

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



Super Saturday VBS

July 29th, 2023

9am—3pm

Classes for ALL ages!

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Recorded
information on
many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting
Linda Camp
Barbara Cramlet
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
John Doll (Sandy
Keller's father)

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 Tabettha 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)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
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, Tabettha 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)
Lisa Wright (Paul Saunders's cousin)

Our deepest condolences go out to Dave Nulter
and his family on the passing of his brother, Fred Nulter.
His services were Thursday at Lambert Tatman in Vienna.

Sympathy

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 — Today is the last day the book will be out in the lobby to check your contact information. Please make sure everything is up to date.

SUMMER SERIES — This Wednesday, July 26. Elvis Galbreath from the Sunrise church of Christ will be speaking on the topic “I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... Teaching about Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage”



KING'S ISLAND TRIP — Monday, July 24. See Doug Wells with any questions. The bus will be leaving at 7:00 tomorrow morning.

VBS — Choose your side! VBS will be this Saturday, July 29. The theme is “Operation Creation.” Come learn about defending the foundations of the universe! 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!

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — The first Traveling Youth Group of the 2023-24 year will be next Sunday, July 30 at Latrobe Street church of Christ at 6:00.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC — August 26 at Dupont Park. See DJ Curry with any questions.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ John Doll (Sandy Keller's dad) is at Encompass Health and doing okay.
- ♥ Tim Kirl had pancreatic surgery on Thursday that went well.
- ♥ Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband) got the news that his lung nodule was non-cancerous, but he will have to have a future surgery.
- ♥ Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) was released from Encompass Health and is now with her daughter. She will see her oncologist on July 24th.
- ♥ Chris Mullins (Saunders' brother-in-law) had skin cancer removed Monday.
- ♥ Joe Wilson is home from the hospital. He is on oxygen and will be having hospice come in twice a week.

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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Livestream:

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coC Live

CURRY CONNECTION

Conversion of Simon a Sorcerer

(Acts 8)

Simon was a sorcerer and was included in the conversion of the Samaritans, which we discussed in last week's article. However, Simon was directly mentioned with his conversion in Acts 8. "Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done" (Acts 8:13 NKJV). What do we know about this man? Some of what we know is that he was a man who "...previously practiced sorcery.." and was "...claiming that he was someone great" (Acts 8:9). Sorcery during Simon's time would be what we would call magic today. Except they did not view it as entertainment involving sleight of hand to trick the eye, nor the harmless magic show involving a clown in the backyard, but as something religious to which they would attach their faith. Because of this trickery, the people of his area believed him to be someone great and even said, "...This man is the great power of God" (Acts 8:10), taking the practice of magic to an evil level of idolatry.

However, when the people learned of Jesus through the preaching of Philip, they believed and were baptized (Acts 8:12), and Simon also was converted (Acts 8:13). There are several lessons that we could look into involving Simon, such as; his lifting up of his name (Acts 8:9) or allowing others to believe he is something that he wasn't (Acts 8:10-11) but instead let us continue our theme of analyzing the conversions. Simon's conversion proves to have the steps of hearing, belief, repentance, baptism, and the practice of faithfulness. Simon heard the Gospel's message either through Philip or someone who heard the message through Philip (Acts 8:12). Simon is said to have believed and was baptized (Acts 8:13). Simon's repentance of sorcery is revealed in verse 9. Luke records that Simon "...previously practiced sorcery..." (Acts 8:9), which means although he would want to purchase the gift of God later in his account, he must have ultimately given up the practice for Luke to write this way. Simon's desire to live faithfully is seen when he continues with Philip (Acts 8:13) and later repents of his desire to purchase the gift of God (Acts 8:24). The elements of salvation directly named in this case are hear, believe, repent, baptism, and practice faithfulness. The only element of salvation not to be recorded within the conversion of Simon is his confession. This does not limit the importance of our confession of Jesus Christ because it is given to us in several other places in Scripture (Matt 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom 10:9-10). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17). This is another example of how we should not limit our study of God's word to select passages but to all the word. Study to shew thyself approved!

CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

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

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"

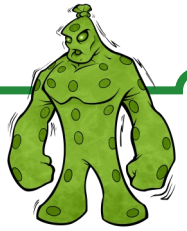
August 23: Colin Morrison (Beallsville) –

"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 Persistent Widow

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:2-5

Speaker: Doug Wells

“...“There was in a certain city a _____ who did not _____ God nor _____ man. Now there was a _____ in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get _____ for me from my _____.’ And he would _____ for a while; but _____ he said within _____, ‘Though I do not _____ God nor _____ man, yet because this widow _____ me I will _____ her, lest by her _____ coming she _____ me.’ ” Luke 18:2-5

1: If it was your child spiritually damaged by a book in the school library, how many trips to those responsible would you be willing to make to effect change?

2: How qualified is the judge in Luke 18? Would you like it if he was your judge?

3: If the wronged widow was the victim of theft, what was supposed to happen under Jewish law? (Exodus 22:4)

4: How was the widow eventually successful?

5: What was the point of this parable? (Luke 18:1)

6: What are some prayers you have made that were not answered right away?

7: Was that delay enough to get you to give up on praying?

8: Who do you think is better – God or the unjust judge? (I know, I gave you an easy one!)

9: Because God is so much better, and if we don’t give up and lose our faith, do you expect there to be many, many answered prayers in our lives?

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Unassuming but Mighty



Sometimes it's the guy you never would expect. He is unassuming, has no apparent extraordinary talents or abilities, and no obvious worldly advantages. And yet, this person comes out of nowhere and does something remarkable. Perhaps you're thinking of a low-draft pick who ends up becoming the greatest player on the field. Maybe it's a historical peasant who becomes a victorious general. Or maybe you're simply thinking of someone you didn't give a second thought to yesterday but they really got you out of trouble today. People can certainly surprise us. They do it all the time.

