

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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TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

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Linda Camp
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Carl Curtiss
Charlotte Deem
Paula Franklin

Sandy Graham
Carolyn Henry
Tim Kirl
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
Martha Whited

Bob Armstrong
Harvey & Mary
Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May (Verna
Huber's mother)
Jean Huber
(Clayton's mom)

Genesis

Ray Sams

Patty Dawson
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman
Jo Langler

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Ohio Valley Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

SHUT-INS

Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter
Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds

Encompass Health

Linda Moncrief

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

John Rockhold
Bonnie Sams
Theresa Steed
Sue Vancamp
Patty Workman

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce (Jo
Langler's friend)

Wyngate

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

FRIENDS & 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)
John & Jerry Davis's dad (Randy White)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
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
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
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 (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
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)

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jennifer Thomas and her family in the loss of her grandmother, Vera Thomas. Her funeral was in Middlebourne, WV.

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.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION — Please check your contact information at the table in the front lobby to make sure everything is up to date for the directory.

MEN'S MEETING — Today at 4:00 in the multipurpose room. }

SUMMER SERIES — This Wednesday, July 19, Nathan Greene from the Barlow-Vincent church of Christ will be speaking on the topic "I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... The Holy Spirit is Alive and Active"

GOLDEN AGERS PICNIC — Thursday, July 20 at Fort Boreman Park beginning at 11:30. Bring your own lunch. }

SINGLES MINGLE PICNIC LUNCH — Saturday, July 22 at McDonough Park at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. There will be hiking available after lunch. }

KING'S ISLAND TRIP — Monday, July 24. See Doug Wells with any questions.

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.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY — August 3. They will leave the church building at 8 am. The cost will be \$29 and will include an all-inclusive meal at Der Dutchman and a bus fee. Money is due by July 26. There is a sign-up sheet in the front lobby.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — August 28th, from 12-6. There is a sign-up sheet in the front lobby.

OVC REUNION OF '60-'66 — A committee is planning a reunion for anyone connected to OVC from 1960-1966. They meet at Camden Ave on Thursday mornings. Newcomers welcome. The reunion is planned for Sept 22-23, 2023. If you or anyone you know was connected to OVC at that time, please contact the committee at OVC1960through1966@gmail.com or on Facebook at Ohio Valley College Contacts 1960-1966. Pictures, stories etc. are welcome!

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's brother-in-law) has cancer & is not doing well.
- ♥ Thomas Guerra (friend of Tabettha Rich) fell and cannot keep his balance.
- ♥ Tim Kirl is in Camden Clark room 508A. He is having testing done and will possibly be undergoing gallbladder surgery.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) has a nodule on his lungs. He had a PET scan Thursday and will find out the results in August.
- ♥ Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) is out of Encompass health and is now with daughter, Janie McGrew. Patty will see her oncologist July 24th.
- ♥ Sandy Keller's dad is in Camden Clark. Please, no visitors at this time.
- ♥ Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter) will start radiation Monday, July 17.



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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Congregate



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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Not So High Places

There was a time in Israel's history when they knew exactly what they should do if they wanted to sacrifice to God. They were clearly told: "Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please. Offer them only at the place the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you" (Deuteronomy 12:13-14). This first central place for worship and sacrifices would be the Tabernacle. Later they would take their offerings to the temple in Jerusalem. This kind of worship differed from the Canaanites, who worshiped in many places. They often would worship at "high places." I suppose the idea is that climbing a hill brings you closer to the gods. But the one true God says that this kind of worship is not what he has in mind: "Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods" (Deuteronomy 12:2).

We all know how difficult it is to reject the influence of the people around us. You can read about Israel worshiping at the high places throughout the Old Testament. Even after the temple was built, many Israelites continued to worship on the hills and under spreading trees. But those whose hearts were fully committed to the Lord opposed every kind of false worship. "[Hezekiah] did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done. He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles . . ." (2 Kings 18:3-4). This was a wonderful moment in the history of Israel. Finally, someone loves God enough to lead the people to worship in the way God said they should.

Here at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, we encourage you to worship God in the ways the Bible says you should. Worship Him with singing. Worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Worship Him by being devoted "to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). Worship Him by refusing to prioritize other things over the church service. I know that's not how everyone else does it. But those whose hearts are devoted to the Lord God do, and they encourage others to do the same. Come worship God with us in a way that is pleasing to Him. Come encourage us to live according to the authority of God's Word and we will do the same for you.

CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

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

- 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 Unfruitful Fig Tree

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:6

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

1. What are some expectations the Lord has for His children?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

2. Does the Lord show partiality or is He a respecter of persons? Yes or No

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

“...for _____ have _____ and fall _____ of the _____ of God,”

3. What were the two topics Jesus addressed before The Parable of the Unfruitful Fig Tree?

(Circle the correct answers.)

Repentance Partiality Cosmetology

4. Remaining true to context who do these characters in The Parable of the Unfruitful Fig Tree most likely represent?

Owner -

Vinedresser -

Fig Tree -

5. Should our proper obedience to the Lord be producing good fruit? Yes or No

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

“The Lord is _____ slack concerning His _____, as some count slackness, but is _____ toward us, _____ willing that any should _____ but that _____ should come to _____.”

6. Has the Lord been patient with us?”

7. Can you name some ways Jesus has aided the world and even His church?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

8. List some good fruit that Christians should produce today (Gal 5:22-23)?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

9. Can you see what or Who Christianity is to look like?

(Write the correct Scripture next to the correct step in the plan of salvation.)

