

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

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

SHUT-INS

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Bob Armstrong | John Rockhold |
| Harvey Caplinger | Bonnie Sams |
| Mary Caplinger | Theresa Steed |
| Naomi Carr | Sue Vancamp |
| Keith Cowdery | Patty Workman |
| Patty Dawson | |
| Jim & Sallie | Cedar Grove |
| Hinzman | Janet Looney |
| Jo Langler | Helen May (Verna |
| Merilee Morgan | Huber's mother) |
| Ed & Lois Porter | Jean Huber |
| Van Putnam | (Clayton Huber's |
| Jenny Reynolds | mom) |

Ohio Valley

Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Genesis

Ray Sams

The Willows

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

Wyngate

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

REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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

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.

BIBLES/CARDS FOR GRADUATES — To honor our High School graduates, Hayden Kelley and Rochel Young, there are Bibles in the foyer for the congregation to sign, and baskets to leave a card. Please note that the baskets will be kept in the office in between worship times.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Today, following Bible classes will be our monthly fellowship meal. Everyone is invited!

SUMMER SERIES — This week in our Summer Series, on Wednesday, June 14 Marvin Greene from Hopewell church of Christ will be speaking on “How to Gain Wisdom”.

MEN’S MEETING — Sunday, June 25. This has been moved from the usual third Sunday to allow everyone to celebrate Father’s Day.

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.

OVCYC CAMP WORKERS NEEDED — OVCYC is in need of male counselors for Junior Week July 9-14. If you can help, please see Doug Wells.

KING’S ISLAND TRIP — We 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.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Kathy Simmons (Ray & Carol Peters’ sister) has moved to North Carolina to live with her daughter.
- ♥ Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders’s cousin) from Stafford, VA is experiencing health problems.
- ♥ Chris Mullins (Barb Saunders’s brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with skin cancer. He is waiting for biopsy results before they determine a treatment plan.
- ♥ Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson’s father) is back in Moundsville Health Care. He is still not doing well and could use some cards of encouragement and for his birthday on June 13. Cards can be sent to Moundsville Health Care 2200 Floral Street, Moundsville WV 26041.
- ♥ Harvey Caplinger has cracked vertebrae making walking and moving difficult. He is also waiting for the results of a biopsy on his spine.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Cindy Huxley and her family in the passing of her brother-in-law John Gilfoy.

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

Understanding the Parables

The exciting thing about mysteries is that they are meant to be solved, but what does it take to solve a mystery? The answer is that it first takes someone willing to solve the mystery, like an investigator. Someone willing to put in the work to discover the facts and comb through the evidence to decipher what others would claim to be impossible to understand. So, the key to solving a good mystery is the heart of the investigator.

Jesus gave us mysteries hidden within the parables for those willing to discover them. Jesus' parables are figurative teachings using an understandable illustration, such as a farmer or dinner feast cast alongside a heavenly message, the mystery. Like other mysteries, these mysteries are meant to be solved only by those with the heart to work to gain an understanding. "And the disciples came and said to Him, 'Why do You speak to them in parables?' He answered and said to them, 'Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given'" (Matt 13:10-11 NKJV). The disciples were given these mysteries because they had eyes and ears willing to work to understand the message. Some have eyes and ears and refuse to hear or see because of their dull heart.

Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them (Matt 13:13-15).

Will you be willing to listen to Jesus' words, to see the mystery within His parables, and to have the heart of understanding? Doug and I have decided to preach the parables of Jesus, working together with you to pull back the curtain to reveal what is meant to be both seen and heard.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Favorite Scripture

Let's take a minute to talk about my favorite Scripture. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20 NKJV). When the Apostle Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me," It is a statement of sacrifice. We should also be living our lives as a sacrifice for Jesus. A new identity. He also wrote, "...and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God." God has blessed us with this life, let us also praise Him while we are in it. Lastly, Jesus said, "...Who loved me and gave Himself for me." Let us never forget the love Jesus has for us all. This has been DJ Curry with a Minute of Meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

The Sheep and the Goats

“Then the _____ will say to those on His _____, ‘Come, you _____ of My Father, _____ the kingdom _____ for you from the _____ of the world: for I was _____ and you gave Me _____; I was _____ and you gave Me _____; I was a _____ and you took Me in; I was _____ and you _____ Me; I was _____ and you _____ Me; I was in _____ and you _____ to Me.’”

