

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



Area Wide SERVICE

APRIL 16TH @ 3PM

Speaker - Doug Wells

TOGETHER WE STAND

CAMDEN AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
PARKERSBURG, WV

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

Church Family in Need of Prayers

Linda Camp
Harvey Caplinger
Mary Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem
Paula Franklin

Sandy Graham
Dot Haught
Carolyn Henry
Jon Hescht
Gwen Lucas
Earl McConnell
Linda Moncrief

Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith

Theresa Steed
Dorothy Stevens
Darrell Vaught
Joyce Wright
Mike Wade
Martha Whited

Shut-ins

Bob Armstrong
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim Hinman
Sallie Hinzman
Jo Langler
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
(Connie Hickman's
mother)
Rosellen Alle (Carol
Vincent's sis-in-law)
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber's
mother)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Encompass Health

Sue Vancamp
John Rockhold

Genesis

Ray Sams

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley

Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Kathy Simmons (sis,
Ray & Carol Peters)

Rockland Ridge

John Doll (Sandy
Keller's father)
Corina Francis
Patty Workman

The Willows

Doris Newberry

Request for Friends and Family

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
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)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Greg Kirkbride (friend, Paul Saunders)

Allison Kirkland (friend, Gwen Johnson)
Preston Lawhon (church camp)
Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Patty Nolan (cousin, Paul Saunders)
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
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
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Seth Waggoner
Susan Williams
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)

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.

AREA WIDE SERVICE - We will be hosting the Are-Wide service this afternoon at 3:00. The theme is "Together We Stand". Doug Wells will be speaking.

LADS TO LEADERS RECOGNITION - The young men will be leading evening worship. Afterward, there will be a recognition night in the multipurpose room. Everyone is invited. Please bring finger foods to share.

MEN'S MEETING - Next Sunday, April 24 at 4pm in the multipurpose room.

LOVE & CARE - Camden Avenue will be in charge of Love & Care services on Sunday, April 23 at 2:30 and Thursday, April 27 at 7:00.

MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - The Fellowship Meal for May will be May 7 instead of the usual second Sunday of the month. It will be hosted by Care Group 2.

OVCYC CAMP WORKERS NEEDED - OVCYC is in need of male camp workers for Junior Week July 9-14. If you can help, please see Doug Wells.



We rejoice with those who have recently been added to the Lord's Church in baptism!

Mandy Bunting

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Elizabeth Rich

Randy White

Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ John Rockhold is in Encompass Health.
- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's father) is in Rockland Ridge.
- ♥ Lucille Hardman came home from the hospital but is continuing to have health issues.
- ♥ Kim Penn (Barclay) was taken to the hospital Monday with a mini-stroke. She is now home and recovering.
- ♥ Ray Peters is now home from the hospital.
- ♥ Mike Wade is home after his knee replacement surgery.

Sympathy

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Donna McConnell. Her funeral and visitation were Wednesday at Lambert-Tatman.

Sympathy

We also want to extend our sympathy to the family of Kathleen Albright. Her visitation was Wednesday at Leavitt's.

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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Camden Avenue
coC Live

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

What Middle Ground?

There is a place in religion between living fully for the world and being completely surrendered to God. This is some murky middle ground that has great appeal to many. After all, we really want to go to heaven. Being “religious” and having a good chance (at least in our own minds) of getting there brings great peace in this life. And there is also the pride of being a more moral person than many, having the benefit of knowing God’s righteous law. Yet, not being fully committed, the bets are hedged. What if all this faith stuff isn’t true? Well . . . that’s where the not fully surrendered part comes in. When it’s inconvenient to follow what God says, let’s face it: someone in this middle basically doesn’t. If the faith is not true at least they didn’t miss out on every worldly thing.

