

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

God's Helpers - George W. Wiseman

*God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.
He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.*

*God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.
And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.
The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.
And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.*



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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mariella Barnes
Linda Camp
Harvey Caplinger
Mary Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem

Paula Franklin
Sandy Graham
Steve Gray
Carolyn Henry
Jon Hescht
Gwen Lucas
Earl McConnell

Linda Moncrief
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Elizabeth
Scarborough
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
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
John Rockhold
Bonnie Sams

Theresa Steed
Sue Vancamp
Patty Workman

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
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

Barbara Cramlet

Genesis

Ray Sams

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris
Kathy Simmons (s,
Ray & Carol Peters)

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce (Jo
Langler's bf's mom)

REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's uncle)
Roy Clark
John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Scott Gordon
Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law)
Charles (Bill) Haid
Peggy Hall
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad)

Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)
Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g-dau)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)
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.

WELCOME DINNER - There will be a welcome dinner for the Curry family next Sunday, May 21 after Bible Classes. Everyone is invited.

MEN'S MEETING - Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP - Will be at the Hopewell church of Christ on May 28 at 6:00.

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.

VBS - Saturday, July 29. If you would be willing to help with this year's VBS, please fill out a VBS Participation Sheet (found in the front foyer) and return it to Cody Hoover or the office.

RECEIPTS - If you have any receipts for Church purchases from Piggly Wiggly, please turn them in to Jim Galloway as soon as possible.

POTTER'S COMMODITIES DRIVE - We will be collecting the following pantry items for Potter's Children's Home: vanilla pudding mix, grape Kool-Aid mix, blueberry muffin mix, frosted mini wheats, and wheat thins. Please bring items to the building and leave them in the foyer before June 25.

SINGLES GROUP - There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for all singles ages 18 to 118 interested in participating in singles events.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Mariella Barnes is in Highland Hospital. Cards would be greatly appreciated. That address is 300 56th St. SE, Charleston, WV 25304.
- ♥ The father of John and Jerry Davis (friends of Randy White's neighbor) has cancer and has been given 60 days to live.
- ♥ Steve Gray is home from the hospital. Prayers for further testing are appreciated.
- ♥ Peggy Hall has lost most of her eyesight.
- ♥ Jon Hescht will be having surgery on May 17
- ♥ Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad) is moving to a rehab facility.
- ♥ June Miller has been doing much better. They have been able to clear the fluid on her heart. She would appreciate continued prayers.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle is having eye surgery on May 17.
- ♥ Elizabeth Scarbrough requests prayers for her family.
- ♥ Eilene Weekley (former member Shane Weekley's mom) has brain cancer.
- ♥ Patty Workman is now home.

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

False Echoes

In the world of communication the term “echo chamber” is used to describe an environment where a group of people have their own ideas and basically are insulated from any challenge to these ideas. Everyone is saying the same thing so you only ever hear the same thing back. Get it? Echo chamber. Generally this leads to very weak thinking, as you have no exposure or defense against opposing ideas. I fear there are many echo chambers in our culture today. Not only because divisiveness is being encouraged, but also because some are taking such weak positions that they know their stance cannot withstand scrutiny. When someone makes the claim that evil is good that claim really only thrives in an environment where everyone else is making the same claim. People with the common sense to oppose that assertion must be shouted down.

In the Bible you can see an example of this effect as Ahab prepares for war against Ramoth Gilead. He has four hundred false prophets all telling him the same thing: go ahead, attack them, it's going to be great! Ahab's ally in the war wisely asks if there is a prophet of the Lord around. There is, so they go and get him – but listen to what they tell Micaiah on the way in: “Look, as one man the other prophets are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably” (2 Chronicles 18:12). That's not how truth works, and God's people speak truth. Micaiah tells Ahab that he's going to his death, and he ends up being thrown into prison for his troubles. That one opposing voice just could not be tolerated – only the voices that were giving the approved message could speak, even if that voice was saying the truth of God.

