

# 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*

# 37th Annual



# Saturday, October 7, 2022

## Romans (NKJV)

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304-420-2416  
Recorded  
information on  
many Bible  
subjects

# TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayers, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Mandy Bunting  
Barbara Cramlet  
Dot Haught  
Carolyn Henry

Nita Faye Leech  
Gwen Lucas  
Debby Nesselroad  
Mary Nesselroad

Ray Peters  
Bill Porter  
Summer Rich  
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre  
Eloise Smith  
Theresa Steed  
Joyce Wright

## SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong  
Harvey Caplinger  
Naomi Carr  
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson  
Charlotte Deem  
Jim & Sallie Hinzman  
Jo Langler

Linda Moncrief  
Merilee Morgan  
Ed & Lois Porter  
Van Putnam

Jenny Reynolds  
John Rockhold  
Bonnie Sams  
Sue Vancamp

### Love & Care

Susan Haid  
Mildred Gault

### Cedar Grove

Janet Looney  
Helen May  
(Verna Huber)  
Jean Huber  
(Clayton Huber)

### Genesis

Ray Sams

### Ohio Valley

### Healthcare

Rosie Knox  
Gloria Morris

### The Willows

Doris Newberry  
Deloris Boyce  
(Jo Langler)

### Wyngate

Rosellen Allen  
(Carol Vincent)

## FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby  
Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)  
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)  
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)  
Megan Bailey Daugherty  
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)  
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)  
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)  
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)  
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)  
Matthew Frykenburg (Ted Miller b-in-law)  
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)  
Hazlett Family (relatives of the Riddles)  
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)  
Gary Herridge (former elder)  
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)  
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)  
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)  
Michelle Jones  
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)  
Jarod Kiggans (minister at Winget Run)  
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)  
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)  
Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)

Eric Merrill (Bill Merrill's brother)  
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)  
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)  
Marilyn Miskcovich  
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)  
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)  
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-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)  
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)  
Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)  
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)  
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)  
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)  
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

## UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth Scarbrough's husband) is in Camden Clark after a heart attack.
- ♥ Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter) is having a heart procedure this week.
- ♥ Jo Langler would appreciate continued prayers on her behalf for her health and her tremors. She returns to the doctor in December.

# 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 nearest aisle.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH** – If you completed Romans during the month of September, please sign the sign-up sheet outside the office today. Come by the Bible Bowl on Saturday to experience more on the book of Romans. The Book-of-the-Month for October is First Corinthians.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Thank you all for answering the call to restock our Food Pantry after being depleted to critically low. Your generosity will allow us to continue to serve our members and community. October need by Care Group:

- 1 - jelly, instant oatmeal
- 2 - canned tomatoes, canned milk
- 3 - canned beans, dry beans
- 4 - sweet potatoes, green beans

**37TH ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL** – This Friday and Saturday, October 6-7. The book covered will be Romans (NKJV). This year we are adding event to Friday evening before the Bible Bowl. There will be a dinner followed by some group activities. There will also be an opportunity to share memory work or other accomplishments. The Bible Bowl will be held on Saturday as usual.

**HOME MISSION** – John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up workshop next week, October 15-18. This worship will expand on what we can do to better our evangelistic efforts and the We Care Ministry.

**Workshop Schedule:**  
Sunday AM Worship - Jesus and sin  
Sunday Bible class - Jesus the Savior  
Sunday PM Worship - Jesus and Salvation  
Monday - How to conduct a Bible study.  
Tuesday - How to set up a Bible study.  
Wednesday - Pair off and practice workshop.

**OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL** – Has been moved to October 15 to coincide with the HomeMission Seminar.

**OCTOBER MEN'S MEETING** – Has been moved to October 22.



Thank you all so much for the cards, text messages, and especially your prayers during my husband Joe's illness and recent passing. Also, for all those that prepared and served the meal after the funeral service.

I am truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

-Sharon Wilson and family

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-Jeff Taberner & Melva Farris

Delmas & Naomi Carr would like to thank everyone for the Birthday greetings we received. We appreciate our church family so much.

Thanks to everyone for all the cards and prayers. Before and after my surgery!