However, there is a great problem with being a little here and a little there. Scripture doesn’t have much sympathy for that position. Consider all the way back in Elijah’s time when he called out: “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him” (1 Kings 18:21). Elijah basically said you really need to choose one. This in-the-middle nonsense doesn’t make any sense. The two positions are completely opposed to one another. “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God” (James 4:4). The middle ground is trying to hold together two positions that cannot coexist. Once again, the only sensible thing to do is to choose one. Either live it up for temporary pleasure or live by faith. The middle aggravates everybody.

I won’t say a partial commitment has NO value. Any part of God’s Word that you choose to learn and obey will likely benefit you and those around you, for God’s Word is good. But I will say I have great concerns for the salvation of those who are only willing to risk some things for God, but not all; those that are only willing to follow some of what God commands them, but not all. The call of Jesus doesn’t leave any room for that position: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it” (Matthew 16:24-25). Do you hear any middle ground there? It’s keep your life or lose it. You either deny yourself to follow Jesus or you don’t. How long will you waver between two opinions? Do you want Jesus or the world? Choose one and commit. Trying to have both means having neither.

We want to keep in touch with you! Please let the office know if you would like to participate in any of these programs.

Weekly Bulletin

You can receive the weekly bulletin by mail, email, on our website, or on our app.

Phone Calls/Text

We do short devotional calls three times a week as well as our Friday announcements. You can also opt in for occasional or emergency announcement calls and/or text.

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SERMON NOTES

Love is Patient, Not Quick-Tempered

“By this ____ will know that you are My _____,
if you have _____ for one _____.” John 13:35

- 1: How do you picture someone truly following the second-greatest command?
(What are the first couple of characteristics/attitudes/behaviors that come to mind?)

- 2: Be honest: How would you react if I lost my place in the middle of the sermon, and it took me a literal minute to find it again?

- 3: What is the relationship between patience and love (1 Cor. 13:4)?

- 4: Many have been baptized here recently. How long, historically speaking, has God waited for them to be saved?

- 5: What are a couple of ways the world misunderstands patience? Patience is . . .? (2 Peter 3:9)

- 6: What are a couple of recent world events God has endured while waiting for more to come to salvation? Do you think any of these things are hard to endure? (1 Timothy 1:16)

- 7: An attribute of patience is that you are not easily . . .? (1 Cor. 13:5)

- 8: How long are you willing to bear with someone who isn't who you want them to be?

- 9: Are you willing to show others the patience that God has shown you?

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Praise for God's Word

When you're passionate about something, you can talk about it a lot. I know better than to get some of you started talking about football or politics - I have places to be and I'll never get away. Well, let me ask you this - what do you think of God's word? Are you as passionate about it as the Psalm 119 guy? He poured out 176 verses of love for Scripture - and I think he has the right idea.

Never take for granted how good God's Word is. Without it we would all be living in darkness. So let's join the Psalmist in saying, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Without God's Word we would have to figure out what is right for ourselves - and that would be a disaster. So let's agree with verse 9: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your Word.

If there was a book called, "How to Become a Millionaire" - and it actually worked - it would be read and studied passionately. And yet, God's Word is even better! This is the Book that could be called "How to Live in a Way That Pleases God So You Are Welcomed Into Eternal Paradise". Even 176 verses isn't enough praise for something like that.

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

Upcoming Youth Events

- April 30** Traveling Youth Group - 4:00
Rockport Church of Christ
- May 6** Riverboat Cruise on the Nile - 6-8 (boarding beg. at 5:30)
Formal Night/Prom Alternative
Valley Gem Sternwheeler, 601 Front Street, Marietta, OH
- May 28** Traveling Youth Group - 6:00
Hopewell church of Christ



Ohio Valley Youth Camp

Camp Barbe
Elizabeth, WV

- June 18-23: Senior Week - Ages 14-19
June 25-30: Intermediate Week - Ages 11-14
July 9-14: Junior Week - Ages 8-11
July 8 - OVCYC Fundraiser - Camp Barbe
Register at ovcyc.com

WV Christian Youth Camp

- July 2-7: Senior Week
July 9-14: Intermediate Week
July 16-21: Junior Week
July 23-28: All Ages Week
July 30 – Aug 4: Singing Emphasis Week
Please note: camp fee is now \$125
Register at www.wvcyc.com/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the front and back of the auditorium.

