

# 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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Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

## CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

|                  |                |                  |                 |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Mariella Barnes  | Paula Franklin | Linda Moncrief   | Cotton Sayre    |
| Linda Camp       | Sandy Graham   | Debby Nesselroad | Elizabeth       |
| Harvey Caplinger | Steve Gray     | Mary Nesselroad  | Scarbrough      |
| Mary Caplinger   | Carolyn Henry  | Ray Peters       | Eloise Smith    |
| Carl Curtiss     | Jon Hescht     | Bill Porter      | Dorothy Stevens |
| Charlotte Deem   | Gwen Lucas     | Summer Rich      | Joyce Wright    |
|                  | Earl McConnell | Peggy Riddle     | Martha Whited   |

## SHUT-INS

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bob Armstrong        | Bonnie Sams            |
| Naomi Carr           | Theresa Steed          |
| Keith Cowdery        | Sue Vancamp            |
| Patty Dawson         | Patty Workman          |
| Jim & Sallie Hinzman |                        |
| Jo Langler           | <u>Colonial House</u>  |
| Merilee Morgan       | Lucille Hardman        |
| Ed & Lois Porter     |                        |
| Van Putnam           | <u>Love &amp; Care</u> |
| Jenny Reynolds       | Susan Haid             |
| John Rockhold        | 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

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| Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)        | Greg Kirkbride (Paul Saunders's friend)  |
| Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)       | Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend) |
| Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother)      | Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich) |
| Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)     | Mike Lucas                               |
| Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)     | Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)       |
| Lynn Casemon (Glenn Snider's uncle)      | June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)      |
| Roy Clark                                | Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)    |
| John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)   | Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)      |
| Megan Bailey Daugherty                   | Patty Nolan (Paul Saunders's cousin)     |
| Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)      | Michael Parsons (Billie Coe's friend)    |
| Betty Dunn (Ryan Highman's g-g.ma)       | Kathy Plant                              |
| Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)         | Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)    |
| Jeff Fitcher (Ron Holleron's son-in-law) | Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)           |
| Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)      | Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)      |
| Scott Gordon                             | Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)  |
| Paul Guinn (Robin Anthony's bro.-in-law) | Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)      |
| Charles (Bill) Haid                      | Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)     |
| Peggy Hall                               | Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g-dau)     |
| Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)  | Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)    |
| Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)    | Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)     |
| Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad)        | Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)     |
|  | Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)      |

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Jo Langler is requesting prayers for health concerns. She has severe tremors but doctors say she does not have Parkinson's disease.
- ♥ Adam Johnston, a member at Grand Central, is battling cancer.
- ♥ Dylan Muncy is recovering from a ladder fall.
- ♥ Ryan Hesselrode Bertka would appreciate your prayers during her pregnancy for her health and the baby's.
- ♥ Nita Faye Leach (Debi Inman's mom) has shingles and pneumonia.

# 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.

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

**BOOK OF THE MONTH** – The book of the month for June will be 2 Thessalonians. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you completed 1 Thessalonians in May.

**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.

**BIBLE BOWL**— An adult Bible Bowl class will begin on June 4th in room 112. We will cover chapter 1 of Romans from the New King James Version.

**SUMMER SERIES** – Our Summer Series will begin on Wednesday, June 7. Harry Ogletree from Sixth & Washington church of Christ will be speaking on "Teachings On Prayer."

**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.

**KING'S ISLAND TRIP** – The youth will be going to King's Island on Monday, July 24. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those interested in going. See Doug Wells for details or questions.

**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.

**HABANERO MINISTRY** – Anyone that would like to help with the Habanero Red Group in making visits, please see Roy Halstead.

## *70th Anniversary*

Congratulations to Darrell & Norma Vaught who will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on June 7.



## 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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# CURRY CONNECTION

## *I Can't Hear You!*

Jeanie sticks her fingers in her ears and cries, “Na-Na-Na-Boo-Boo, I can’t hear you!” and runs off. Have you ever refused to listen to someone before? Luckily, her friend is in quick pursuit of her. There is something she must hear even though she is having so much fun being distracted on the playground. I remember doing this so many times as a child with my friends. The problem is that we can sometimes do this as adults.

In Acts chapter seven, we read Stephen preaching a solid message to the Jews concerning their sin and Jesus Christ. What was their reaction? “Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord” (Acts 7:57 NKJV). Sometimes we do not want to hear what must be said, and often failing to listen to the message can be intentional, as the little girl did earlier. However, the word of God is a good message not to be ignored but the word which is able to save our souls (James 1:21). Who doesn’t want to receive good news? The message being brought by our Bible teachers is good news. “...How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Rom. 10:15).