All this doesn't even consider the biggest reason people can surprise us. Sometimes people are not acting alone. That's why you might be the most unassuming person out there and still be able to do something incredible, or even many incredible things. In fact, with the help that I'm talking about, it's guaranteed that you will. Jesus teaches: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Fruit here is a symbol for good, useful, often incredible work. Work that cannot be done by human effort alone, or Jesus wouldn't make the claim that it cannot be done without Him.

But all that's for the Christian stars right? You know, the leaders. The preachers and elders and stand-outs. Right? Well . . . no. This remarkable fruit grows well in places that you wouldn't expect. In fact, the "flavor" is even better when that happens because people are even less likely to attribute the results to human effort. "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). Consider the power of God! He takes the lowly, and through them humbles the greatest powers in this world. They never even saw it coming. People, made in the image of God, working with the power of God, can be very surprising indeed. If you're in Christ that includes you.

VBS Classes for All Ages!

Cradle Roll

Sarah Currey

Preschool Patrol

2&3 year olds

Julie, Madison, & Carley Tabner, Annette Kirk

4&5 year olds

Kayla Inman, Laura Carpenter, Cindy Huxley

Primary Protectors

1st-2nd Grade

Rosemary Merrill, Robin Anthony,

3rd Grade

Barbara Saunders, Pam Bayer

Intermediate Investigators

4th-5th Grade

Aiden Klinger, Roy Halstead

Juniors (6th-8th)

Ken Barnes, Ron Riddle

Teens (9th-12th)

DJ Curry

Adults

Rick Stanley



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July

- 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

Super Saturday VBS

July 29, 2023

OPERATION: CREATION

DEFENDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNIVERSE

- 9:00- Registration
10:00- Auditorium Welcome & Singing
10:15- Class

Lesson 1 - "Showdown in Space"

You will meet "THE L.O.O.N. SQUAD" [L.O.O.N. stands for "Life Out Of Nothing"] and learn why "The Big Bang" is not a good explanation for the origins of the Universe. What does the Bible say

Lesson 2 - "The Time Twisters"

Here we meet "THE TIME TWISTERS" and learn what evolution teaches about the age of the Earth. They will also learn why this is important, as well as what the Bible teaches on this important subject.

- 11:45- Adults Dismissed for Lunch.
11:45-12:30- Lunch
Cradle Roll - 2nd Grade lunch
(Parents can help with children)

- 12:15-1:00- Lunch
3rd Grade - High School

- 12:30/1:00- Class
Lesson 3: "The Planetary Pirates"
Finally, you will meet "THE PLANETARY PIRATES." They will examine some of the Earth's evidence and discover why it supports Creation instead of evolution.

- 1:00- Adult Class resumes
2:15- Skits in MP room
2:45- Auditorium Singing & Awards
3:00- Deployment

August

- 3 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00
- 3 Golden Agers Trip to Amish country - 8:00
Cost will be \$29 due by July 26
- 6 Belpre 90th Anniversary - 9:00
Speakers: Brian Grubbs, Ron Laughery
- 7 Youth Night - 6:00-8:00
Pennsville church of Christ
- 12 WCYC Annual Golf Benefit
Mingo Bottom Golf Club, Elizabeth, WV
- 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 WCYC 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 for all
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 30, 2023

Elder in Charge

Clayton Huber

Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

Song Leader

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Kaleb Cochran

Scripture

AM - Kasen Inman

PM - Dave Nulter

Prayer

9:30 AM - Ken Barnes

Close - Ron Riddle

6:00 PM - Connor Curry

Close - John Life

Communion

AM - Todd Kirk

PM - Jon Hescht

Welcome Center

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Tammy Kerns

Wed - Terry Hofmann

Announcements - Jeff Taberner

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Ryan Highman

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

July 23: Jer. 22-24 & Ps. 22

July 24: Jer. 25-27 & Ps. 23

July 25: Jer. 28-30 & Ps. 24

July 26: Jer. 31-33 & Ps. 25

July 27: Jer. 34-36 & Ps. 26

July 28: Jer. 37-39 & Ps. 27

July 29: Jer. 40-42 & Ps. 28

July 30: Jer. 43-45 & Ps. 2

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

2- Nancy Stanley

2- Bella Inman

2- Paul & Nancy Inman

4- Scott Johnson

5- Roy & Stephanie Halstead

7- Bill Davis

8- Bill Camp

8- Ed Porter

8- Skyler Knotts

8- Charlotte Deem

10- Ron Riddle

10- Donna Tice

10- Marion & Jo Goldsmith

10- Brandon & Calle

Sheppard

17- Sallie Hinzman

17- Steve & Linda Gray

17- Serena Rich

18- John Life

19- Ryan & Cheryl Logston

20- Drew Hershman

20- Chad Turner

22- Ray Sams

22- Dearll Vincent

24- Larry Stanley

26- Sherry Sponseller

27- Linda Gray

27- Karen Life

27- Eloise Smith

27- Clyde Yoho

29- Keith Cowdery

Facts and Figures

July 16, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....216

Sunday Bible Class.....174

Sunday PM Worship.....155

Wednesday PM.....143

Contribution.....\$7,971

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....6

Placed Membership.....7

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

July 30, 2023

"Pure in Heart"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY



July

1 Timothy

Sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

Lawn Crew

July 27-29

Team 3:

Ken Barnes

Doug Hershman

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.