

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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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 & 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)
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

Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Paisley Ferguson (the daughter of a friend of Tabetha Rich) recently had a traumatic brain injury and surgery and is showing very little brain activity.
- ♥ Bill Bowen (former minister at Riverside church of Christ) is in Encompass Health for Rehab.

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 multipurpose room.

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

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP - Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 at the Rockport church of Christ.

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.

A Note from the Elders

The elders are pleased to have Douglas G. Wells (Doug) and soon Daniel P. Curry (D.J.) working with us and the whole Camden Avenue congregation to help spread the Word of Christ in the Parkersburg area. As we move forward, we have asked both Doug and D.J. to focus their efforts in specific areas to aid the congregation. Doug is asked to emphasize member edification while D.J. efforts will highlight a reach outward to the community. There will surely be much crossover in our efforts as we strive to expand the Kingdom of Christ. We pray the whole congregation will join in our efforts to reach the lost.

This week you will find an insert in the bulletin which helps somewhat to define where efforts will be focused by our ministers. However, we expect and strongly encourage every member to be involved in helping to make Camden Avenue church of Christ the shining beacon it should be. We pray we all work together to the glory and honor of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the family of Corina Francis. Her funeral was Friday at Leavitt's.

Our deepest condolences to Cody Hoover and family in the passing of his uncle, Mike Goodcourage from White House, TN.

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Kelly Sheppard and family in the passing of his father, Harlan Sheppard his funeral was on Saturday.

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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YouTube

Camden Avenue
coC Live

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Wise Answers

An ability to answer life's important questions is a sign of the presence of divine wisdom. Groups of people who have rejected God have to travel in darkness. Questions like, "Who am I?" and, "What is our purpose?" are huge mysteries. There is no one with a satisfying answer. No one can speak on what happens after we die, what kind of life is fulfilling, or what is required to please the Lord. This is no good - because people have questions! They will go on grand quests to get these questions answered, like the queen of Sheba once did. "When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions . . . Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for him to explain to her" (2 Chronicles 9:1-2).

Why was Solomon so successful in answering all the things that had kept the queen of Sheba up at night? Well, as you probably know, Solomon had requested a measure of God's wisdom large enough to righteously rule a nation, and God granted that request. Because of that, you could bring to him whatever meaningful life question was on your mind and he would have a solid answer. People encountering this wisdom would glorify God because God was clearly the source. And then later someone who is even better at answering questions showed up. Jesus once said, "The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42). People tried to trap Jesus with hard questions, and never could. No doubt many had legitimate questions and learned many things. They asked, and they experienced the wisdom of God.

Today I still see the wisdom of God in the way some are able to answer questions. Some have it, some don't. Those who have spent time immersing themselves in God's Word, filling themselves with the good wisdom that is found there, do indeed know the answers to many important things. They carry divine knowledge. Others, as I said, choose to live without it. But people have questions! They long for answers! How sad when they turn to those around them and there is no good answer to be had. How sad when a child asks, "What does my life mean?" and they are basically told, "It doesn't really mean anything, just find whatever purpose you can." Divine wisdom isn't there, but it is in the one who replies: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). The wise will say, "We exist for God's glory, make sure you live for Him and you will be blessed." There still are people out there with answers to the questions that matter. Thank God for that.

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

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.

Weekly Bulletin

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

We've got an app for that!

Download our Congregate Members app in Google Play or the App store. You can access the bulletin, directory, articles, and more right from your phone.



SERMON NOTES

Love is Kind, Not Rude

“Now when they had _____, they then found out that the island was called _____.
And the natives showed us _____; for they _____ a _____ and made us
all _____, because of the _____ that was _____ and because of the _____.”

Acts 28:1-2

1: If you can judge a society by how well its weakest and most vulnerable members are treated, what kind of “score” does our society get?

2: What is a definition of kindness? And, does the way you treat(ed) someone who was a little different fit this definition?

3: Kindness includes the idea of being friendly to other people, as opposed to being what? (1 Cor. 13:5)

4: How did the islanders from Malta in Acts 28 show Paul unusual kindness?