If you fail to stop and listen, you miss out on something great and essential. Her friend never gave up but kept up the chase and shouted, “Jeanie! Supper is ready; it is your favorite!” Jeanie replies, “Oh, why didn’t you say so?”

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

### *Reason met with Violence*

I once knew two brothers. Both were very smart, but one thought a lot quicker. So, what tended to happen was they would get into a brotherly argument, the younger brother would argue circles around the older, and then brother two would get frustrated enough to want to connect his fist to his brother’s face.

This isn’t the most uncommon of interactions. What do you do if you cannot answer the other person’s arguments? You could accept the truth of what is being said, or maybe ask for time to do more research. But some just swing. In Acts 17 Paul went to Thessalonica and verse 3 says, “On three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead.”

Paul’s reasoning was so good that people were convinced, which made some unhappy. They could not counter the argument for Jesus, so they went for option 2. Verse 5 says they “rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob, and started a riot in the city.”

Speak the truth in love. If it gets met with violence that might simply mean there is no good reply, other than to accept it.

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

# SERMON NOTES

## *Love Delights in Truth, Not Evil*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:6

“does not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_;”

- 1: Certainly there is a range of parenting styles, but what does Proverbs 13:24 say about our relationship with your children if you fail to discipline?
  
- 2: Some believe it's pretty cute when very young kids do wrong things. Is it?
  
- 3: From Psalm 119:136, why does it make sense to shed tears when God's law is not obeyed?
  
- 4: If you love someone, and they do wrong things, what do you experience? (Proverbs 17:25)
  
- 5: Is “accepting people just the way they are” translation: acceptance of whatever they want to do . . . love?
  
- 6: If someone encourages or rejoices in any kind of evil in your life they . . . \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?
  
- 7: When we do love someone, what brings us great joy to see them doing? 2 John 4, 1 Timothy 2:4, Acts 11:23
  
- 8: Do love evil or do you love the truth? And what do you encourage other people to love?

# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## Sorry to See You Go

Sometimes, when someone is leaving, people may say something like, "We're sorry to see you go!" And that's right. Certain people are a delight to be around, so when they must go back home or back to whatever their regular responsibilities are, we do wish they could stay longer. But is it mean of me to mention that this isn't always the case? Bear with me here . . . I don't like to be mean, but I think if we're going to be honest then we would admit that there are people who we aren't too sad to see walk out the door. Why is that? Well, some people are more difficult than others, even within the church. That's why verses like Colossians 3:13 exist: "BEAR with each other and forgive one another . . . forgive as the Lord forgave you."

In Judah, one of the kings was quite a nasty man. He was a murderer. He was an idolater. He led the country into chaos – and then he became diseased and left the earth. And here is the sad way the Bible puts his passing in 2 Chronicles 21:20 "He passed away, to no one's regret, and was buried in the City of David." In other words, are people sad to see him go? No, they most certainly are not. He was nothing but trouble, he caused nothing but pain, and the people breathed a great sigh of relief when he was gone. In fact, his death led to a chain of events that would one day cause their lives to be considerably better.

Here is what I am suggesting: don't be that guy. Why be someone that makes people more comfortable when you LEAVE the room? And yes, I have talked to people who have lost loved ones who have admitted to me that the emotion that they feel most isn't grief, it's relief. They may feel guilty about it but that's the truth. The poor choices of the deceased individual had made life so hard that their passing made it feel like the people around them could breathe again. Don't be that guy! I'll still love you, being called to bear with you, but I think we should all make this easy on one another. Live a good life. Really love people. Then they will be sorry to see you go.

## THANK YOU

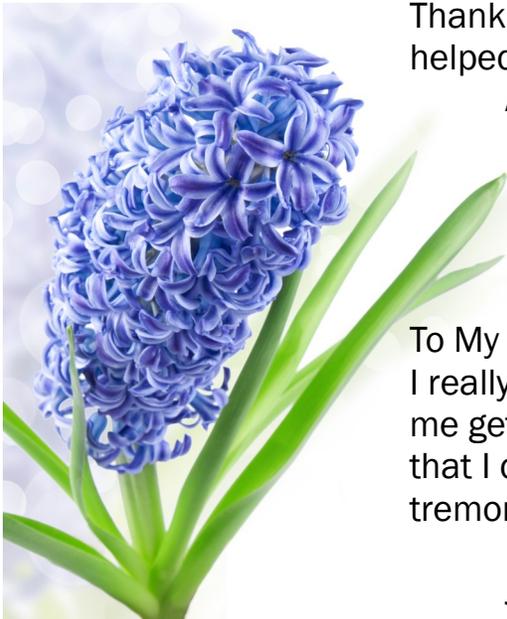
Thank you one and all for the very thoughtful birthday cards. They helped make it a special day.

