LADS TO LEADERS PICNIC** - Items are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer for picnic donations.

**AREA WIDE SERVICE** - Sunday, April 16 at 3PM here at Camden Avenue. The theme is "Together We Stand". There are fliers available in the foyer.

**RECIPES** - The youth are collecting recipes for a Lads to Leaders project. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, get a recipe sheet from the front foyer and return it to the basket by next Sunday, March 26. These will be compiled into a recipe book for the entire congregation to enjoy!

**FROM THE ELDERS** - DJ Curry and his family will be with us next Sunday, March 26. He will be preaching both services and will be teaching a combined auditorium adult Bible class. There will be a meet & greet in the Multipurpose Room from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to come and meet DJ and his family.

## Milestone Birthdays

- ◆ Hope Shutts Hawkins (Melva Farris's sister) will be celebrating her 80th birthday on March 25. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

718 9th Street NE, Massillion, OH 44646

- ◆ Kathleen Albright (former member) will be turning 95 on March 28. Her address is:

Willow Brook Christian Village  
100 Willow Brook Way South  
Delaware, Ohio 43015



## Deacons:

Ken Barnes  
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Marion Goldsmith  
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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  
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We've got an app for that!

Congregate

We encourage everyone to download and use our Congregate app, available for Android and Apple. If you have any questions about downloading or using the app, see Jon Hescht.

# *Doug's Discussion*

## *Worship Quality*

Not all worship is created equal. Are we aware of this truth? There are vast differences in the characteristics and the quality of the worship as you move from one congregation to another. I'm not trying to be a music critic. . . I doubt God cares much about that. I'm really just talking about the spiritual qualities of worship. Some of it is incredibly good. And some of it is so bad that God rejects the worship totally: "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me . . . Away with the noise of your songs!" (Amos 5:21-23). Other worship is described as the "fruit of lips that acknowledge his name" (Hebrews 13:15). Clearly there are differences here.

I would certainly rather be offering up fragrant fruit rather than a stench and a racket. Wouldn't you? When I went to look for a diamond to offer the woman who is now my wife, I went to look for the best one I could get. I noticed that there were many differences in the different stones and that if I wasn't careful I could end up overpaying for one that was off-colored and visibly flawed. I think I should also consider what I offer to God. Is the worship good? Will it please Him? Just because I filled the time that's slotted for singing with singing doesn't mean I actually offered something that was good. Let me suggest a few questions to help test the quality of your gift: Did you mean what you just sang? Was your heart in it? Did you worship the way the Bible says to? Does your life match your worship? If a visitor heard your singing would they be edified, believing God is truly working among you, or would they be discouraged by your clear lack of enthusiasm?

Sometimes the song being led isn't our favorite song. Sometimes it has been led for the last four Sundays in a row. Sometimes the pitch is three notes too low. And even then, if our hearts are for God, we can rise above every obstacle and lift our voices to the heavens. We can bear the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's name. I've been in congregations where I wondered if their building might have structural concerns due to the sound waves coming from the worshipers. I've been in other places where if the leader coughs a couple of times the song might just die mid-sentence. I've been in places where people believed what they were singing and places where I'm not sure if they did or they didn't. There are differences in what people give to God. Give Him your best! "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6).

## *Minute of Meditation* *Heard on FM 96.9*

### *The One God Esteems*

Let's say I want something beyond my ability to achieve, so I decided I want God on my side. How can I get the Creator to do what I want? What if I spend a lot of money on a beautiful worship building? Well - maybe I'm not a millionaire, so how about if I say a prayer like it's a magic formula? Say this prayer x number of times with these words in this order and boom, get what I want. Or maybe, even though my life is full of all kinds of bad behavior, I could publicly do something good. "I mean, yeah, my life is a mess, but I volunteer at the PTA so God can't be too mad about it, right?"