5: What does the woman of Proverbs 31 do to show her kindness?

6: What kindness does Jesus command to even our enemies in Luke 6:35?

7: Instead of being self-centered, what should our attitude toward others be? (Romans 12:10)

8: How did Boaz show Ruth unusual kindness?

9: In what ways will you strive to show unusual kindness this week?

BIBLE CALL

BIBLE CALL REPORT FOR MARCH 2023

We had OVER 21 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in MARCH. MUCH HIGHER THAN FEBRUARY. We had 162 Calls. March 22 had the most calls with 15 calls. Over 10 times people listened to the same lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

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| (12) 115 Overcoming Depression | (12) 110 Overcoming Worry |
| (12) 126 The Secret of Contentment | (9) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About it. |
| (8) 125 Depressed? Life can be Meaningful | (6) 225 Worry |
| (5) 652 The Gift of Tongues | (4) 965 Life After Death |
| (3) 122 How to Help Yourself Become Better | |

15 times people called about Salvation, 14 times on topics about Family Life, 3 times in relation to Bible Study, 11 times about Worship, and 14 times about The Church. 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.

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 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL text or email David Epler 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.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Where Safety Lies

Oh, how people fool themselves into thinking they are safe. Well, I don't blame them. Feeling safe is good for your mental health. But, are we really safe? The fragility of our lives, the power of an accident or violence or illness to end our lives, suggest that we aren't safe. And then there is the truth that many feel safe even as they do evil, even though there will be a day of judgement someday. The Bible says, "While people are saying 'Peace and Safety' destruction will come on them suddenly."

Apart from God, safety is an illusion. No one, on their own, is perfectly safe. It's no wonder that millions of Americans take anti-anxiety meds! It's hard to avoid this truth. So, for the sake of your heart and mind, may I suggest the one place of peace and security? Here's Psalm 91:1-2: "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.'" Put yourself in God's hands and no power on earth can take you away. With God is safety. Without Him there is none.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April

23 Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30

27 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00

May

1 Blood Drive - 12-6
Lubeck church of Christ

8-12 2023 Tent Meeting
Valley Park, Hurricane, WV (off Rt 34)
Speakers: Matthew Derrberry, Colton Ferrell, Paul Mays, DJ Curry, Jack Gilchrist

1 Youth Night - 6:00
Norval Park church of Christ

7 Fellowship Meal - 12:00
Host: Care Group 2

13 Harrisville Ladies' Inspiration Day
"Weaving God's Word into Our Lives:
Speaker: Deidra Miller
Location: Ellenboro City Building
Dinning Hall (Old Grade School)

6 Surprise Valley Youth Camp
Appreciation Dinner
26th Street church of Christ
101 26th St., Huntington, WV 25703

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

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

Serving in Worship

April 30, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Jon Hescht

Song Leader

AM - Brian Haught

PM - David Epler

Scripture

AM - Kaleb Cochran

PM - Ben Haught

Prayer

9:30 AM - Levi Wells

Close - Bill Merrill

6:00 PM - Paul Saunders

Close - Kyle Inman

Communion

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Kyle Inman

Welcome Center

AM - Tammy Kerns

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Announcements - Aidan Klingler

PA System - Steve Gray

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Apr. 30 1 Kings 3-4 Ps. 119:91-176

May 1 1 Kings 5-7 Ps. 120

May 2 1 Kings 8-9 Ps. 121

[Praying People of the OT](#)

May 3 1 Kings 10-11 Ps. 122

May 4 1 Kings 12-13 Ps. 123

May 5 1 Kings 14-17 Ps. 124

May 6 1 Kings 18-20 Ps. 125

May 7 1 Kings 21-22 Ps. 126

[Sermon: Psalm 126](#)

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 16, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....221

Sunday Bible Class.....160

Area Wide Worship.....177

Sunday PM Worship.....158

Wednesday PM.....136

Contribution.....\$8,111

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....8

Restored/Req. Prayer.....5

Placed Membership2

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

April 30, 2023

"Can a Christian Be Lost?"



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.