Agape,  
Bill Pralley

Thank you for all the birthday cards.  
In Christian Love,  
Dave Nulter

To My Church Family,  
I really appreciate all the thinking of you cards in the mail. It really helps me get through the day. Thank you for all your prayers. The doctor says that I do not have Parkinson's disease just a really bad case of the tremors. I will continue to lean on the Lord during this difficulty.

In Christ,  
Jo Langler



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## May

28 **Traveling Youth Group – 6:00**  
Hopewell church of Christ

30 **Girls Sleepover – 5:00**  
Bring sleepover gear and snacks  
Sign-up sheet in the foyer

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

## July

24 **King’s Island Trip**  
Sign-up sheet in foyer

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

26 **Connect Conference**  
-29 “Go Make Disciples”  
Crieve Hall church of Christ  
Nashville, TN

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

### *“I Wish I Knew the Bible Said . . .”*

June 7: Harry Ogletree (Sixth and Washington) – “Teachings on Prayer”

June 14: Marvin Greene (Hopewell) – “How to Gain Wisdom”

June 21: Carlos Molina (Dewey Avenue) – “That My Parents Had Good Advice After All”

June 28: Roger Rush (Sixth and Washington) – “That God Loves Me Even When I Fail”

July 5: Austin Woodfin (Pennsville) – “We Have to be Grounded in the Truth”

July 12: Ed Melott (Lubeck) – “Some Great Financial Advice”

July 19: Nathan Greene (Barlow-Vincent) – “The Holy Spirit is Alive and Active”

July 26: Elvis Galbreath (Sunrise) – “Teaching about Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage”

August 2: Randy Baker (Hopewell) – “That There’s Security in Christ”

August 9: Mark Tonkery (Norval Park) – “That Life is Really Really Short”

August 16: Doug Kashorek (Thirty-Sixth Street) – “That Heaven is Real”

August 23: Colin Morrison (Beallsville) –

“That All Things Work Together for Good for Those Who Love God”

# Serving in Worship

June 4, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

## Deacon in Charge

Chris Hofmann

## Song Leader

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Ryan Highman

## Scripture

AM - Cody Hoover

PM - Josh Carr

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Klay Cochran

6:00 PM - Roy Halstead

Close - Keith Smith

## Communion

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Kody Inman

## Welcome Center

AM - Robin Anthony

PM - Teresa Wade

Wed - Paul Saunders

Announcements - John Life

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Ken Barnes



## Interactive Bible

## Reading Plan

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

May 28: 2 Chr. 10-12 Ps. 147

May 29: 2 Chr. 13-15 Ps. 148

May 30: 2 Chr. 16-18 Ps. 149

May 31: 2 Chr. 19-21 Ps. 150

June 1: 2 Chr. 22-24 Pro. 1

SOTW: Proverbs

June 2: 2 Chr. 25-27 Pro. 2

June 3: 2 Chr. 28-30 Pro. 3

June 4: 2 Chr. 31-33 Pro. 4

## 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



# "I Wish I Knew the Bible Said..."

## CAMDEN AVENUE 2023 SUMMER SERMON SERIES



## Facts and Figures

May 21, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....208

Sunday Bible Class.....161

Sunday PM Worship.....169

Wednesday PM.....165

Contribution.....\$6,529

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....8

Restored/Req. Prayr.....6

Placed Membership.....2

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

June 4, 2023

### "We Need the Church"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY



## May

### 1 Thessalonians

Sign the sheet on bulletin board by the office

## Lawn Crew June 1-3

### Team 3

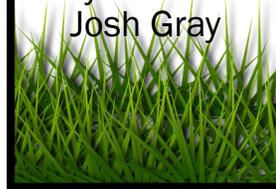
Ken Barnes

Doug

Hershman

Roy Halstead

Josh Gray



*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.*