Local Gospel Meetings

- April Weirton Heights Spring**
16- Times: Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; M-F 7:00
21 Theme: "Righteous Worship"
Speaker: Rico Brown
- April North End church of Christ**
16- Times: Sun 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; M-W 7:00
19 Speaker: Phil Sanders
1301 West Virginia Ave., Parkersburg, WV
- April Ullman Street church of Christ**
16- Times: Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F 7:30
19 Speaker: Randy Baker
512 Ullman St., Beverly, OH 45715
Behind Citizens Bank just off SR 60
- April West Union church of Christ 16-19**
16- Times: Sun 10:00, 10:50, 7:00; M-F 7:00
19 Speaker: Terry Jones
96 Marie Street, West Union, WV 26456

April

- 20- **Equipped 2023**
23 "Practical Christianity"
Lehman Avenue church of Christ
Bowling Green, KY
Register at <https://qrco.de/bdEqOf>
- 23 **Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30**
- 27 **Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00**

May

- 1 **Youth Night - 6:00**
Norval Park church of Christ
- 7 **Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Host: Care Group 2
- 6 **Surprise Valley Youth Camp
Appreciation Dinner**
26th Street church of Christ
101 26th St., Huntington, WV 25703
- 8-12 **2023 Tent Meeting**
Valley Park, Hurricane, WV (off Rt 34)
Speakers: Matthew Derrberry, Colton
Ferrell, Paul Mays, DJ Curry, Jack Gilchrist
- 13 **Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Weaving God's Word into Our Lives:
Speaker: Deidra Miller
Location: Ellenboro City Building
Dinning Hall (Old Grade School)
- 13 **2023 Day of Edification - 10-2:30**
Chapel Hill church of Christ
234 Chapel Drive, Gallipolis, OH 45631

June

- 24 **Caring & Sharing Luncheon - 12:00**
Pine Grove church of Christ
Bring donations for the Caring & Sharing
Project and inform Pine Grove of items
being donated by May 1



We would like to thank everybody for coming to mom's funeral. Doug Wells did an outstanding job. We're just so happy and everything went well. From the McConnells, we appreciate everything!

-Gary McConnell

Serving in Worship

April 23, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Jon Hescht

Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Aidan Klingler

Scripture

AM - Gary Alton

PM - Doug Hershman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Daniel Rich

Close - Cody Hoover

6:00 PM - Josh Hall

Close - Chris Hofmann

Communion

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Ken Barnes

Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr. 16 1 Sam. 13-16 Ps. 106

Apr. 17 1 Sam. 17-20 Ps. 107

Apr. 18 1 Sam. 21-24 Ps. 108

Bible Land Passages:

Passage 3

Apr. 19 1 Sam. 25-27 Ps. 109

Apr. 20 1 Sam. 28-31 Ps. 110

Apr. 21 2 Sam. 1-3 Ps. 111

Apr. 22 2 Sam. 4-6 Ps. 112

Apr. 23 2 Sam. 7-9 Ps. 113

April Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: canned corn & green beans

Care Group 2: pancake mix, syrup, cereal

Care Group 3: fruit cups/fruit,
spaghetti & sauce

Care Group 4: beefaroni/ravioli, canned chicken



Love & Care
Assisted Living

Worship Services

led by
Camden Avenue

Sunday, April 23
2:30 pm

Thursday, April 27
7:00 pm

Facts and Figures

April 9, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....188

Sunday Bible Class.....118

Sunday PM Worship.....159

Wednesday PM.....145

Contribution.....\$9,651

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....7

Restored/Req. Prayer.....5

Placed Membership2

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

April 23, 2023

“Take Up Your Cross”



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY



2023: Paul's Epistles

April: Colossians

Sign the sheet on bulletin board by the office after

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.