

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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information on
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TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

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Linda Camp
Barbara Cramlet
Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem
Paula Franklin

Ralph Fox
Sandy Graham
Steve Gray
Carolyn Henry
Nita Faye Leech
Gwen Lucas

Earl McConnell
Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters
Bill Porter
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Elizabeth
Scarborough
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Raeanne Wells
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

Encompass Health
Linda Moncrief

Genesis
Ray Sams

Love & Care
Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Ohio Valley
Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris
The Willows
Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler's
boyfriend's mom)

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

REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Morgan Amos (friend of the Wades)
Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
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
Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son)
Caroline Harrington
Mike Hill (Mike and Pam Bayer's friend)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson's dad)
Adam Johnston
Michelle Jones
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)
Marilyn Miskcvish
Patty Moore
Chris Mullins (Saunders's brother-in-law)
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)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Mandy Townsend (Mary Daniel's g-dau)
Chad Treadway
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Eilene Weekley (Shane Weekley's mom)
Joe Wilson (husband, Sharon Wilson)
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 of the Month for July will be 1 Timothy. Once you have finished reading 2 Thessalonians for June, please sign the sign-up sheet outside the office. Happy reading!

BIBLES/CARDS FOR GRADUATES — If you have not had a chance to leave a card or sign the bibles for our High School graduates, Hayden Kelley and Rochel Young, please do so today. They can be found in the front foyer.

MEN'S MEETING — The meeting today has been postponed.

POTTER'S COMMODITIES DRIVE — If you have any donations for the Potter's Children's Home, please bring those to the building today.

HABANERO RED TEAM — There will be a meeting this evening after worship in room 112. Anyone that is part of the Red Team or wishes to be involved, please attend.

SUMMER SERIES — This week in our Summer Series, on Wednesday, June 28, Roger Rush from Sixth and Washington will be speaking on "I Wish I Knew That the Bible Said... That God Loves Me Even When I Fail"

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — There will be a meeting next Sunday, July 2 in room 112 following morning services for anyone interested in helping. This is a project which works along with our HomeMission effort and much more. See DJ Curry with any questions.

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. Invitation cards are available in the lobby to share with friends and family. Registration is open online at camdenavenuechurchofchrist.net

Congratulations to Reese Kelley in his decision to put on Christ in baptism!

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Eric Hardman (Lucille Hardman's son) is having a biopsy after the doctors found spots on his prostate.
- ♥ Michelle Jones has been having health issues and was recently released from the hospital.
- ♥ Marilyn Miskcvish has been having health issues and was recently released from the hospital.
- ♥ Patty Moore Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law has surgery on Thursday that went well but during surgery the doctors discovered that she has cancer.
- ♥ John Rockhold is in Camden Clark for testing.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Robin Anthony and family in the passing of her brother, Leo. His viewing was in Morehead, Ky.

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

Keep in Touch
with our app!
Congregate



Watch our
Livestream:

facebook

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CamdenavenuecoC](https://facebook.com/CamdenavenuecoC)

YouTube

Camden Avenue
coC Live

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Maybe Not the Worst

What we think is the worst thing imaginable might not be what we think. After all, our wisdom is limited. We are not God. We cannot see how the future will play out in every scenario. Maybe something that seems terrible now actually saves us from something much worse later. I often wonder this when I can't find my keys. I really hate not being able to find my keys. But what if those five to fifteen minutes spent finding my keys saved me from getting into a car wreck or hitting a deer or something? I won't know this side of heaven if that was ever the case, but I acknowledge that it is certainly possible. Since I don't know I'll just have to let God take care of that sort of thing, even if the situation I'm in right now isn't something I like. It could be worse.

Hezekiah once "became ill and was at the point of death" (2 Chronicles 32:24). This is probably the worst thing many of us can imagine . . . but is it? If Hezekiah dies he goes to heaven, with an incredible legacy of godliness. But death is just so hard for the king of Judah to face, so he prays bitterly, citing all that he has done for God as a reason why God should spare him. And God does – He adds fifteen years to his life. Of course, fifteen years later Hezekiah dies anyway. But consider some of the things that happen that tarnishes Hezekiah's legacy in those fifteen years. For one thing, the next verse says, "But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him; therefore the Lord's wrath was on him and on Judah and Jerusalem" (32:25). For another, in those fifteen years Manasseh is born, who becomes the next king. He is one of the worst kings ever. He fills the streets of Jerusalem with innocent blood. Hezekiah also makes the mistake of showing Babylon all of Judah's treasures during this time. Years later they come back to forcibly get them, and when they do, they basically wipe out the country. This all makes us wonder . . . would dying fifteen years earlier really have been the worst thing?

