

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

ACT AS *free people*
AND DO NOT USE YOUR *freedom*
AS A COVERING FOR EVIL,
BUT USE IT AS BOND-SERVANTS OF
God 1 PETER 2:16



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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mandy Bunting	Sandy Graham	Mary Nesselroad	Elizabeth
Linda Camp	Carolyn Henry	Ray Peters	Scarborough
Barbara Cramlet	Nita Faye Leech	Bill Porter	Eloise Smith
Carl Curtiss	Gwen Lucas	Summer Rich	Dorothy Stevens
Charlotte Deem	Earl McConnell	Peggy Riddle	Joyce Wright
Paula Franklin	Debby Nesselroad	Cotton Sayre	Martha Whited

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Mary Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery
Patty Dawson
Jim Hinzman
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
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber's
mom)

Colonial House
Lucille Hardman

Belmont Healthcare Ohio Valley
Vera Thomas
(Jennifer Thomas's
grandmother)

Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Encompass Health The Willows
Linda Moncrief
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler's
boyfriend's mom)

Genesis
Ray Sams

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Wyngate
Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent's
sister-in-law)

REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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

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.

BOOK OF THE MONTH – The Book for July will be 1 Timothy. Please sign the sign-up sheet outside the office today if you completed 2 Thessalonians in June. Happy reading!

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY – There will be a meeting today in room 112 immediately following Bible class for anyone interested in helping make teddy bears. This is a project which works along with our HomeMission effort and much more. See DJ Curry with any questions.

KING'S ISLAND TRIP – There will be a meeting at door 6 today immediately following evening worship for all those interested in going on the King's Island trip Monday, July 24. See Doug Wells with any questions.

SUMMER SERIES – This Wednesday, July 5, Austin Woodfin from the Pennsville church of Christ will be here to share with us about the topic "I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... We Have to be Grounded in the Truth"

FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Next Sunday, July 9. Care Group 4 will be hosting. Everyone is invited!

MEN'S MEETING – Sunday, July 16th at 4:00 in the multipurpose room.

SING AT EAGLE POINT – There will be a Sing at Eagle Point nursing home (formerly Stonerise) in Parkersburg on July 9 at 2:30 per their request and organized by Jarod Kiggins from the Wingett Run church of Christ. They are very excited for us to come sing with them! See John Life with any questions

GOLDEN AGERS PICNIC – July 20 at Fort Borman Park beginning at 11:30. Bring your own lunch.

VBS – Saturday, July 29. Invitation cards are available in the lobby to share with friends and family. Registration is open online at cacoc.net.

LOVE & CARE SERVICES – Camden Avenue will be in charge of Love & Care services on Sunday July 30 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 3 at 7:00.

CHURCH PICNIC – The annual Church Picnic will be Saturday, August 26 at Dupont Park. See DJ Curry with any questions.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Bernie Bice (mem. of Grand Central) passed Wednesday after struggling with cancer. Please Keep his family in your prayers.
- ♥ John Rockhold is now home.
- ♥ Vera Thomas (Jennifer Thomas's grandmother) is not doing well. She is in Belmont Healthcare on hospice.
- ♥ Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eric Gumm who put Christ on in baptism.

Congratulations to the Rich family on the adoption of Summer Rich.

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Building
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Building
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Youth:
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

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with our app!
Congregate



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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

They Did and They Do

A person does what they do. I'm not sure how grammatically correct that statement is but perhaps it can be helpful to you as a proverb. People tend to be creatures of habit. If they have a behavior that they exhibit in one situation they are very likely to do the same kind of behavior in a similar situation. They do what they do. That's why observing a person's behavior is such an effective way of knowing what kind of person they are. As Jesus puts it, "...by their fruit you will recognize them" (Matthew 7:20). I'm not saying that people can't change for the better. Much of my ministry is designed to help people do exactly that, by the power of God! But I am saying, absent relying on that power (and absent genuine repentance), people do tend to be what they were yesterday. The fruit is who they are.