Hear - _____ Believe - _____ Repent - _____

Confess Faith in Jesus - _____ Be Baptized - _____ Remain Faithful - _____

PM Sermon: The Ninety Nine and the One

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:4-7

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

Conversion of the Samaritans

The command was, "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8 KJV). In Acts chapter 8, the witnessing of Jesus Christ will now enter Samaria through great persecution that arose against the church. Saul made havoc with the church, and many were scattered because of this persecution. I can hardly imagine what it must have felt like to be uprooted from your home and forced to flee for your safety because of your support for Jesus!

What did they do? "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). This is incredible! The church grew from the persecution. These believers selflessly used this as an opportunity for the Lord and preached Christ. "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did" (Acts 8:5-6). The Samaritans heard the Gospel from Philip's preaching. We know that it is thanks to our hearing of the word that we gain our faith (Rom 10:17). Once they heard Christ preached, they believed, and proper belief is an action, which is also witnessed with the Samaritans. "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and woman" (Acts 8:12). The Gospel entered into Samaria through persecution, and despite the risk, people continued to be added to the church.

The elements of hearing, believing, and baptism are directly mentioned in this case of conversion. This does not mean the other elements of repentance and confession were not observed. By logical conclusion or direct inference, we know these other elements were observed thanks to the rest of God's word, which gives us these commands to repent and confess faith in Jesus Christ. "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever" (Psalm 119:160 ESV).

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Good Commands

What would you do that God says not to do if God didn't say not to do it? I get that we don't always like those thou shalt not commands, so what if we just get rid of all those, such as the Philippians 2:14 command not to complain? Are our lives better without the guidance of these boundaries?

All right, no more command to be kind. What happens when the guy with the big mouth comes along? Would you hit him? Let's face it – you wanted to, but you were guided by good, Biblically-based teaching. No more – so BAM, you hit him. And then BAM he hits you back. Ouch! Well, that didn't work out, did it? With no guidance or fear of judgment, what's to stop hurt people from hurting you?

Or maybe at work, someone is interested in you. Before you were sure to talk about how great your spouse was when they were around, but now . . . without the command, what do you do? Maybe you flirt a little. Maybe that gets around to your spouse, you come home, and your bags are packed. Well . . . that didn't work out, did it?

Let's just admit it now. Psalm 119:24 is right. God's commands aren't a burden, no: "Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors."

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

- 16 Men's Meeting - 4:00
- 20 Golden Agers Picnic - 11:30
Fort Borman Park
Bring your own lunch
- 22 Singles Mingle Picnic - 12:00
McDonough Park
Bring your own lunch, hiking afterward
- 24 King's Island Trip
- 29 Camden Avenue VBS - 9:00-3:00
"Operation Creation"
Choose your side!
Invitation cards are in the foyer
- 30- North End VBS - Sun 6:30-8; M-W 7-8:30
Aug 2 "Branded in the Image of Jesus"
- 30- Hopewell VBS - Sun 6:00; M-Th 6:30
Aug 3 "Righteous Roundup"
- 30 Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30
- 30 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00
Latrobe Street church of Christ



WV CYC

July 16-21: Junior Week
July 23-28: All Ages Week
July 30 – Aug 4: Singing Emphasis Week

SURPRISE VALLEY

YOUTH CAMP

July 16-22: All-Ages Week

CAMP CONCERN

July 16-22: Secondary Week
July 23-29: Junior Week

August

- 3 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00
- 3 Golden Agers Trip to Amish country
Leave the church building at 8 am.
Cost will be \$29 due by July 26
(includes all-inclusive meal and bus fee)
- 6 90th Anniversary - 9:00
Belpre church of Christ
Speakers: Brian Grubbs, Ron Laughery
- 7 Youth Night - 6:00-8:00
Pennsville church of Christ
- 12 WWCYC Annual Golf Benefit
Mingo Bottom Golf Club, Elizabeth, WV
\$65 entry fee, \$50 entry fee under 18
- 18 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Harrisville church of Christ
- 26 Church Picnic
Dupont Park
- 27 Traveling Youth Group - 6:30
Lower Paw Paw church of Christ
- 28 Red Cross Blood Drive - 12-6
Sign-up sheet in foyer

September

- 9 WWCYC 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

Serving in Worship

July 23, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Klay Cochran

Scripture

AM - Steve Gray

PM - Stan Inman

Prayer

9:30 AM - Paul Saunders

Close - Doug Hershman

6:00 PM - Jimmy Galloway

Close - Daniel Rich

Communion

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Bill Mills

Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Wed - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - Ron Riddle

PA System - Todd Kirk

Projector - Jon Hescht

Security - Ken Barnes



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

July 16: Jer. 1-3 & Ps. 15

SOTW: Jeremiah/Lamentations

July 17: Jer. 4-6 & Ps. 16

July 18: Jer. 7-9 & Ps. 17

Bible Land Passages: Passage 15

July 19: Jer. 10-12 & Ps. 18

July 20: Jer. 13-15 & Ps. 19

July 21: Jer. 16-18 & Ps. 20

July 22: Jer. 19-21 & Ps. 21

Christ-Centered Home

Lawn Crew

July 20-22

Team 2

Randy White

Cody Hoover

Kevin Cochran

Bret Wilcoxon



Golden Agers Picnic

Ft. Boreman Park

Thursday

July 20

11:30

Bring your own lunch.

Singles Mingle Picnic

Saturday

July 22

McDonough

Park 12:00

Bring your own lunch

Hiking after



Facts and Figures

July 9, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....207

Sunday Bible Class.....167

Sunday PM Worship.....159

Wednesday PM.....124

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....6

Placed Membership.....7

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

12:00 on WTAP

July 23, 2023

"The Nature of God"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

The *In Search of the Lord's Way* program for July 23rd will be preempted on WTAP due to the Golf Open Championship.

It will air on Sunday, July 23rd on FOX Parkersburg from 12-12:30Pm.



July

1 Timothy

Sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

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.