

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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many Bible
subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

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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
Scarbrough
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright
Martha Whited

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey & Mary
Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Jim & 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's mom)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Ohio Valley Healthcare

Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

Encompass Health

Linda Moncrief
John Doll (Sandy
Keller's father)

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce (Jo
Langler's friend)

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

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)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
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)
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Mike Lucas
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcovich
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)

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.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP – The first Traveling Youth Group of the 2023-24 year will be tonight at Latrobe Street church of Christ at 6:00.

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

SUMMER SERIES – This Wednesday, August 2, Randy Baker from the Hopewell church of Christ will be sharing with us on the topic “I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... That There’s Security in Christ.”

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY – This Thursday, August 3. They will leave the church building at 8 am.

YOU’RE INVITED – Everyone is invited to Keith & Eloise Smith’s 60th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 6th in the multipurpose room from 2-4 pm (come & go). No gifts, please.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY – The next Teddy Bear-Making will be on Thursday, August 10th at 9:30 am located in the Multipurpose Room. Anyone willing to participate in the Teddy Bear Ministry is welcome to join. Please bring whatever equipment you believe is necessary for this work. If there are any questions please see DJ Curry.

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

CHURCH PICNIC – August 26 at Dupont Park. See DJ Curry with questions.

CAMDEN AVENUE LIBRARY

Did you know that Camden Avenue church of Christ has a library? It is located in the hallway between the secretary’s office and Room 109.

The elders would like each of you to take advantage of the many commentaries and other reference volumes available to help in your studies of the Holy Scriptures. If you have not seen the library, be sure to stop by and check it out. The works found there can help in understanding some of the deeper subjects found in the Bible.

Our only request is that you not keep the books for long. Please return the resources to the library so that others may utilize them as well.

We pray that you continue to delve deeply into the riches that can be found only in God’s Holy Word!

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Gary Herridge had 3 stents after a heart attack. He is home and doing fine.
- ♥ Joe Johnson (Scott Johnson’s dad) is in the Sistersville hospital with congestive heart failure and would appreciate prayers.
- ♥ Jarod Kiggans (minister Winget Run) Had a successful surgery following his farming accident. He is now home and doing well.

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:

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DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Despite Fear

Do you ever view the characters of the Bible like they are superhuman? “Oh, well of COURSE he’s going to lead those people out of Egypt. He’s MOSES!” Or maybe, “I’m sure dealing with an entirely wicked world while building an enormous ark was no problem for that guy, he’s NOAH!” Well . . . yes. They were incredible men. I would never dispute that. Righteous examples for the people of their time and every time. However, there’s no reason to believe that their spiritual accomplishments were easy for them, or that they were immune from the struggles and temptations that the rest of us endure just because they were biblical heroes. Perhaps being a hero isn’t about being above it all, but about doing the right thing despite what’s going on around you.

When the Israelites were returning from exile, they were entering a precarious situation. The idol worshipers around them were no fans of giving glory to the one true God. But Jeshua and his fellow priests heroically decided to not let that stop them: “Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices” (Ezra 3:3). Notice that it doesn’t say they had no fear of the people around them. They did fear them . . . for good reason. These people would bully and harass them for much of the rest of this book. But, despite this fear, they followed the law and obeyed God.

I pray that your faith grows to the point where you have no fear of men at all, knowing that all they can do is kill the body. I pray you faithfully know, eternally speaking, this isn’t much of a concern at all. Those of us who have not achieved this level of spiritual enlightenment are left with a choice when those around us do not approve of God’s ways. We could live in fear of them, and conform with the world. That’s not very heroic though, is it? I prefer following in the footsteps of those who lived for God despite their fear. Whenever righteousness seems easy for someone it’s probably because they’ve been practicing it for a long time. They could tell you about days when they had a choice whether to give in to fear – and they chose God. May we make that choice as well.

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

The Fool Doesn’t Listen

Hello everyone, some religious guy here on the radio again with a message you may or may not agree with. After all, we don’t all agree on everything in this country, do we? No . . . we do not. BUT – that doesn’t necessarily mean the people with whom we disagree have nothing useful to say. In fact, they might have something to say that we really need to hear.

No – do NOT reach for that volume knob! Seriously, what if I was about to say something that would change your life or at least broaden your perspective? Unless you took the time to listen I guess you wouldn’t know. And that’s where I think we get ourselves into a lot of trouble. Proverbs 18:2 says “A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.”

