

# 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

Mandy Bunting  
Linda Camp  
Barbara Cramlet  
Carl Curtiss  
Charlotte Deem  
Paula Franklin

Sandy Graham  
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  
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

### Belmont

#### Healthcare

Vera Thomas  
(Jennifer Thomas's  
grandmother)

### Cedar Grove

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

### Encompass Health

Linda Moncrief  
Patty Moore (Cindy  
Huxley's s.-in-law)

### Love & Care

Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

### The Willows

Doris Newberry  
Deloris Boyce (Jo  
Langler's friend)

### Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

### Genesis

Ray Sams

### Ohio Valley

#### Healthcare

Rosie Knox  
Gloria Morris

## 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 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)

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

♥ Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer. She is now in Encompass Health.

# 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.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** – Today immediately following Bible classes we will have our monthly fellowship meal. Please come join us! The multipurpose room can be found down the hallway behind the auditorium and down the stairs.

**SING AT EAGLE POINT** – Today, there will be a Sing at Eagle Point nursing home (formerly Stonerise) 2:30 per their request and organized by Jarod Kiggins from the Wingett Run church of Christ. They are very excited for us to come sing with them! See John Life with any questions.

**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.

**SUMMER SERIES** – This Wednesday, July 12, Ed Melott from the Lubeck church of Christ will be speaking on the topic “I Wish I Knew the Bible Said... Some Great Financial Advice”

**MEN’S MEETING** – next Sunday, July 16th at 4:00 in the multipurpose room.

**GOLDEN AGERS PICNIC** – 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 planning a reunion for anyone connected to OVC from 1960-1966. They meet at the Camden Ave church building on Thursday mornings. Newcomers welcome. The reunion is planned for Sept 22-23 2023. If you or anyone was connected to the college in any way at that time let them know at OVC1960through1966@gmail.com or on Facebook at Ohio Valley College Contacts 1960-1966. Pictures, stories etc are welcome. We would like a good turn out so spread the word.

**BIRTHDAY** – Please wish Elijah Wilcoxon a happy birthday on July 16. It was missed on the July calendar.

*Happy  
Day!*

Congratulations to Timothy Fielder on his decision to put Chris on in baptism Thursday evening at the church building!

## 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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# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## *Slow and Sudden Judgment*

I suspect that the way people perceive the speed of the judgment of God varies wildly. For righteous people living in hardship, who notice the wicked living carefree, that judgment can seem very slow. This can even test their faith. One believer admits: "But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked" (Psalm 73:2-3). The righteous wait and wait and sometimes it seems like nothing happens to those who openly defy God. At least, not for a long time. However, to those who are doing the defying, I suspect judgment seems very sudden. I have a feeling many unrighteous people believe it comes out of nowhere. Here they are, minding their own business, and WHAM! Whether you see it as slow or fast can depend on where you are standing when it happens.

In Israel, judgment may have seemed slow to the prophets, especially to those who were greatly persecuted by their own people. "The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place" (2 Chronicles 36:15). These messages were given over years and years, by several prophets. Some were ridiculed, some were even killed for their warnings. Judgment came slow . . . until it didn't. Finally, one day, time was up. "He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians . . . God handed them all over to Nebuchadnezzar" (36:17). The city was destroyed, and the people were killed or captured. And maybe on that day, the people were shocked that such a thing could happen. What's the deal God? Nothing like this has happened before! No, but their defeat didn't really come out of nowhere, even if it seemed that way to some. This terrible day was the result of years of wickedness. Slow . . . then fast.

Jesus tells us that life will go on as normal until the day He comes back, and that day will be a great surprise to many. "For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:38-39). We wait for the day Jesus comes back, and waiting for that day seems slow. On the day it happens many people will think it came out of nowhere. They will perceive it as extremely sudden, as they face judgment unprepared. Where do you stand? I'm suggesting that if you perceive God's judgment as being slow, that might be a good thing. God does all things at the right time, of course, but I would much rather the arrival of His justice seem painfully slow to you than for it to be a complete and sudden surprise. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man, at this Day of Judgment. Slow . . . then sudden. Come, Lord Jesus!

## CAMDEN AVENUE SUMMER SERMON SERIES 2023

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

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"

# SERMON NOTES

## Attending the Banquet

Speaker: Doug Wells

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-6

‘ “The kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ is like a certain \_\_\_\_\_ who arranged a \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ , and sent out his \_\_\_\_\_ to call those who were invited to the \_\_\_\_\_; and they were not \_\_\_\_\_ to come. Again, he sent out other \_\_\_\_\_ , saying, ‘Tell those who are \_\_\_\_\_ , “See, I have prepared my \_\_\_\_\_ ; my oxen and fatted cattle are \_\_\_\_\_ , and all things are \_\_\_\_\_ . Come to the \_\_\_\_\_ .” ’ But they made \_\_\_\_\_ of it and went their ways, one to his own \_\_\_\_\_ , another to his \_\_\_\_\_ . And the rest \_\_\_\_\_ his servants, treated them \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ them.” Matthew 22:2-6

1: If the people you invited didn't show up to a banquet you spend several hundred dollars on, and you had all that expensive food and entertainment just going to waste, what would you do?

2: If the greatest King of all time prepares the greatest banquet He will ever prepare, how much do you want an invitation to it?