People try to get God on their side in all kinds of ways. And I don't blame them! If God is for you, none can stand against you! But who is God really pleased with? Who is He eager to bless and help? Here is Isaiah 66:2, "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." Let's all drop the idea that WE get to pick what pleases the Lord. If you want God's help, then accept His Word and His ways without question or hesitation. THEN you are the one God esteems.

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

# *Sermon Notes*

## *Let Us Worship God in Holiness*

“As \_\_\_\_\_ children, not \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to the former \_\_\_\_\_,  
as in your \_\_\_\_\_; but as He who \_\_\_\_\_ you is \_\_\_\_\_, you also be \_\_\_\_\_ in  
all your \_\_\_\_\_, because it is \_\_\_\_\_, “Be \_\_\_\_\_, for I am \_\_\_\_\_.””  
1 Peter 1:14-16.

- 1: Can you think of a friend that you were probably better off without?  
How did they influence you?
  
- 2: How does the call of 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 stand in opposition to the pull the world has on us?
  
- 3: What are some ways the people of Israel struggled with wanting to be like all the other people?
  
- 4: According to Deuteronomy 12:4, is it okay for Israel to worship like Canaan does?
  
- 5: What are some ways the pull of the world affects our worship today?
  
- 6: In what ways do you think it would be easier if you were just like everyone else?  
But if we are . . . will we be blessed?
  
- 7: What happened when Jehoshaphat decided to join up with the wicked nation of Israel?  
(2 Chronicles 20:31)
  
- 8: Can we make ANY compromise with the world?
  
- 9: This week, in your heart, are you willing to “come away and be separate,” loving God and not the world?

# BIBLE CALL - FEBRUARY 2023

We had OVER 16 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in FEBRUARY. We had 171 Calls. The most calls per day in February were 13. Over 31 times people listened to the lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

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| (9) 115 Overcoming Depression                | (3) 126 The Secret of Contentment           |
| (8) 312 How Do You Know You Have Been Saved? | (3) 301 What Must I Do To Be Saved?         |
| (6) 111 Loneliness and What to Do About it.  | (3) 313 Is Obedience Necessary?             |
| (4) 906 Homosexuality                        | (3) 504 How to Study the Bible              |
| (4) 909 What is Wrong with Gambling?         | (3) 550 Ten Practical Suggestions on Prayer |
| (3) 110 Overcoming Worry                     | (3) 652 The Rapture                         |
| (3) 122 How to Help Yourself Become Better   |   |

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. This month we have had several requests from other congregations about getting involved in this work and members calling to thank us for making it available and sending them more leaflets.

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 THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS.** IF ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT 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 to all who sent us thoughtful cards. They were all appreciated.

-Jim and Charlotte Galloway



We want to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes for our anniversary, also thank you for all the prayers for Kay's eye surgery. In Christian love and gratitude.

-Bill & Kay Mills



To our Camden Avenue Family,

A simple "Thank You" seems so small compared to all the cards sent over the past 4 years, the phone calls, words of comfort, and the beautiful flowers sent at the recent passing of Dearll.

We would also like to give a special thank you to all the women and men who prepared a wonderful meal for his family to share. Dearll has a large family and this meal was yet another way for his family to see how much he loved the church and just how much he was loved and respected. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

- The Family of Dearll Vincent.



Thank you for the cards, love, and prayers shown to me when Glen Hawkins and Judy Hughes died.

-Melva Farris



# Upcoming Events

## March

- 19 Men's Meeting - 4pm - TODAY
- 24 **Building Blocks for a Better Marriage**  
Friday 6-8; Saturday 9-3 (lunch provided)  
Sandyville church of Christ  
Speaker: Rick Stanley  
Location: Sandyville Senior Center  
29 Gilmore Drive, Sandyville, WV
- 25 **Lubeck Youth Rally - 9-1**  
"Raise the Bar: Understanding & Reaching God's Expectations"  
Speaker: Joe Wells
- 26 **Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**  
Little Hocking church of Christ
- 26-29 **Bridge Street Spring Gospel Meeting**  
Sun 9:45, 10:30, 6:30; Mon-Fri 7:00  
Speaker: Ron Thomas
- 26-31 **Spencer church of Christ Gospel Meeting**  
Sun 10 am; 1 pm; Mon-Fri 7 pm  
"The Good News:  
God Wants to Be with You Forever"  
Speaker: Jim Gordon
- 26-31 **Pennsboro Gospel Meeting**  
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 1:30; Mon-Fri 7:00  
Speaker: Roger Rush
- 31 **Friday Night Sing - 7 pm**  
Harrisville church of Christ  
We will be leaving Camden at 6 pm.



