

# 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 15:58*



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304-420-2416  
Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

## CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mariella Barnes  
Linda Camp  
Harvey Caplinger  
Mary Caplinger  
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

## Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

## Love & Care

Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

## Cedar Grove

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

## Genesis

Ray Sams

## 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  
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)

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Jon Hescht had surgery Wednesday in Morgantown.
- ♥ Peggy Riddle did not need to have a transplant. Her eye was much better than expected. Continued prayers for healing would be appreciated.
- ♥ Kay Stanley (Ricks sister) has requested prayers for her family.
- ♥ Barbara Cramlet 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.

**WELCOME DINNER** – Come welcome the Curry family today immediately following Bible Classes on the side lawn. Everyone is invited!

**MEN'S MEETING** – This afternoon at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

**ICE CREAM PARTY** – Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 will be the end of the school year ice cream party with fun and games following on the side lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the foyer for topping and drinks, ice cream will be provided. Bring games, balls, frisbees, etc. for the outside fun. See Kyle Inman if you have any questions.

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

**SLEEPOVER** – A girls sleepover and devo will be in the multipurpose room on May 30, beginning at 5 pm. Bring gear for a sleepover as well as games and snacks. Dinner will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for girls as well as breakfast items. Feel free to join in as chaperones if you would like. Pick up time will be between 10 and 11 am on Wednesday, May 31. See Amanda Cochran for details or questions.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SINGLES GROUP** – There will be a brief meeting after evening worship in room 109 to answer questions and discuss plans for singles activities. Please call Kay Stanley (740-525-6192) or Melva Farris (304-428-3610) if unable to come

## *50th Anniversary*

Happy 50th Anniversary to Delmas & Naomi Carr on Friday, May 26th!  
There will be a card shower to celebrate their special day.

Cards can be sent to: 1017 20th Street, Vienna, WV 26105

DJ, Sarah Curry & Family  
4788 Stillwell Road  
Davisville, WV 26142

Directory  
Update

Thank you, everyone, for  
the cards and prayers. I  
really enjoyed them.

-Lucille  
Hardman

## 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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Camden Avenue  
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# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## Empty Spaces

My children have just informed me that summer break is nearly upon us. They, of course, are overjoyed. All they have to do is survive a little more than a week of school and then in their minds a vast chasm of glorious free time awaits them. My feelings on the subject are a little more subdued. I think empty spaces in our schedules CAN be a wonderful thing. I suppose it really depends on what ends up filling that time. After all, something will. Vacuums tend not to exist for long.

Jesus tells a story in Matthew 12 about an evil spirit coming out of a man. That house becomes an empty space, "unoccupied, swept clean and put in order" (12:44). Clearly this man initially found relief. However, I think one of the points of this story is that he didn't fill his house with anything good after the spirit left. A bad thing out is good, but if you don't replace that bad thing with something good what do you think is going to happen? In this case the man ended up worse than when he started. "Then [the evil spirit] goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first" (12:45).

I'm not sure comparing school to a demon is a great illustration, even though I'm pretty sure I could find some students who would go along with it. But you get it – it's gone for the summer, and the schedule planner is empty. Or for the rest of you, the weekend is here – and there are hours of unclaimed time. Or wherever the empty space may be – it's up to you to intentionally decide what to do with it. What good thing are you going to fill that space with? As Titus 3:14 says, "Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives." But what if you don't? What if the schedule remains empty? Then I suggest the vacuum won't exist for long. If you don't choose for yourself something that is good to fill that time something else might choose for you. And I don't think that choice will be nearly as productive as a choice you intentionally make for the Lord.

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

### Differences in Hope

I'm just going to say this bluntly: Apart from God, there is no guaranteed hope. Let's say someone has a dream to be healthy and financially secure. That sounds good, right? Sure – but no one is guaranteed these things. Even if you're healthy now it doesn't last. Neither does wealth. Proverbs 11:7 says, "When the wicked die, hope dies with them; their hope in riches will come to nothing."

You may have seen someone whose hope is crushed. People in the hospital who know they won't recover. People who put all their money into a home or business that lost its value. What a sad thing to see!

This works differently for a Christian person. They may end up in the hospital, and they may lose all their money. But someone of faith can go through these things and NOT be crushed. As one group of Christians is told: "And our hope for you is firm because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort." We await the comfort of an eternity in the Father's arms. In Christ, the promise of that hope will NEVER come to nothing.

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

# SERMON NOTES

## *Happily, Ever After*

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:4

Do you want a fairytale ending for your life?

Do the things we do in this life affect our future?

(Fill in the blank.)

2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV

For \_\_\_ must all appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things \_\_\_\_\_ in the body, according to what he has \_\_\_\_\_, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Will a future with Jesus be far better than what we have in this world?

Philippians 1:23-24 NKJV

For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with \_\_\_\_\_, which is far \_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

Revelation 21:4 NKJV

And God will wipe away every \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes; there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_. There shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, for the former things have passed away.”

Heaven will not have the many issues which exist in this life.

Will the reward of heaven be your ending?

How does one become a Christian to inherit eternal life in heaven with Christ?