As I stand for God I know that I'm on the right side of things for many reasons. One of them is I'm not afraid of opposing voices and ideas. I engage with (and attempt to persuade) people who think very differently than I do all the time. God and His Word are strong enough to withstand challenge, and they have withstood every challenge imaginable for thousands of years. What about some of these other ideas out there? Can they withstand that level of challenge or can they only exist in incredibly protected places like an echo chamber? “The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him” (Proverbs 18:17). I want to stand for what is right, not for what only seems right at the time. Don't you? Of course you do. So be willing to listen when that one voice comes forward with God's truth.

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 Not Easily Angered

“Do not _____ in your _____ to be _____ ,
For _____ rests in the _____ of _____ .”
Ecclesiastes 7:9

- 1: What kinds of effects does anger have on the recipient of that anger?
- 2: How can our expectations for other people affect our anger toward them?
- 3: Anger can create fear, which may be useful to your purposes.
But does God want our relationship with Him to be based on fear? (1 John 4:16-18)
- 4: How do you think fear can poison relationships, especially marriage?
- 5: Can you be angry without sinning? If so, does that guarantee that your anger isn't sinful?
- 6: Considering the rarity of Jesus's anger in scripture, and also Ecclesiastes 7:9, how often (if you had to guess) do you think loving people get visibly angry?
- 7: People naturally become angry sometimes, but to avoid sin what MUST we have?
- 8: Have you been able to lay down your guard when you come to worship?
If so, why do you think that is?
- 9: Read James 1:19-20. If we want to have a righteous life what do we need to do?

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Getting Played

Let's talk about getting played. Getting used by another for their own agenda. There's an example of this in Scripture in Acts 19. A silversmith named Demetrius had a business of making idols, and he didn't like the apostle Paul converting people from idols to Jesus. That impacts his wallet.

But that's not what he tells the crowd. He goes out and says, "There is danger the goddess herself will be robbed of her divine majesty." He wanted an angry mob to stop Paul and he got one. They shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" for two hours straight. Until, finally, the city clerk basically tells them they're all crazy and to go home before they get charged with rioting. Really, they got played by a man worried about his income.

Don't get played. If someone is manipulating your emotions, ask yourself, "Why?" What are they after? Are their goals good, as good as God's goals for you? There are people who are experts at manipulating others - but judge for yourselves whether it is right to serve someone like this instead of God.

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



Thank you all for the cards, texts and well wishes on our birthdays.

-Edwin, Henley & Oliver Hoover



Surprise Valley Youth Camp

June 18-24 - Junior Week (Ages 7-MS)

June 25-July 1 - All-Ages Week (Ages 7-HS)

July 9-15 - Senior Week (Teens)

July 16-22 - All-Ages Week (Ages 7-HS)

Register at surprisevalleyyouthcamp.com

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)

Register at
ovcyc.com

WV Christian Youth Camp

July 2-7 - Senior Week
(Ages 14-18)

July 9-14 - Interm. Week
(Ages 11-14)

July 16-21 - Junior Week
(Ages 7-11)

July 23-28 - All Ages
(Ages 8-18)

July 30 - Aug 4
Singing Emphasis Week
(Ages 12-18)

Register at
www.wvcyc.com/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May

- 19 **Of Issachar Men's Retreat**
-20 Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
13500 Fort Hill Road
Hillsboro, OH 45133
- 21 **Welcome Lunch/Fellowship Dinner**
Come welcome the Curry Family!
Host: Care Group 2
- 21 **Men's Meeting - 4:00**
multipurpose room
- 28 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Hopewell church of Christ
- 28 **Gospel Meeting**
-31 Mannington church of Christ
Speaker: Robert C. Veil
Theme: "Challenges Facing the Christian
in Today's Culture"

June

- 4-6 **17th Annual Lectureship**
Tri-Cities School of Preaching
Theme: "The Heart"
- 5-7 **VBS - Hero Hotline - 5:45-6:00**
Grand Central church of Christ
- 4-8 **VBS - Jesus the Great Physician**
Little Hocking church of Christ
Sun 9:00, 5:00; Mon-Thrs 6:30-8:30
- 5 **Youth Night - 6:00-8:00**
New Concord church of Christ
- 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



OF ISSACHAR

MENS RETREAT - 1 CHRO. 12:32



"Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..."