We don’t all agree, but what if we actually listened to one another? What if we sought understanding and tried to hear where the other person was coming from? Then maybe our deeply divided land could start to come together. Maybe then we could be wise.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

SERMON NOTES

The Parable of the Sower

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:8-9

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

1. What item is the Parable of the Sower most focused on? (*Circle the Correct Answer*)

Seed Soil Sower

2. What does the seed represent? (*Circle the Correct Answer*)

Hearts Jesus the word

3. The wayside soil represents the hard hearts of some. Did this prevent the Sower from casting seed to them anyway?

4. The heart, not firmly rooted, is the soil among the stony places. Trials killed them. Should trials be used to strengthen us? Yes / No

(*Fill-In the Blank*)

James 1:2-4 NKJV

My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the _____ of your faith produces _____. But let patience have its _____ work, that you may be _____ and _____, lacking _____.

5. The thorny ground represents the hearts that had their faith choked out by the distractions surrounding them. Take a moment to reflect on any distractions that may need removing in your or your family's life.

6. What ground was able to provide a crop?

(*Fill-In the Blank*)

Matthew 13:8 NKJV

But others fell on _____ ground and yielded a _____:
some a _____, some _____, some _____.

7. At the end of Jesus' parable, he has encouraged us to do what?

(*Fill-In the Blank*)

Matthew 13:9 NKJV

He who has ears to _____, let him _____!"

PM Sermon: "The Good Son"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 28-30

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch

(Acts 8)

To be pleasing to God, we need to know what pleases God. We get to know God through His word (1 Cor 2:10-12; 1 Thess 2:13). The ones who have pleased God are the ones who have searched His word. The Ethiopian Eunuch appeared to be a man willing to serve God due to his taking the time to study the Scriptures. He was reading the book of Isaiah as Phillip approached (Acts 8:30). It is a necessity for a child of God to be willing to put in the time to study God's word. How many today are eager to study the Scriptures, attempting to show themselves approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15)? When a person studies and can appropriately divide the word of truth, he can then teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2). Philip teaches the Ethiopian Eunuch, giving him the opportunity to hear and believe the Gospel (Acts 8:35). The Ethiopian Eunuch after having Jesus preached to him confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37), then was immersed in water to be baptized (Acts 8:38). After this was completed, the Ethiopian went away rejoicing (Acts 8:39). I remember the same joy and relief after I was added to the church of Christ!

The Ethiopian Eunuch's actions after Phillip preached Jesus from the word (Acts 8:35) teach us what preaching Jesus involves. This account has several essential steps because of the preaching of Jesus by Phillip: hear, believe, confess, and baptize. Repentance is not directly named here but is no less critical. When we study the complete word of God, we continue to see the true biblical pattern to salvation: to hear, believe, repent, confess faith in Jesus Christ, be baptized for the remission of sins, and remain faithful. After these steps are completed, we also can go our way rejoicing.

BIBLE CALL REPORT FOR JUNE 2023

We had OVER 14 hours of teaching over the Bible Call lines in JUNE. We had 141 Calls. JUNE 21 had the most calls with 20 calls. Over 9 times people listened to the same lesson again. Some of the most called topics were:

14) 110 Overcoming Worry

(7) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About it

(4) 126 The Secret of Contentment

(6) 201 Why Does God Allow Trouble?

(6) 301 What Must I Do To Be Saved?

(5) 652 The Rapture

(6) 706 Scientific Accuracy of the Bible

20 times people called about Salvation

7 times on topics about Family Life

9 times in relation to Bible Study

9 times about Worship

12 times about Eternity

19 times about Christian Evidences

20 times about Morality & General topics

68 times Self Improvement & Personal topics

Often people start with things of personal interest and then move on to other topics. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIFE HERE AND LEADING INTO ETERNITY.

We have regular requests for printed copies of the lessons and weekly Bible courses to grade and have called on individuals to enroll in other studies.

Pray about this work. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world ... Let us help each other to keep this work effective.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MAIL AN AREA? Some congregations are helping us mail Hampshire County - that will be around 13000 pieces. The congregation in Romney is deeply involved with this and will follow up. Is there an area you would like to help mail? It costs about \$ 0.30 per household.