-Dot Haught

Thanks to all who sent cards, calls, and messages for my birthday. I appreciated the thoughts and wishes.

God's Blessing and Love,  
Jo Goldsmith

## Deacons:

Kevin Cochran  
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman  
Financial

Jon Hescht  
Technology

Ryan Highman  
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann  
Maintenance

Cody Hoover  
Education

Kevin Inman  
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman  
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner  
Benevolence

## We Care Ministry:

**Red Team**

**Yellow Team**  
Rick Stanley

**Green Team**  
Chris & Terry Hoffmann

**Blue Team**  
Mike & Teresa Wade

**Motivation Team**  
DJ Curry

**Operations**  
Bill Hoover

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# DOUG'S DISCUSSION

## Charges of Hypocrisy

"I don't go to church because Christians are all a bunch of hypocrites!" I have to tell you guys, if I had a dollar for every time I heard that one I'd have . . . maybe ten dollars. Still, that is more times than I care to hear such a thing about the church that I love. I suppose some of you reading this have heard the same accusation. And what is the proper response when this gets thrown in your face? Yell something back? "Well, all you people not going to church are all a bunch of heathens!" Hmm, I don't think that's the winner. Let's try something else.

Instead of reacting emotionally to the accusation, let's think about what is being said. Our first consideration: is it true? Are Christians all hypocrites? I think I know where the accusation is coming from. As Bible-believing Christians, we profess the importance of a moral lifestyle. We teach that we should "do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). We teach that "the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). However, do Christians always act in loving ways? In the way they would want to be treated? Of course, the answer is no. I imagine that is where the hypocrisy charge comes in. However, this charge is only valid for those who claim they can always perfectly live up to these teachings. On the contrary, the wise Christian also teaches: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). No humble Christian is a hypocrite. They hold up what is right without claiming to be able to live by it perfectly.

I believe that the charge of hypocrisy is not about the Christian at all. There is, therefore, no need to take it personally. The ten times or so I've heard this charge, it wasn't about me or those other Christians who believe like I do. It was about that for which I stand. It is an attack on having standards in the first place. Think about who is making the charge. "I don't go to church . . ." Read: I have rejected living by what is right. I have chosen to ignore the evidence for God and turn down the grace of the Savior. "I don't go to church BECAUSE . . ." Because anything. It doesn't really matter. If you weren't the excuse, it would be something else. It's not about you. "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). ". . . Christians are all a bunch of hypocrites!" They aren't. But to think so is a justification for not living according to the good standards that Christians live by. That was the goal all along.

## MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

### Knowing what God wants

Does God approve of what you do? Maybe that's not something you necessarily concern yourself with, or maybe you do. If you do, how would you know?

Maybe you ask someone – "do you think my life is pleasing to God?" But, be careful who you ask. Judges 18 tells a story of the tribe of Dan, who find a wondering Levite to ask about their journey. The Levite replies in verse 6: "Go in peace. Your journey has the Lord's approval." The Danites then go attack a peaceful and unsuspecting city and set up idols, which they worship for generations. I think . . . they may have asked the wrong person.

Sometimes, when we are on the fence on if some decision is right, we turn to someone else and ask: "what do you think?" We may even ask: "what do you think God thinks?" But if you really want to know I suggest you turn to God and ask HIM. Pray. Hear His Word. He says in Micah 6:8: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

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

# SERMON NOTES

## “Keep Watch!”

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:35-36

Speaker: DJ Curry

I. Our parable this morning teaches and urges us to remain watchful.

*(Fill in the blank, then answer the questions concerning the passage.)*

A. “Be \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_; because your \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ walks about like a \_\_\_\_\_, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV)

1. This passage encourages us to remain, what?

- a. Watchful.                      b. calm                      c. complacent

2. According to this passage, a good first step to avoiding the devil is to keep what?

- a. Happy                      b. Vigilant                      c. Busy

B. “\_\_\_\_\_ therefore, for you do not \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 24:42 NKJV)

1. What hour is our Lord coming?

- a. Noon                      b. We do not know                      c. On Sunday

2. What are we told to do?

- a. Rest                      b. Watch                      c. Complain

C. “\_\_\_\_\_, if anyone among you \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and someone turns \_\_\_\_\_ back, let \_\_\_\_\_ know that \_\_\_\_\_ who turns a \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and cover a multitude of \_\_\_\_\_” (James 5: 19-20 NKJV).