MAY 13-14, 2022

In troubling times, in times of trial, and in times of great need, leaders stand and are counted amongst the prepared. In a world in dire need of wisdom, humility, and truth, join us as we engage in a weekend of study, reflection, encouragement, and praise as men seeking to do the will of the Father. Men, fathers, sons, uncles, and grandfathers - this event is for all.

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
13500 Fort Hill Road
Hillsboro, Ohio

Find out more and register at www.forthillcamp.org

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - May 13

COST: \$50

5:00 PM: Registration
7:00 PM: Welcome - Introductions and Mixer
7:30 PM: Jon Podein - Youth Development in the Church
7:30 PM: TEEN - Landen Wright
7:30 PM: College/YA - Brandon Edwards - How do I know God is There?
8:30 PM: Campfire

SATURDAY- May 14

6:30 AM: Wake Up
7:15 AM: Flag Circle
7:30 AM: Breakfast
8:00 AM: Landen Wright - Prayer and Bible Study
8:00 AM: Greg Tidwell - Composition
9:00 AM: Greg Tidwell - Church History for Church Leaders
9:00 AM: TEEN - Landen Wright
9:00 AM: COLLEGE/Young ADULT - What do I do if I do not feel Saved?
10:00 AM: Clay Brown - Devotional
11:00 AM: Activity
12:00 PM: Lunch
1:00 PM: Brandon Edwards - Critical Race Theory and the Church
2:00 PM: Greg Tidwell - Systematic Theology and the Church
2:00 PM: TEEN - Landen Wright
2:00 PM: College - B. Edwards - Cross-generational Communication
3:00 PM: Clay Brown - Male Spiritual Leadership
3:00 PM: Brandon Edwards - Digital Media and the Church
4:00 PM: Open Forum - Open Question Arena
5:00 PM: Head For Home

REGISTER AT WWW.FORTHILLCAMP.ORG

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Serving in Worship

May 21, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Brian Haught

Scripture

AM - Ken Barnes

PM - Kaleb Cochran

Prayer

9:30 AM - Brian Haught

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - Levi Wells

Close - Cody Hoover

Communion

AM - Denny Keller

PM - Jeff Taberner

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Stan Inman

Announcements - Rick Stanley

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Scott Johnson

Security - Steve Gray

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interactive-bible-reading-plan](https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan)

May 14 2 Kings 23-25 Ps. 133

May 15 1 Chr. 1-3 Ps. 134

SOTW: 1 & 2 Chronicles

May 16 1 Chr. 4-5 Ps. 135

May 17 1 Chr. 6-7 Ps. 136

May 18 1 Chr. 8-10 Ps. 137

May 19 1 Chr. 11-13 Ps. 138

May 20 1 Chr. 14-16 Ps. 139

May 21 1 Chr. 17-19 Ps. 140

May Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: canned corn & green beans

Care Group 2: pancake mix, syrup, cereal

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

Care Group 4: beefaroni, ravioli, canned chicken



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MAY 13-14, 2022

Facts and Figures

April 30, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	214
Sunday Bible Class.....	158
Sunday PM Worship.....	164
Wednesday PM.....	169
Contribution.....	\$14,513.21

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....	8
Restored/Req. Prayr.....	6
Placed Membership.....	2

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

May 14, 2023

"I Am Not Ashamed"



May

1 Thessalonians

Sign the sheet on
bulletin board by
the office

Lawn Crew
May 18-20

Team 1

Kevin Inman

Kyle Inman

Kody Inman

Korey Inman



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.