I think the best thing for us to do is to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). We just don't know. I might really hate being in some kind of pain right now. I have no idea what the reason is for it and no idea why God won't immediately take it away. But what if some pain today keeps me from a much worse tragedy tomorrow? If I later see that is true won't that make me feel silly for complaining? I can just imagine God patiently explaining to me in heaven: "Doug, you needed that painful experience to help you be the kind of person I wanted you to be. If you didn't go through that you wouldn't have made the same choices, and you wouldn't be here today. Now, aren't you glad I didn't agree to take that away?" And, of course, on that day I'll say, "Absolutely Lord. Thank you so much for saying no to me. I thought what I was going through was bad but it could have been worse!" We will see clearly then. I hope, in difficulty, we can at least see the possibility today.



SERMON NOTES

The Other Son

Scripture Reading Luke 15:28

1. What are the three parables in Luke 15?

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

2. What is the main message within these parables?

(Circle the correct answer)

Stop Losing Things

God Cares for the Lost

3. Can you name the 5 character(s) in The Parable of the Prodigal Son?

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

4) _____ 5) _____

4. Try and identify the 6 sins that the Older/Pouting Son displayed in this parable.

(Bonus: Include the Scriptures given in the lesson which addressed each sin)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____

5. Listen and write the correct Scripture next to each step in the plan of salvation.

Hear -

Believe -

Repent -

Confess Faith in Jesus Christ -

Be Baptized -

Remain Faithful -

Notes:

CURRY CONNECTION

Faith Cometh by...

We all know this Scripture. The preacher says it every single Sunday after every single lesson. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17 NKJV).

I hope you are blessed to have a friend. However, have you ever had a friend ignore you? It hurts if anyone ignores you, but the pain is sharper when it comes from a friend. I remember the last time a friend began ignoring me and my family. It hurt, and I wanted to know why she was ignoring us. Did I do something wrong? Was she upset with me or my family? I couldn't get her to listen long enough to me to be able to answer any of these questions. It appeared like she no longer cared about us because she refused to listen to us anymore. It hurts to feel ignored.

The truth is that a friend that ignores you is not a good friend or a friend at all. We might have a sense of how God must feel as the world or even His church refuses to listen to His word. The Scripture above states, "hearing," not heard. Shouldn't that imply that we are to continue hearing for faith to continue? Yes, we cannot stop hearing the commands of Jesus and expect to continue being His friend. "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 14:15). A friend who is ignoring you is not a friend. Let's not treat our friends that way. Do you STILL have a friend in Jesus? Listen to Him through your study of God's word and refuse to ignore the Lord.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers and cards I received after the death of my brother-in-law, John Guilfooy.

- Cindy Huxley

We want to thank all of you kind people for the cards you sent with sweet notes for Jim's birthday and our anniversary. You are so special to us.

Thank you so much for the happy wishes sent to us for our 60th anniversary.

- Jim & Charlotte Galloway

Love,
Jim & Sandy Hughes

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Scriptural Authority

Let's take a minute. You better slow down. You just passed a trooper. You better stop at that stop sign. You do not want to cause an accident. Not only is it dangerous to drive too fast or to run a stop sign, but it is against the law. We all operate under an authority. It is the same when it comes to our faith. Jesus did not even operate under His own authority. "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak" (John 12:49 NKJV). With Jesus as our example, what authority do we have to go beyond what is written for us in Scripture? "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16).

This has been DJ Curry 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

- 2-7 **Horizons**
Theme: Still
Freed-Hardeman University
Henderson, TN
- 8 **OVCYC Fundraiser at Camp Barbe**
BBQ Dinner with sides and drink
\$11 donations accepted
- 9-12 **Barlow-Vincent VBS - 6:30-8:15**
- 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.
- 30- **North End VBS - Sun 6:30-8; M-W 7-8:30**
Aug 2 "Branded in the Image of Jesus"

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

September

- 9 **WVCYC Bluegrass & BBQ - 12:00-5:00**

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

Summer Camps

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

OV CYC

- June 25-30: Intermediate Week
July 9-14: Junior Week

SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH CAMP

- June 25-July 1: All-Ages Week
July 9-15: Senior Week
July 16-22: All-Ages Week

CAMP CONCERN

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

CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

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

- 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"