Dear Camden  
Avenue Church Family,

We would like to thank you for being so welcoming and accepting of us. Thank you for the home visit and many cards. We are excited to be members of the Camden Avenue Church Family.

In Him,  
Roy, Stephanie, and Kendra Halstead

## April

- 1 **Ladies' Day - Rio Grande - 9:30-12**, lunch  
"Excuse Me!"  
Speaker - Sheila Butt
- 2-6 **Salem church of Christ Gospel Meeting**  
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Fri 7:00  
Speaker: Will Montgomery
- 6-9 **Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes**  
If you would like to make a donation, please see Kevin Inman or Bill Mills
- 9 **Fellowship Meal - 12 pm**  
Host: Care Group 1
- 7 **Friday Night Sing - 6:30 pm**  
Barrackville church of Christ
- 8 **33rd Annual Golden Agers Day - 10-3**  
New Concord church of Christ  
Speakers: Tim and Tammy Hatfield  
Breakfast and Lunch provided
- 14-15 **Sunrise Youth Rally**  
Speaker: Jack Gilchrist
- 15 **Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day**  
Lubeck church of Christ  
Speaker: Marsha Robinson
- 15 **One Day Lectureship - 9-4**  
Seth church of Christ  
20238 Coal River Rd. Seth WV 25181
- 16 **Area-Wide Worship Service - 3pm**  
Camden Avenue church of Christ  
"Together We Stand"
- 16 **Weirton Heights Spring Gospel Meeting**  
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Mon-Fri 7:00  
"Righteous Worship"  
Speaker: Rico Brown
- 16-19 **North End church of Christ Gospel Meeting**  
Speaker: Phil Sanders
- 20 **Equipped 2023**  
-23 **"Practical Christianity"**  
Lehman Avenue church of Christ  
Bowling Green, KY  
Register at <https://qrco.de/bdEqOf>
- 30 **Traveling Youth Group - 6 pm**  
Rockport Church of Christ

# Serving in Worship

March 26, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

## Deacon in Charge

Doug Hershman

## Song Leader

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Scott Smith

## Scripture

AM - Brett Wilcoxon

PM - Bob Miller

## Prayer

9:30 AM - John Life

Close - Dylan Muncy

6:00 PM - David Epler

Close - Korey Inman

## Communion

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Chris Tallman

## Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Ann. - Scott Johnson

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Clayton Huber



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Mar. 19 Deut. 17-18 Ps. 78

[A Look at Psalm 1](#)

Mar. 20 Deut. 19-20 Ps. 79

Mar. 21 Deut. 21-22 Ps. 80

Mar. 22 Deut. 23-24 Ps. 81

Mar. 23 Deut. 25-26 Ps. 82

Mar. 24 Deut. 27-28 Ps. 83

Mar. 25 Deut. 29-30 Ps. 84

Mar. 26 Deut. 31-32 Ps. 85

# Raise the Bar

*Understanding and reaching God's expectations*

# Lubeck Youth Rally 2023



## March 25, 9am-1pm

## Facts and Figures

March 12, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	213
Sunday Bible Class.....	171
Sunday PM Worship.....	150
Wednesday PM.....	150
Contribution.....	\$8,397

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....	3
Restored/Req. Prayer.....	2
Placed Membership .....	2

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

March 26, 2023

"Near the Cross"



# Book of the Month

2023: Paul's Epistles

March: Philippians

Sign the sheet on the announcements bulletin board after completing the reading.

*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.*