(Write down the Scriptures DJ gives in order to be saved.)

Hear -

Believe -

Repent -

Confess Faith in Jesus Christ -

Be Baptized -

Remain Faithful -

According to the Bible, are you saved and set to enjoy a “Happily, ever after” ending?

PM Sermon: Love Keeps No Record Of Wrongs

Scripture Reading: Psalm 130:3-4

# CURRY CONNECTION

## *Afraid of Heaven?*

After the lesson, she walked up, cradling her Bible, and said, “I can count on one hand how many times I have heard a lesson about Heaven!” Shocked and wide-eyed, I asked myself, “How could this be? This sister has been a faithful member of the church for a long time!” How could some avoid such a great topic? Through your own experience, I am sure you have learned that fear is a powerful emotion. Fear is so powerful that it can influence our thoughts and actions. We have learned that fear is not always a bad thing; fear can protect us from injury or even death. Tragically, we have also learned that sometimes we fear things we should not. Most people fear death for several reasons, some unique to their own. What does this mean for a Christian who fears death? Does this mean they are afraid of Heaven? As Christians, we look forward to our eternal reward. Are not our conversations dominated by what we most look forward to? Heaven should not only be taught in our services but also in our daily conversations. This thought also led me to realize that I have not heard many discussions about Heaven myself.

Why is this? The Apostle Paul wrote the following to the church in Philippi, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Phil 4:8 NKJV). The Apostle Paul tells us to meditate on these good things. Heaven is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, has virtue, and is praiseworthy. So, why are some not meditating on Heaven? Most people fear death, and I think this can be seen in some preaching and in some conversations by the avoidance of speaking on the afterlife. Do not be afraid of Heaven! “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil 1:21). Love the thought of Heaven so much that you cannot hold back

## BIBLE CALL REPORT — APRIL 2023

We had OVER 11 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in APRIL. We had 108 Calls. APRIL 30 had the most calls with 14 calls. Over 21 times people listened to the same lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

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| (4) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About It | (4) 115 Overcoming Depression       |
| (4) 501 Inspiration of the Bible           | (5) 126 The Secret of Contentment   |
| (4) 652 The Rapture                        | (5) 201 Why Does God Allow Trouble? |

13 times people called about Salvation, 6 times on topics about Family Life, 14 times in relation to Bible Study, 11 times about Worship, 9 times about ETERNITY, 6 TIMES ABOUT CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES 14 TIMES ABOUT MORALITY AND GENERAL TOPICS. 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 IT TO YOUR FRIENDS.** Let me know of leadership in other congregations who might want to know more about this work. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL, text or email me. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MAIL AN AREA? A CARRIER ROUTE IS USUALLY AROUND 600 AND TOTAL COST WOULD BE \$180.00 WHAT ABOUT MAILING AN AREA IN THE STATE WHERE THE CHURCH IS SMALL ?

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## May

- 21 **Welcome Lunch/Fellowship Dinner**  
Come welcome the Curry Family!  
Host: Care Group 2
- 21 **Men's Meeting – 4:00**  
multipurpose room
- 27 **Ice Cream Party – 5:00**  
Sign-up sheet in foyer for toppings/drinks  
Bring outdoor games
- 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"
- 30 **Girls Sleepover – 5:00**  
Bring sleepover gear and snacks  
Sign-up sheet in the foyer

## 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

## July

- 29 **Camden Avenue VBS**  
Participation sheets available in the foyer  
for those interested in helping.



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wvcyc.com/2023)

# Serving in Worship

May 28, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

## Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

## Song Leader

AM - John Life

PM - Levi Wells

## Scripture

AM - Don Dougherty

PM - David Potts

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Aidan Klingler

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Daniel Rich

Close - Marion Goldsmith

## Communion

AM - Bill Hoover

PM - Stan Inman

## Welcome Center

AM - Sherry Sponseller

PM - Tammy Kerns

Announcements - Paul Inman

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Ron Riddle

# wvbs<sup>®</sup> Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

May 21: 1 Chr. 17-19 Ps. 140

May 22: 1 Chr. 20-22 Ps. 141

May 23: 1 Chr. 23-25 Ps. 142

May 24: 1 Chr. 26-29 Ps. 143

[Biblical Timeline: Lesson 5](#)

May 25: 2 Chr. 1-3 Ps. 144

May 26: 2 Chr. 4-6 Ps. 145

May 27: 2 Chr. 7-9 Ps. 146

May 28: 2 Chr. 10-12 Ps. 14

## 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



# END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ICE CREAM PARTY

**MAY 27 5:00**

## Facts and Figures

May 14, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	221
Sunday Bible Class.....	159
Sunday PM Worship.....	175
Wednesday PM.....	158
Contribution.....	\$9,689

## 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 28, 2023

"Can I Repent?"



IN  
**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

## *Book of the Month*

May

1 Thessalonians

Sign the sheet on  
bulletin board by  
the office

## Lawn Crew May 25-27

### Team 2

Randy White  
Kevin Cochran  
Cody Hoover  
Bret Wilcoxon



*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.*