There is a great benefit to having our eyes opened to this reality. We can save ourselves from all kinds of pointless pain. Your sensibilities may, for example, be a little offended at reading a proverb like Proverbs 20:19 which says, "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much." Wait a minute, avoid him? We're supposed to avoid people? That doesn't seem right! Well . . . you should certainly still be kind. But welcoming someone with the unrepentant fruit of gossip into your close friendships is asking for pain. How do you know he gossips? Maybe because when you had him over for lunch, he spent the time talking about the annoying habits of another church member. "But wait - he would never say those kinds of things about me to someone else, I'm his friend!" And that's where you're almost certainly wrong. A person does what they do. You'd be better off hearing and following the wisdom of God.

How many times must we hear this story before learning the lesson? A person who cheated on their spouse is invited into another home. The next person tells themselves "It would never happen to me!" But they are probably wrong. A person does what they do. Should we be gracious and forgiving toward people who make mistakes, knowing that we have made plenty ourselves? Absolutely. And we should also be wise. Jesus said to those He sent out, "...be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16). That remains good advice today. Love people. Kindly encourage people toward God, who changes hearts. AND be shrewd enough to expect that, until evidence of new, spiritual, repentant fruit appears on the tree, people will continue to do what they do. "A gossip betrays a confidence." That's what they do.

CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

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

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"

August 30: Jay D. Smith (Rockport) - "That Teaching Others is Not Just a Nice Thing"

SERMON NOTES

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican

Speaker: DJ Curry

Scripture reading: Luke 18:9-10

“Also He spoke this _____ to some who _____ in _____
that they were _____, and _____ others:

“Two _____ went up to the _____ to pray,
one a _____ and the other a _____.”

Luke 18:9-10

Notes:

PM Sermon: Right Choice, Right Time

Speaker: Doug Wells

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:16-17

CURRY CONNECTION

Do Not Forbid Them

Today I am surrounded! As I write this article, I am surrounded by many young campers at Surprise Valley Youth Camp. Seeing so many children eager to learn about our Savior is excellent! We have had countless Bible studies and many songs praising our heavenly King. However, my concern is for those who are not here or are not somewhere where Jesus is being taught. I have noticed that more and more parents in the world have been skipping out on sending their children to a Christian camp, VBS, or even church services. For a child to be present for any of these great opportunities of Christian edification, their guardians or parents must allow them to come. Do not forbid them.

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And He laid His hands on them and departed from there" (Matt 19:13-15 NKJV).

Any opportunity to strengthen your children's faith is a great investment toward their future in this world and in the next. As a camp director, it is an encouragement to see these children's excitement, humility, and curiosity. As Jesus said, "...of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let us be like these children and remain humble as a child (Matt 18:3), and I hope to see you at camp!

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our brother, Leo.

-Robin Anthony and Judy Guinn

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 33rd anniversary!

Love,
Ron & Peggy Riddle

Thanks to all who took the time to wish us a happy 70th anniversary.

-Darrell & Norma Vaught
(This is a reprint due to being missed in a former bulletin)

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Redirecting Missiles

I hear stopping missiles is important, and I believe God can do it. After all, that's basically what he did in the Bible in the case of Saul. Saul was attempting to crater churches wherever he went. He had just launched again, aimed this time at Damascus. The Christians there were hiding in shelters somewhere, bracing for the coming destruction. But before Saul can land Acts 9:3-4 tells us that a light from heaven dropped him right to the ground.

Modern warfare puts a lot of effort into doing what God did so easily. But what God did was a step above. It wasn't JUST that the missile was intercepted. God REPURPOSED it and sent it back toward the original target. Starting at Acts 9:19 the story goes: "Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God." The enemies of Jesus are blindsided, their arguments destroyed by God's new instrument of spiritual war.

I think the lesson is this: don't fight with God. He can send your weapons right back at you.

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.

