

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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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
Donna 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
Chelsea Doonan
Jim & Sallie Hinzman
Jo Langler
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams

Cedar Grove

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

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Encompass Health

Sue Vancamp

Genesis

Ray Sams

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley Healthcare

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

Rockland Ridge

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
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
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.

NEW MINISTER - The Camden Avenue elders have asked Daniel P. Curry Jr. (DJ) to work with us on spreading the Gospel in the Parkersburg area. DJ has agreed and is expected to join us sometime in May. We will be sharing more information on the move over the next couple of weeks.

BOOK OF THE MONTH - The Book for April is Colossians. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office once you have finished reading.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY - The Lubeck church of Christ will be hosting this year's Ladies Inspiration Day on April 15. Marsha Robinson will be speaking on the theme "Grow Your Faith".

LOVE & CARE EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 15 at 1pm

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.

MEN'S MEETING - 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.

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.



Thanks to all for the cards and good wishes for my birthday.

-Norma Vaught

Updates to the Prayer List

- ♥ Linda Bailey (Sandy Hughes's sister) is now home from the hospital and doing much better. The family wants to thank everyone for their prayers.
- ♥ Susan Haid is now at Love & Care.
- ♥ Lucille Hardman has been having some health issues, especially with her legs.
- ♥ Carolyn Henry is home from the hospital and would appreciate continued prayers.
- ♥ Donna McConnell is now home.
- ♥ Dave Nulter is awaiting test results.
- ♥ Shelly Parnell (daughter of Everett & Ruth Sams) is now doing well.
- ♥ Ray Peters is having testing done and would appreciate prayers for it.
- ♥ Kathy Simmons (sister of Ray & Carol Peters) is in Ohio Valley Healthcare.
- ♥ Mike Wade had knee replacement surgery on Thursday.

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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coC Live

Doug's Discussion

Dare to Be Enthusiastic

The dark side of enthusiasm is disappointment. I notice this in the movie theater from time to time. For example, I was very excited to go see the movie *A Wrinkle in Time*, having read the book in school years ago. I remember being fascinated by the book as a child. The author was clearly religious, and the book played on themes of love versus hate and light versus darkness. I went into the theater with all that excitement and . . . walked out basically saying, "Bleh." All the things that made the book wonderful had been stripped away and they made it a message of self-belief. Excitement led to painful disappointment.



What's the solution here? The surefire way to avoid this kind of pain is to never get excited or passionate about anything. And I think this fear-based approach is the way many have chosen to live. Some even refrain from being excited about their own marriage! "Well, maybe it will work out, maybe it won't. We'll enjoy it while it lasts." Are you kidding? Have some hope! Have some excitement about your future together! But I think I get how this kind of mentality works. There is the fear of a future relationship failure, and if you don't get too excited in the first place then it won't be as painful if and when it happens. This, however, is a terrible way to go about life.

Listen instead to the call of Christian living in Matthew 5:12: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great . . ." And Romans 12:11 says, "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord." Christians are encouraged to discard fear-based living. After all, every promise given by God is a guarantee. Why not walk around excited about life and about the future? I encourage everyone in Christ to live with the hope that leads to zeal, to passionate, excited service. We live by faith instead of by fear. In this world of disappointed people that is sure to turn heads. Show them that there is still something to be excited about. Yes, I know you have been hurt before. Yes, I know there have been times when you expected good and only found evil. Are you going to let those experiences cause you to live the rest of your life afraid? Or are you going to faithfully find the joy of the Lord? One of these choices is better than the other.




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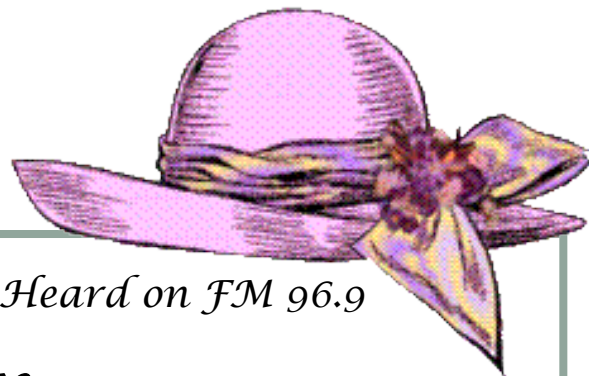
Sermon Notes

Congratulations

to all those that read Philippians for the
Book of the Month in March!