1. For the one brother to turn another back from sin, must he have been watching out for the other?

Yes                      or                      No

II. According to these three passages, what/who are we taught to be watchful for?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ Sin \_\_\_\_\_

III. In the space below, describe what being watchful in these areas must look like.

1. Watching for the devil. (1 Pet 5:8).

2. Watching for the Lord. (Mat 24:42).

3. Watching out for our brethren. (Jas 5:19-20).

PM Sermon: Forgiving People Stay Forgiveness

Scripture: Matthew 18:32-35

Speaker: Doug Wells

# CURRY CONNECTION

## Baptism Saves Us

1 Peter 3:21

One of the most direct statements in the Bible, which declares the necessity of baptism, is located in the first book of Peter. “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 3:21 NKJV). The Scripture plainly and directly states, “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism...” Those who wish to argue against this Scripture make the argument that we claim baptism saves us and not Jesus. There is nothing wrong with saying what the Bible says. So, if the Bible says baptism saves us, then that means baptism saves us. Affirming this Scripture does not deny the saving power of Jesus Christ’s blood but highlights the method by which we make contact with the blood of Christ through baptism. Denying this Scripture would be denying Jesus’s words, which are the exact words that will judge us (John 12:48).

### **What is Baptism?**

With this Scripture in mind, 1 Peter 3:21 says baptism is an antitype. An antitype is a correspondence, a representation, or a copy.<sup>1</sup> Of what is it a representation? Thanks to the inspired word of God, we can read that baptism is the antitype to Jesus Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:3-4). When someone is buried in baptism with water (Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 3:20) and raised back up for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), that is the baptism that is a representation of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. It is the only baptism we can complete today that saves us (Eph 4:4). Anything else is not biblical, not in the authority of God, and not the saving baptism of Jesus Christ.

### **How Does Baptism Save?**

The Scripture ends with “...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” It has been revealed to us that the power of baptism is through Jesus Christ’s resurrection. Baptism only has the ability to save thanks to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, as the Scripture says, “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 3:21). The power of the Son of God is by the resurrection (Rom 1:4). The resurrection is what has given power to the blood of Christ which has redeemed us (Eph 1:7). When we are properly baptized, we are washing our sins away (Acts 22:16) with the blood of Jesus (Rev 1:5). That is how baptism saves.

### **Who Does Baptism Save?**

Everyone capable of hearing the gospel, believing, confessing Jesus’ deity, and repenting can be saved by baptism. Our key text for this writing says, “...the answer of a good conscience toward God...” (1 Pet 3:21). Those who are being saved by baptism are answering their conscience just as those who were cut to the heart and were baptized in Acts 2. Those who are unable to possess a conscience or belief, such as infants, are not yet eligible for baptism. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Rom 1:16, emp. added). Baptism can save anyone capable of belief.

<sup>1</sup>William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000, 90).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## October