3: What was the initial range of responses to the banquet invitations in Matthew 22:3-5?

4: What historical truth do you think this parable corresponds to?

5: What kind of people did the servants end up inviting to the banquet? (Matthew 22:9)

6: When a banquet is of a certain quality it would be an enormous shame not to have guests to enjoy it. Therefore, if the first people we invite refuse we should . . . ?

7: What are some ways churches remain responsive (or fail to remain responsive) to the gospel mission?

8: What must you be wearing to enjoy the Son's wedding banquet? And what does this symbolize? (Matthew 22:11-13, Galatians 3:26-27)

9: Will you be welcomed into this banquet?

PM Sermon: "The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"

Speaker: DJ Curry

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:13

# CURRY CONNECTION

## What Shall We Do?

In Acts chapter 2, Peter preached before a large crowd, and about three thousand souls were added to the church. After answering an important question, "...Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37 KJV), let us review what they did.

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words..." (Acts 2:14). Peter gave the people an opportunity to hear the Gospel, a needed element of salvation, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). When the Word states that they were pricked in their heart, they wanted the answer for salvation. Does this not imply they believed what they heard? The element of belief was there. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Repentance and baptism are the two elements named here in this Scripture. Two separate actions are taken by a believing individual wishing for the gift of eternal life.

The verbal confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God is not directly named in this conversion account but is in other Acts conversions. Our confession is an essential element of salvation (Rom 10:9-10). However, this account does give an example of the continued act of confession, living faithfully.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The element of continued faithful living is given. One must be faithful to obtain salvation. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12). As we continue through our study of the book of Acts and add the elements of salvation as we go, one should conclude that an individual seeking eternal life must hear the Gospel, believe in Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, repent of sins, confess his faith in Jesus Christ, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins, then continue to live faithfully. After one continues in this truth till death, they will be given a crown of life (Rev. 2:10).

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, text messages, and well wishes for my birthday! I am blessed!  
Robin Anthony

Thank you for all the birthday cards and well wishes.  
Stan Inman

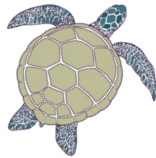


# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## July

- 9 Fellowship Meal
- 9 Sing at Eagle Point - 2:30  
(formerly Stonerise Nursing Home)
- 9-12 Barlow-Vincent VBS - 6:30-8:15
- 10 Rockport VBS - 6:30-8:00  
-13 "The Sand, the Sea, and the Son!"
- 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 available after lunch
- 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"
- 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



### OV CYC

July 9-14: Junior Week

### WV CYC

July 9-14: Intermediate Week

July 16-21: Junior Week

July 23-28: All Ages Week

July 30 -- Aug 4: Singing

Emphasis Week

### SURPRISE VALLEY

### YOUTH CAMP

July 9-15: Senior Week

July 16-22: All-Ages 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)
- 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 18 years and over  
\$50 entry fee under 18
- 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

### CAMP CONCERN

July 9-15: Senior Week

July 16-22: Secondary Week

July 23-29: Junior Week



# Serving in Worship

July 16, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Paul Saunders

## Deacon in Charge

Cody Hoover

## Song Leader

AM - Ryan Highman

PM - Ben Haught

## Scripture

AM - Kaleb Cochran

PM - Korey Inman

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Cole Curry

6:00 PM - Josh Carr

Close - Jeff Taberner

## Communion

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Keith Smith

## Welcome Center

AM - Tammy Kerns

PM - Joanne Goldsmith

Wed - Sherry Sponseller

**Announcements** - Aidan Klingler

**PA System** - Steve Gray

**Projector** - Doug Hershman

**Security** - Ron Riddle



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

July 9: Isa. 33-36 & Ps. 8

July 10: Isa. 37-41 & Ps. 9

July 11: Isa. 42-46 & Ps. 10

July 12: Isa. 47-53 & Ps. 11

[Behold! The Lamb of God](#)

July 13: Isa. 54-58 & Ps. 12

July 14: Isa. 59-62 & Ps. 13

July 15: Isa. 63-66 & Ps. 14

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

[SOTW: Jeremiah/Lamentations](#)

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9 *Greater than Solomon*

King Solomon was great. He had something like 50,000 pounds of gold coming in every year. His wisdom was so vast he could explain or solve whatever he faced. In the middle of a place that was pretty much always at war he found a way to have peace. He was so great that his reputation spread, and the queen of Sheba traveled far to see him for herself. When she got there "she was overwhelmed."

Year after year people visited Solomon bringing gifts, just hoping to get a few minutes with him. And he's just a man. Yet, for this mere man, people would travel miles and give their best treasures. What will we do for the One who is greater? That's the message of Jesus in Luke 11:31: "The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here."

If we wouldn't travel to the ends of the earth and give up everything we have to be near Jesus, we make no sense. People did that for Solomon and Jesus is far greater in every way.

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

## Facts and Figures

July 2, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....210

Sunday Bible Class.....155

Sunday PM Worship.....162

Wednesday PM.....166

Contribution.....\$8,750

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....12

Restored/Req. Prayer.....6

Placed Membership.....7

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP

July 9, 2023

"The Nature of God"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY



July

**1 Timothy**

Sign the sheet outside the office when finished.

**Lawn Crew**

**July 13-15**

Team 1

Kevin Inman

Kyle Inman

Kody Inman

Korey Inman

*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.*