KEEP LEAFLETS ON YOU AND MENTION IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. If you have any questions, contact David Epler djepler@hotmail.com, Cell (616) 554-0990, House (304) 834-1935. Let me know of leadership in other congregations who might want to know more about this work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August

- 3 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00
- 3 Golden Agers Trip to Amish country - 8:00
- 4-6 Washington Street Gospel Meeting
Fri 7:00; Sat 11-3; Sun 9:30-11:30
"The Gospel Plan of Salvation"
Speakers: Jack Golchrist, Eddie Stewart,
Charles Pugh, Steve Fuches,
Dan Kessinger, Eddie Cooper
- 6 Belpre 90th Anniversary - 9:00
Speakers: Brian Grubbs, Ron Laughery
- 7 Youth Night - 6:00-8:00
Pennsville church of Christ
- 11 Friday Night Sing
Veto church of Christ
- 11 Friday Night Sing - 7:00
Pursley church of Christ
- 12 WWCYC Annual Golf Benefit
Mingo Bottom Golf Club, Elizabeth, WV
- 18 Sing & Pie "Fling" - 6:00-8:00
West Virginia School of Preaching
Fellowship and desert following the sing
- 18 Friday Night Sing - 7:00-9:00
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 - Kids Event and Dinner for all
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 28 Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00
Camden Avenue

CAMDEN AVENUE 2023 SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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

- 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 (36th 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"



Thank you to everyone that helped with and attended VBS. We could not have done any of this without your hard work and dedication. I appreciate each and every one of you!
Thank You!
Cody Hoover

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers in the loss of my brother, Fred Nulter. Please keep his family in your prayers.
In Christian Love,
Dave Nulter

Serving in Worship

August 6, 2023

Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

Deacon in Charge

Kevin Inman

Song Leader

AM - Aidan Klingler

PM - Korey Inman

Scripture

AM - Brian Haught

PM - David Epler

Prayer

9:30 AM - Dennis Keller

Close - Kevin Cochran

6:00 PM - Klay Cochran

Close - Stan Inman

Communion

AM - Cole Curry

PM - Rick Stanley

Welcome Center

AM - Sherry Sponseller

PM - Teresa Wade

Wed - Joann Goldsmith

Announcements - Kyle Inman

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Scott Johnson



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

July 30: Jer. 43-45 & Ps. 29
July 31: Jer. 46-48 & Ps. 30
Aug. 1: Jer. 49-52 & Ps. 31 5
[Prophecies Prove the Bible](#)
Aug. 2: Lam. 1-3 & Ps. 32
Aug. 3: Lam. 4-5 & Ps. 33
Aug. 4: Eze. 1-3 & Ps. 34
[SOTW: Ezekiel](#)
Aug. 5: Eze. 4-6 & Ps. 35
[Reading Apocalyptic Literature](#)

Lawn Crew

August 3-5

Team 4:

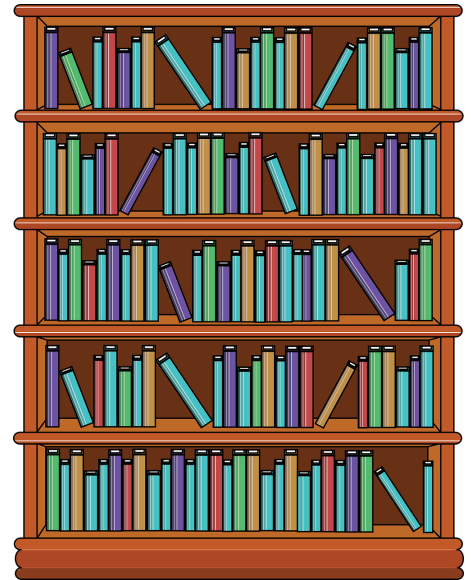
Mike Bayer Bill Merrill
Brian Haught Roy Halstead



We Have a Library!

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Please check it out and return material promptly so that others can use it.



Facts and Figures

July 23, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....	224
Sunday Bible Class.....	188
Sunday PM Worship.....	168
Wednesday PM.....	176
Contribution.....	\$7,923

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....	13
Restored/Req. Prayer.....	6
Placed Membership.....	7

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning
7:30 on WTAP TV 15
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM
August 6, 2023



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

2023: Pauline Epistles



August: 2 Timothy

Please sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

2023 Reading Schedule

Sep: Romans Dec: Titus & Philemon
Oct: 1 Cor. Nov: 2 Cor.

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.