July

- 2 **Teddy Bear Ministry Meeting**
Following Bible class in room 112
- 8 **OVCYC Fundraiser at Camp Barbe**
BBQ Dinner with sides and drink
\$11 donations accepted
- 9 **Sing at Eagle Point - 2:30**
(formerly Stonerise Nursing Home)
- 9 -12 **Barlow-Vincent VBS - 6:30-8:15**
- 10 **Rockport VBS - 6:30-8:00**
-13 **Theme: The Sand, the Sea, and the Son!**
Classes for all ages
- 16 **Men's Meeting - 4:30**
- 24 **King's Island Trip**
Sign-up sheet in foyer
Meeting after PM worship at door 6
- 29 **Camden Avenue VBS**
Participation sheets available in the foyer
for those interested in helping.
- 30- **North End VBS - Sun 6:30-8; M-W 7-8:30**
Aug 2 "Branded in the Image of Jesus"
- 30 **Love & Care Worship Services - 2:30**
- 30 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Latrobe Street church of Christ

August

- 7 **Youth Night - 6:00-8:00**
Pennsville church of Christ
- 12 **WVCYC Annual Golf Benefit**
Mingo Bottom Golf Club, Elizabeth, WV
\$65 entry fee 18 years and over
\$50 entry fee under 18
- 26 **Church Picnic**
Dupont Park
- 27 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:30**
Lower Paw Paw church of Christ

September

- 9 **WVCYC Bluegrass & BBQ - 12:00-5:00**
- 24 **Traveling Youth Group**
Lubeck church of Christ

October

- 6-7 **37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl**
Book: Roman (NKJV)
Friday Night - Kids Event and Dinner
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 28 **Saturday Night Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00**
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 **Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**
Camden Avenue



Summer Camps

CAMP CONCERN

July 7-9: College Age Retreat
July 9-15: Senior Week
July 16-22: Secondary Week
July 23-29: Junior Week

OV CYC

July 9-14: Junior Week

SURPRISE VALLEY

YOUTH CAMP

July 9-15: Senior Week
July 16-22: All-Ages Week

WV CYC

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

Serving in Worship

July 9, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

Song Leader

AM - Jon Hescht

PM - Connor Curry

Scripture

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Ken Barnes

Prayer

9:30 AM - Josh Hall

Close - Jimmy Galloway

6:00 PM - Ryan Highman

Close - Rick Stanley

Communion

AM - Aidan Klingler

PM - Donovan Walton

Welcome Center

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Marion Goldsmith

Wed - Rick Stanley

Announcements - Todd Kirk

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Steve Gray



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

July 2: Isaiah 5-8 & Psalm 1

[Bible Land Passages:](#)

[Passage 5](#)

July 3: Isaiah 9-12 & Psalm 2

July 4: Isaiah 13-16 & Psalm 3

July 5: Isaiah 17-20 & Psalm 4

July 6: Isaiah 21-24 & Psalm 5

July 7: Isaiah 25-28 & Psalm 6

July 8: Isaiah 29-32 & Psalm 7

July 9: Isaiah 33-36 & Psalm 8

OVCYC FUNDRAISER EVENT

@ CAMP BARBE
1659 CAMP BARBE RD.
ELIZABETH, WV 26143



July 8, 2023
11 AM - 4 PM

BLUEGRASS ENTERTAINMENT

BY:

THE LAST RESORT
ROY CLARK



BBQ DINNER W/SIDES/DRINK \$11 (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

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Facts and Figures

June 25, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	219
Sunday Bible Class.....	185
Sunday PM Worship.....	166
Wednesday PM.....	164
Contribution.....	\$8,273

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....	11
Restored/Req. Prayer.....	6
Placed Membership.....	7

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP
July 9, 2023

"The Blessings of Prayer"



July

1 Timothy

Sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

Lawn Crew

July 6-8

Team 4

Mike Bayer
Brian Haught
Bill Merrill
Roy Halstead

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.