Debbie Bonar	Charlotte Galloway	Bill Mills
John Bonar	Sonya Hescht	Kay Mills
Naomi Carr	Bill Hoover	David Potts
Barbara Cramlet	Sherry Hoover	John Rockhold
Bill Davis	Leon Hupp	Eloise Smith
Charlene Donahue	Judy Hupp	Keith Smith
Christine Epler	Sandy Keller	Jim Stoops
David Epler	Rosemary Merrill	Steve Taylor



Minute of Meditation Heard on FM 96.9

Not Fantasy Love

There is a kind of pretend love that pictures the other person as what you want them to be. They may be Oscar the Grouch but you see a knight in shining armor because of some kind of fantasy infatuation. Sadly, a lot of affairs begin this way. "This person is so much better than my spouse." But you don't really know them. You think you do - but when the whole story is told people find out the grass isn't greener.

That's fantasy love. Real love is your spouse who knows you, who knows all your flaws. They know the mistakes you made - and they love you anyway. Real love is seeing someone as they are and loving that person, even when they're not who you want them to be.

That's what is so remarkable about God's love. Davis says in Psalm 139:1-2, "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. . . you perceive me thoughts from afar." God knows everything. He can see every foolish thing we have ever done -- and He loves us. He sacrificed for us unworthy people -- so all our flaws can be washed away.

That's real love. May we all have love like that.

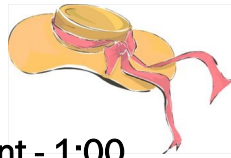
I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Upcoming Events

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

April

- 14-15 **Sunrise Youth Rally**
Speaker: Jack Gilchrist
- 15 **Love & Care Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00**
- 15 **Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies' Inspiration Day**
"Grow Our Faith"
Speaker: Marsha Robinson
Lubeck church of Christ
23 Meldhal Rd, Washington, WV 26181
- 15 **One Day Lectureship - 9-4**
"The Mission of the Church"
Seth church of Christ
20238 Coal River Rd. Seth WV 25181
lunch provided
- 16 **Area-Wide Worship Service - 3:00**
"Together We Stand"
Speaker: Doug Wells
Camden Avenue church of Christ
- 20-23 **Equipped 2023**
"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**
- 30 **Traveling Youth Group - 4:00**
Rockport Church of Christ



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
- 6 **Riverboat Cruise on the Nile - 6-8**
Formal Night/Prom Alternative
Valley Gem Sternwheeler,
601 Front Street, Marietta, OH
Boarding begins at 5:30
- 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
- 28 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Hopewell church of Christ



Local Gospel Meetings

- April **Weirton Heights Spring**
16-21 Times: Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; M-F 7:00
Theme: "Righteous Worship"
Speaker: Rico Brown
- April **North End church of Christ**
16-19 Times: Sun 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; M-W 7:00
Speaker: Phil Sanders
1301 West Virginia Ave., Parkersburg, WV

- April **Ullman Street church of Christ**
16-19 Times: Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F 7:30
Speaker: Randy Baker
512 Ullman St., Beverly, OH 45715
Behind Citizens Bank just off SR 60
- April **West Union church of Christ 16-19**
16-19 Times: Sun 10:00, 10:50, 7:00; M-F 7:00
Speaker: Terry Jones
96 Marie Street, West Union, WV 26456

Serving in Worship

April 16, 2023

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Jon Hescht

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Korey Inman

Scripture

AM - Josh Hall

PM - Kasen Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Bill Hoover

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Scott Johnson

Close - Bill Mills

Communion

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Brian Haught

Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Robin Anthony

Announcements - Todd Kirk

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible

Reading Plan

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

Apr. 9 Judg. 13-15 Ps. 99

Apr. 10 Judg. 16-18 Ps. 100

Apr. 11 Judg. 19-21 Ps. 101

Apr. 12 Ruth Ps. 102

Apr. 13 1 Sam. 1-4 Ps. 103

[SOTW: 1 & 2 Samuel](#)

Apr. 14 1 Sam. 5-8 Ps. 104

Apr. 15 1 Sam. 9-12 Ps. 105

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

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




MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES DAY
hosted by
LUBECK CHURCH OF CHRIST

"GROW OUR FAITH"

April 15 2023	LUBECK CHURCH OF CHRIST 23 MELDAHL RD. WASHINGTON, WV 26181	9 AM - 12 PM
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Facts and Figures

April 2, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....208

Sunday Bible Class.....182

Sunday PM Worship.....166

Wednesday PM.....

Contribution.....\$9,651

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....3

Restored/Req. Prayer.....5

Placed Membership2

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

April 16, 2023

"By Grace Through Faith"



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.