“Then the _____ will _____ Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You _____ and _____ You, or _____ and give You _____? When did we see You a _____ and take You _____, or _____ and _____ You? Or when did we see You _____, or in _____, and _____ to You?’ And the _____ will _____ and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the _____ of these My brethren, you did it to _____.’” Matthew 25:34-40

- 1: Why do you think a parable is a good teaching tool?
- 2: What common shepherding task does Jesus use for his parable in Matthew 25:32-33?
- 3: What about Jesus being a shepherd would just about everyone like (Psalm 23:2-3)?
- 4: What might someone not like very much?
- 5: From Matthew 25:34, what benefits are there to being a “sheep”?
- 6: What makes a sheep a sheep in this parable? OR what makes a goat a goat?
- 7: If there’s a stranger in this room right now what are some ways you could “invite them in”?
- 8: If you do invite that stranger in, or you do feed a hungry person, or comfort the lonely, etc..... What are you doing?
- 9: Have you noticed the needs around you? If so, have you done anything about it?

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

What is Love?

We long to be loved, but we don't always know what that looks like. We know we should love others, but we don't always know how. Where can I go to discover what will satisfy this longing? Where can I be taught how to share true love with others? Well . . . I wouldn't recommend trying to learn it from the movies. You're more likely than not to see people simply using one another for their own benefit. I also wouldn't recommend asking your phone. I just did – and I got a whole lot of gobbledygook: “Love refers to a deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude.” Thanks for nothing Siri. Love has to be more than that.

REAL love is an awesome thing to behold. “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13). If you manage to learn what love is, and practice it, the Word says that you are partaking in the greatest thing! No wonder we long for it. And no wonder the devil, in his envy, does so much to corrupt the idea of it. No, real love is not limited to a “deep tender feeling.” And love is certainly not all about expressing our desires with whomever we want. If you want the truth let me refer you to two things. First – one of the most beautiful passages ever put on a page: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

There is more truth about love in those few sentences than I have found in all the world. If someone lives these words then you will know you are loved. And someone did live them, which is where I will refer you to next to see what love looks like. Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love” (John 15:9). Do you want to see and feel love? Turn to Jesus. Learn from Jesus. Live like Jesus. That is love – so much higher and purer than the cheap imitations that are being passed off as love today. They will not satisfy our hearts or be a blessing to others, but real love practiced as 1 Corinthians 13 describes will.

CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

“I Wish I Knew the Bible Said . . .”

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”

August 30: Jay D. Smith (Rockport) – “That Teaching Others is Not Just a Nice Thing”

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June

- 11 Fellowship Meal — following Bible class hosted by care group 3
- 11 Singing Workshop — 1:00 & 6:30
Lower Paw Paw church of Christ
Teacher: Jesse Eaton
- 24 Caring & Sharing Luncheon — 12:00
Pine Grove church of Christ
- 25 Men's Meeting — 4:00
multipurpose room

July

- 2-7 Horizons
Theme: Still
Freed-Hardeman University
Henderson, TN
- 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

August

- 26 Church Picnic
Dupont Park



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

Ohio Valley Youth Camp

- June 18-23
Senior Week
- June 25-30
Intermediate Week
- July 9-14
Junior Week

Surprise Valley Youth Camp

- June 18-24
Junior Week
- June 25-July 1
All-Ages Week
- July 9-15
Senior Week
- July 16-22
All-Ages Week

WV Christian Youth Camp

- 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

THANK YOU

Thank everyone for the birthday cards and the well wishes. I enjoyed each one.
-Bill Mills

Serving in Worship

June 18, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Chris Hofmann

Song Leader

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Jon Hescht

Scripture

AM - Bob Miller

PM - Kasen Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Ryan Highman

Close - Jeff Taberner

6:00 PM - Rick Stanley

Close - Ben Haught

Communion

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Don Dougherty

Welcome Center

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Sherry Sponseller

Wed - Stan Inman

Announcements - Josh Hall

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Scott Johnson



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

June 11: Neh. 9-11 Pro. 11
June 12: Neh. 12-13 Pro. 12
June 13: Esther 1-5 Pro. 13
June 14: Esther 6-10 Pro. 14
June 15: Job 1-4 Pro. 15
[SOTW: Job](#)
June 16: Job 5-8 Pro. 16
[A Patient Man from Uz](#)
June 17: Job 9-11 Pro. 17
June 18: Job 12-15 Pro. 18

JUNE NEEDS

Care Group 1: Crackers
Care Group 2: Pancake Syrup
Care Group 3: Jelly
Care Group 4: Canned Peas



WANTED AD

ANYONE WILLING OR ABLE TO SEW TEDDY BEARS. THIS IS A PROJECT WHICH WORKS ALONG WITH OUR HOME MISSION EFFORT AND MUCH MORE. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT DJ.



Facts and Figures

June 4, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....213
Sunday Bible Class.....180
Sunday PM Worship.....163
Wednesday PM.....188
Contribution.....\$9,543

Membership 2023

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

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP
June 18, 2023

"Morality"



June
2 Thessalonians

Sign the sheet on
bulletin board by
the office

Lawn Crew

June 15-17

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.