Serving in Worship

July 2, 2023

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

Song Leader

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Cole Curry

Scripture

AM - Roy Halstead

PM - Bill Hoover

Prayer

9:30 AM - Klay Cochran

Close - Klay Cochran

6:00 PM - Brian Haught

Close - Chris Tallman

Communion

AM - Ron Riddle

PM - Chris Hofmann

Welcome Center

AM - Jeff Taberner

PM - Terry Hofmann

Wed - Paul Saunders

Announcements - Ken Barnes

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Ryan Highman

Security - Clayton Huber



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

June 26 Ecc. 1-4 Pro. 26

[SOTW: Eccl. / Song of Solomon](#)

June 27 Ecc. 5-8 Pro. 27

June 28 Ecc. 9-12 Pro. 28

June 29 Song 1-4 Pro. 29

[How to Read Poetic Literature](#)

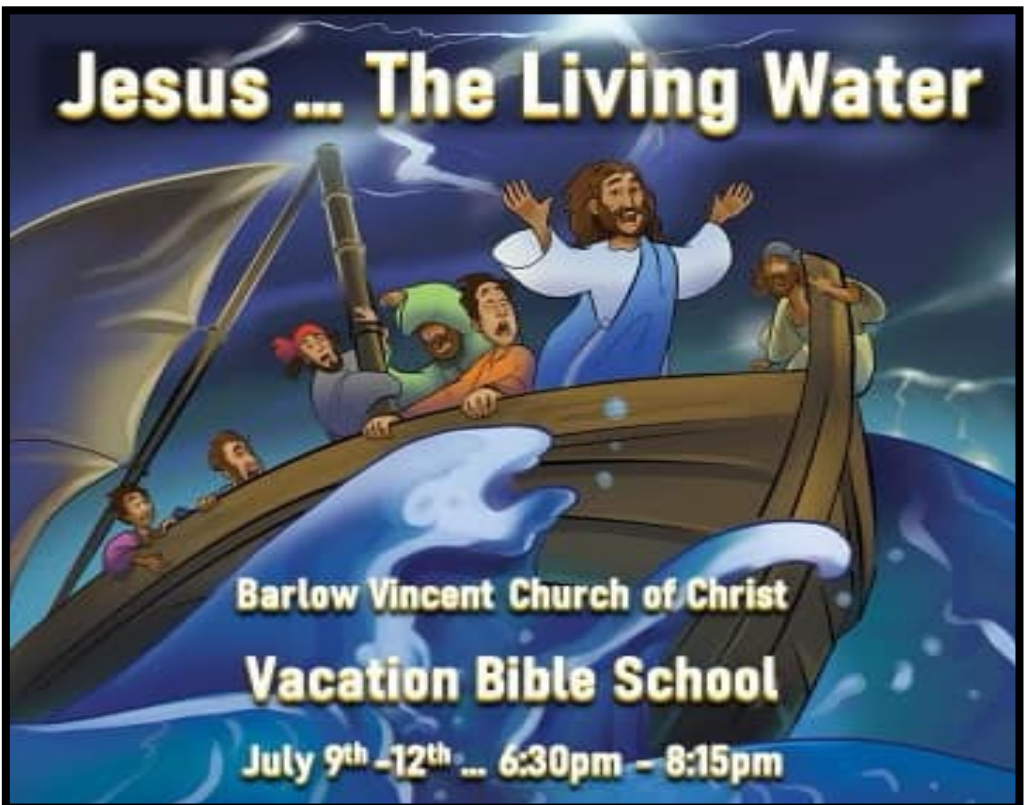
June 30 Song 5-8 Pro. 30

July 1 Isa. 1-4 Pro. 31

[SOTW: Isaiah](#)

July 2 Isa. 5-8 Ps. 1

[Bible Land Passages: Passage 5](#)



Facts and Figures

June 18, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....218

Sunday Bible Class.....175

Sunday PM Worship.....158

Wednesday PM.....154

Contribution.....\$7,379

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....10

Restored/Req. Prayer.....6

Placed Membership.....7

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

July 2, 2023

“Wonderfully Made”



July 1 Timothy

Please sign the sheet outside the office after completing the reading.

Lawn Crew

Team 3

Ken Barnes

Doug Hershman

Josh Gray

June 29

-July 1

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.