- 1-4 Gospel Meeting**  
Henderson church of Christ  
Sun 10:00, 6:00; Mon- Wed 7:00-8:30  
Speaker: Tim Hatfield
- 1-6 Gospel Meeting**  
Spencer church of Christ, Spencer, WV  
Sun 10:00, 1:00; Mon-Fri  
Speaker: Dan Kessinger
- 6-7 37th Annual Camden Avenue Bible Bowl**  
Book: Roman (NKJV)  
Friday - Kids Event and Dinner for all  
Saturday - Bible Bowl for all ages
- 7 Ladies' Inspiration Day**  
Norval Park church of Christ  
Speaker: Laura Tonkery  
Theme: Recipe for a Faith to Face the World
- 8-12 Gospel Meeting & Homecoming**  
Salem church of Christ  
Sun 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; Mon-Thrs 7:00  
Theme: The Parables of Jesus
- 9 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**
- 13 Gospel Meeting**  
**-15** Lubeck church of Christ  
Fri & Sat 7:00; Sun 9:30, 10:30  
Speaker: Eric Lyons
- 14 Trunk-or-Treat**
- 15-18 Home Mission Workshop**  
John Orr from HomeMission will be returning for a follow-up visit
- 15 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**  
Care Group 3 hosting
- 15 Sunday Evening Youth Devo - 7:00**
- 15 Widows Walk for a Potluck Picnic**  
Jackson Park in Vienna, Jaycee Shelter  
Bring a dish to share
- 15 Gospel Meeting**  
**-20** Harrisville church of Christ  
Sun 9:30, 6:00; Mon-Thrs 7:00
- 20 Adjusting to Aging Workshop**  
**-21** Grand Central church of Christ, Vienna, WV  
Friday 6:00 pm & Saturday 9:00 am
- 21 WVCYC Fall Camp - 10:00-8:00**  
Ages 11 & up "God Can"
- 22 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 22 Gospel Meeting**  
**-25** Pursley church of Christ, Sistersville, WV  
Sun 10:00, 6:00; Mon -Wed 7:00
- 22 Fall Gospel Meeting**  
**-25** Sunrush church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH  
Sun 9:45, 10:30, 7:00; Mon-Wed 7:00  
Speaker: Roger Rush
- 22 WV School of Preaching Lectureship**  
**-26** "When I Study the PSALMS..." (Vol. V)
- 28 Gospel Sing - 7:00-9:00**  
Twin City Opera in McConnelsville, OH
- 29 Traveling Youth Group - 6:00**  
Camden Avenue

## November

- 5 Love & Care Worship Service - 2:30**  
Led by Camden Avenue
- 6 Youth Night - 6-8**  
Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH  
Singing, Bible Study, Friends, Food, Games!
- 9 Love & Care Worship Service - 7:00**  
Led by Camden Avenue
- 17 Friday Night Sing**  
Camden Avenue
- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**  
Dewey Avenue church of Christ

# Serving in Worship

October 1, 2023

## Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

## Deacon in Charge

Jeff Taberner

## Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Gary Alton

## Scripture

AM - Eric Gumm

PM - Jordan Alton

## Prayer

9:30 AM - Keith Smith

Close - Brandon Sheppard

6:00 PM - Kaleb Cochran

Close - Aidan Klingler

## Communion

AM - Stan Inman

PM - Ken Barnes

## Welcome Center

AM - Teresa Wade

PM - Jeff Taberner

Wed - Terry Hofmann

**Announcements** - Todd Kirk

**PA System** - Clayton Huber

**Projector** - Dustin Hughes

**Security** - Chris Tallman



# Interactive Bible Reading Plan

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

Oct. 1 Mark 13-14 Ps. 92

Oct. 2 Mark 15-16 Ps. 93

Oct. 3 Luke 1-2 Ps. 94

[SOTW: Luke](#)

Oct. 4 Luke 3-4 Ps. 95

[Pilate Inscription](#)

Oct. 5 Luke 5-6 Ps. 96

Oct. 6 Luke 7-8 Ps. 97

[Bible Land Passage 11](#)

Oct. 7 Luke 9-10 Ps. 98

Oct. 8 Luke 11-12 Ps. 99

## October Needs:

Care Group 1: jelly, instant oatmeal

Care Group 2: canned tomatoes & shelf stable/canned milk

Care Group 3: canned & dry beans

Care Group 4: sweet potatoes & green beans



# HOMEMISSION

OUR TEAM YOUR HOME GOD'S MISSION



## October 15-18

Sunday AM Worship - Jesus and sin

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## Facts and Figures

September 24, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....251

Sunday Bible Class.....186

Sunday PM Worship.....119

Wednesday Bible Class.....170

Contribution.....\$6,273

## Membership 2023

Baptisms.....13

Restored/Req. Prayer.....8

Placed Membership.....9

## In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning  
7:30 on WTAP TV 15  
8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM  
October 1, 2023

"Jesus & His Death"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

## Lawn Crew October 5-7

### Team 1:

Kevin Inman

Kyle Inman

Kody Inman

Korey Inman



## October: 1 Corinthians

### 2023 Schedule

November: 2 Corinthians

December: Titus & Philemon



*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.*